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Miss Pauline E. Taylor,
Box 367,
Kennebunk Beach, Maine.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of July 27th, last, to the Attorney General, regarding the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Public Laws of 1943 and the rights of the signers of your letter to take sea moss from the beach adjoining your homes on Great Hill Road.

You will notice that Chapter 171 prohibits any person from taking moss from any of the shores of the State within the tide waters for commercial purposes, except under the following conditions: (a) unless the person shall have been a resident of the State for at least 5 years; and, (b) if a person has been a resident for 5 years and if that person desires to take sea moss from the shores of the State or within the tide waters of the State for commercial purposes, it is necessary to obtain a licence from the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

There doesn't seem to be any prohibition in the law for the taking of moss for non-commercial purposes.

Perhaps you will be good enough to communicate the contents of this letter to the signers of your letter, as their addresses were not given.

Very truly yours,

John G. Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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