

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Members:

I am very much in favor of this Bill. Seapowet Marsh needs to be preserved for all the public. To take away even a small portion of the Sakonnet River is not in the public's best interest. Rhode Island's Public Trust Doctrine is in place to protect and preserve our water for all to enjoy. I do support aquaculture and commercial fishing, but it needs to be regulated so that the benefit of a few does not come before all the people of Rhode Island. There are appropriate places for aquaculture; but it seems that some of the applicants do not consider the public; they are only concerned about what is easy and best for them. We need our representatives to look out for the public's best interest.

Thank you,

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