

Abden Simmons Elected Republican Candidate for House District 45



On March 29, more than 200 Republicans from the towns of Bremen, Friendship, Louds Island, Waldoboro and Washington held a special caucus at the Coastal Christian School in Waldoboro to nominate a Republican candidate for the House District 45 seat that was vacated by Clinton Collamore, the Democrat who is facing charges for defrauding the Maine Clean Election System.

Abden Simmons and Rebecca Stephens were nominated from the floor and Simmons was elected to be the Republican candidate for the House District 45 open seat.

Abden has been a shellfish harvester for three decades and has operated A&A Shellfish, a buying station for clams, for twenty-five+ years. He is also an elver fisherman and spent more than 20 years inshore fishing and working as a sternman.

A graduate of Medomak Valley High School, Simmons has a long history of community involvement. He is currently a Waldoboro Selectman and has served as chair of the Selectboard for the past two years. For six years, he served on the town's Planning Board. In 2016, he was elected to serve the people of Friendship, Waldoboro, Washington, and part of Union in the Maine House of Representatives. While in the House he served as a member of the Marine Resources Committee.

Simmons remains active in the fishing and harvesting community, serving as Executive Director of the Maine Elver Fisherman Association and as Chair of the Waldoboro Shellfish Committee. He also serves on the Department of Marine Resources Advisory Council and was formerly a member of Maine's Shellfish Advisory Council as well as the state's task force on invasive European green crabs.

Simmons and his wife, April, have one son, Dalton, who is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

The House District 45 special election will be held June 13, 2023.