

As A lifelong Born and Raised Down east Resident  
I have done Just about All The Harvesting Industries  
The State of Maine Licences, Since I was about 10  
years Old, I've Harvested bloodworms since they were a  
cent and  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Clams at the Time were  $\$6.00$  a bushel  
until the present for Worms and Clams until the "Town  
Ordinance" Made it Impossible To dig them where they  
were most Abundant.

I have lobster Fished, And worked on Shrimp,  
SCALLOP, and Mussel DraggerS, And Now the only open  
MARINE Harvesting Industries That are Truly open to All  
who have the Ambition to get into them ARE Worming and  
Winkleing. And Then this 'bill' That would be  
All over as Shown by the Clam ordinances of  
The Towns in my Area, Worming for Me is <sup>The</sup> ~~the~~ last  
Job That is Available to me because of medical issues  
and now ~~Then this bill~~ you want to take  
That Away.

It used to be if A person had Ambition and the  
Money They could get into Any of the Harvesting  
Industries in Maine, But the last Couple Decades we as  
Harvesters have continually been denied Access to them  
Thru either ORDINANCES OR State wide Moratorium  
I Think we would do Well to take a look at  
These ~~FEEL~~ ISSUES over please

I Always thought that laws were to be fair  
for All, Not to hand Complete Control to Anyone  
Group or Industry In my opinion this bill  
Signed into law would do Just That.

Thank you for your time!

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