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Judy Camuso, Commissioner  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
41 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0041

Dear Commissioner Camuso:

As you know, our committee has voted in favor of carrying over to next session *LD 626, An Act To Clarify Temporary Mooring Privileges for Moorings on Inland Waters*. The committee understands there are complex issues and questions associated with moorings on inland waters, including floating structures that remain moored or anchored in one place for considerable periods of time. In order for the committee properly to understand this matter and possibly take some action, we would request that your department, working in concert with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, undertake research and gather information relating to relevant State laws and rules as well as municipal powers governing inland moorings, floating houses, boating, adjacent real estate, environmental protection and so forth, as well as the relevant enforcement authorities. We would request that you compile the information in an organized fashion that identifies the current regulatory structure and relevant jurisdictional authorities and also identifies any recommendations you may develop for adjusting the regulatory structure or jurisdictional authority. We would appreciate having this report by the beginning of February, 2022, so that we can then act on that information, using LD 626 as a vehicle, during the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your willingness to take on this task. We look forward to reviewing your report next year. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Sen. James F. Dill  
Senate Chair

  
Rep. H. Scott Landry, Jr.  
House Chair

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Representative Stearns, Sponsor, LD 626