

My name is Douglas Stabell and I represent the AC Stabell Oyster Company. I would like to express my support for the proposed bill. Specifically, Section 26-194 subsections (f) and (g) will provide our company access to property which would otherwise be nearly impossible to acquire. Frequent rainfall closures as well as seasonal closures of the properties we currently own effectively put us out of business for days and in some cases weeks at a time. Such closures as you may imagine are an incredible hardship on a small company such as ours. Acquisition of the shellfish grounds proposed in this bill will lessen the impact of such closures by allowing us to harvest when we otherwise would be unable to work.

Thank you for your time.

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