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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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WALTER E. WHITCOMB COMMISSIONER

January 11, 2017

Jeffrey M. Taylor Vegetation Control Service, Inc. 2342 Main Street Athol, MA 01331

RE: Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On December 13, 2013, the Board authorized the staff to issue multi-year permits for broadcast pesticide applications within 25 feet of water for control of invasive plants provided the applicator has demonstrated knowledge of best management practices for control of the plant, has a multi-year plan for controlling the invasive plants, and has a re-vegetation plan for the site.

By way of this letter, your request for a variance from the 25-foot setback requirement contained in Chapter 29, Section 6 is hereby granted for the treatment of various invasive plants on the Maine Audubon East Point Sanctuary property in Biddeford Pool, Maine. We understand that this is an expansion from the variance permit received in 2015 for 3.5 acres to the entire property. This variance is valid until December 31, 2018. Please bear in mind that your permit is based upon your company adhering to the precautions listed in Section X of your variance application; also, the Board does require that you notify them if there is a change in products to be used.

We will alert the Board at its February 17, 2017 meeting that the variance permit has been issued. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings

Director

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