

To:Department of Environmental Protection

Subject: In Opposition to CONSTRUCTION OF A 1,200 MW HVDC TRANSMISSION

I am writing in opposition to the proposed power line. No event nor proposal has ever moved me to the point of composing a letter in protest until now. Having little to no experience, I will defer to a teacher who once told me the secret to writing is just pretend you are seated across from a friend, at a local bar, telling them a good fishing story.

For 33 years my father has taken me to Maine each spring, occasionally we got lucky and we would come in the fall as well. But always the spring. We plan and obsess over each trip. Everything from what streams or ponds will we fish to who will be the first to end up in the old out house.

Trips to Maine are what birthed my passion for Native Brook Trout, and the environs in which they are found. Unfortunately for me, those brook trout remain a grueling 12 hour drive from our home in New Jersey. In between trips I have often wondered is it the brook trout that I long for, or do they just represent another thing out of reach. Something I don't have constant access to on my smartphone. However, as we bounce down dusty logging roads in completion of our 12 hour drive I am born again. The smells, the sights, pure wildness.

Then come the brook trout. As I am sure you are aware Maine is the last stronghold for native brook trout in the entire country. I could talk day and night about these fish, but what I hope all parties involved realize is that you have something that not many others have. A wildness that is disappearing by the day. A wildness that will never be the same if the power line is constructed. It is so unique and so precious. Please realize all that you have within your own reach. That others will continue to come and seek that Maine wildness for generations to come. Developers, business men and women will also look back to this project for generations to come. Please make a decision that will last lifetimes after we are gone and oppose this project.

Respectfully,
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