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None but see above public service
LD 1991

Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you for your good work and this opportunity to share my thoughts related to LD1991. I am the President of the Bagaduce Watershed Association, Board Member of Friends of Blue Hill Bay, participant in the Blue Hill Peninsula Rockweed Forum, Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Penobscot and retired Psychology Professor with a course offering in Environmental Psychology. Although I do not submit this in any of the above capacities, I offer my experience and expertise as a backdrop to my testimony.

I commend the author and sponsor of LD1991 for their hard work and foresight.

I believe in the working waterfront and best practices for the sustainability of those sources which provide both employment and environmental health. In my opinion we cannot have healthy employment without a healthy environment. Therefore I urge you to recommend passage of LD 1991 with the inclusion of the language "DMR REQUIRES" the proposed course for harvesters. Rockweed is a keystone species which provides a sustainable "forest" for the nourishment of other keystone species which live in and above the column. It is essential to educate those individuals to the proper methods of harvesting Rockweed so that both the forest and the harvester have a healthy future. Once I was asked by a seventh-grade student " what would happen to the man (his word) who cuts Rockweed if all the Rockweed is harvested?" The answer to that question is in the hands of the educational system. Thank you.

Best

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Education and information are essential ingredients for post social change.