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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
8:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2387
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS**

House Bill 2387 proposes to require that a person be 18 years old prior to obtaining or being placed on a waitlist to obtain a permit to moor a vessel in a state small boat harbor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

Owning and mooring a vessel in a state small boat harbor or facility requires a person to sign a contract, provide liability insurance, and pay appropriate fees not to mention that the vessel must remain seaworthy while moored in a state facility. Minors usually do not possess the financial means or experience to enter into such contracts. The Department agrees that a person should be of legal age to obtain or being placed on a waitlist to obtain a mooring permit.

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