From: Paul Porada <pporada@woodardcurran.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2018 12:07 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Cc:** 'Bob Linkletter'; swhipple@mainelyenvironmental.com; Celia Raymond

**Subject:** Reclassification proposal for East Branch Wesserunsett Stream

**Attachments:** 2018.07.05 memo extraction.pdf

Thank you Susanne for keeping us informed on the proposed river and stream reclassification process.

Upon close review of your memo sent to the Board of Environmental Protection dated July 5, 2018, we noticed that description of the reclassification for the East Branch Wesserunsett Stream is not sufficiently clear. The overall intent appears correct, the class change would occur at a Route 150 crossing and also include all tributaries to the East Branch. The issue is more so the descriptive words used and how the words could possibly lead to confusion if the description were carried forth into statue as it is written now. The colorful map in your memo will not be in the statute, therefore work towards the best text.

To assist in the explanation I have attached two pages of your memo. The map has a few text boxes added to illustrate.

Consider the statement 'East Branch Wesserunsett Stream above the downstream Rt 150 crossing'. There may be ambiguity where the East Branch and the West Branch combine to form a main stem. Route 150 crosses Wesserunsett Stream three times. To demonstrate reflect on this question: Is Rt 150 crossed twice on the East Branch and once on the West Branch, or three crossings of the East Branch? Another combination exists too. Point here, the words "above the downstream Rt 150 crossing" could be replaced with "above the downstream Harmony Road crossing in Athens " to offer less uncertainty. This will rule out any misinterpretation that downstream Rt 150 is the South Main Street crossing.

The watershed delineation on the memo map appears to be taken to the outfall location. At the map scale it is difficult to tell if the stream is included or if the line was intended only to capture the watershed tributaries. I suspect the outfall is not in the Class A waters Watershed. Please confirm.

Thank you again

Paul Porada, P.E.
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# Maine Department of Environmental Protection 2018 List of Water Quality Standards Re-Classification Proposals

# **Table 1 List of Proposals Received**

# Proposals recommended for upgrade

Class Change	Waterbody	Town	Proposed by	Recommendation				
Androscoggin Basin								
B to A	Tributaries to Webb Lake/Webb River	Weld, Township 6 North of Weld, Philips, Avon, Temple, Perkins TWP, Carthage, Roxbury	Maine DEP	DEP monitoring data for three tributaries indicate Class A aquatic life criteria are attained. Very good salmonid spawning, nursery, and adult habitat. Watershed is ~90% forested and a significant portion is protected as conservation land. Webb River below Webb Lake is Class A.				
	Kennebec Basin							
B to A	East Branch Wesserunsett Stream above the downstream Rt. 150 crossing, and all tributaries	Mayfield TWP, Brighton Plantation, Athens	(Maine DEP)	DEP monitoring data on the main stem East Branch Wesserunsett Stream indicate that Class A aquatic life criteria are attained. The watershed is ~86% forested. A licensed discharge exists in the lower watershed. MDEP has no water quality data for this segment and thus the lowest 2.7 miles of the main stem are excluded from the upgrade.				
Penobscot Basin								
C to B	Penobscot River, confluence of East and West Branches to confluence with Mattawamkeag River	Medway, Molunkus TWP, Woodville, Mattawamkeag	Penobscot Nation and The Nature Conservancy	Water quality monitoring data show that Class B criteria are attained, including in the Mattaseunk impoundment. Closure of two upstream mills has significantly improved the water quality of this segment. Segment is critical for restoration of Atlantic salmon and other diadromous fish species. A Class B designation of this segment will ensure good quality habitat along the entire main stem of the river.				

#### KENNEBEC RIVER BASIN

East Branch Wesserunsett Stream above the downstream Rt. 150 crossing, and all tributaries, Mayfield TWP, Brighton Plantation and Athens.

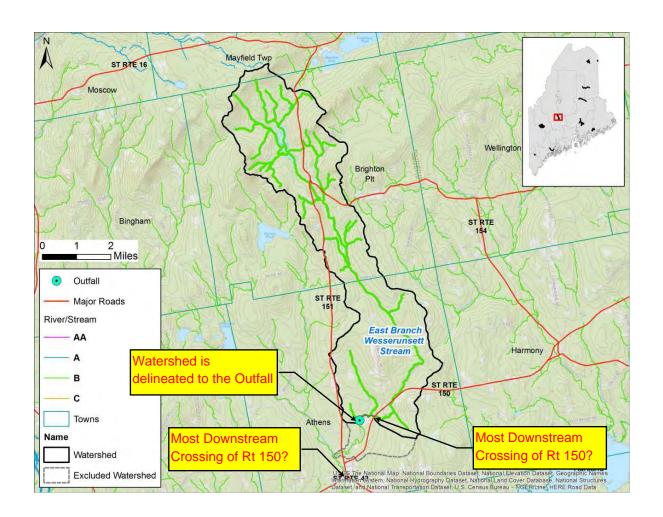
## Propose Class B to Class A (44 miles approx.).

Proposal: Department of Environmental Protection.

<u>Basis:</u> MDEP monitoring data on the main stem East Branch Wesserunsett Stream indicate that Class A aquatic life criteria are attained. The watershed is ~86% forested. <u>Issues affected by reclassification</u>: One discharge is located below the downstream Rt. 150 crossing. No water quality data exist for this lowest 2.7-mile segment of the main stem and it is thus excluded from the upgrade. Tributaries are reasonably expected to attain Class A standards.

## Recommend revising § 467(4)(I) as follows:

- I. Kennebec River, minor tributaries Class B unless otherwise specified.
  - (6) East Branch Wesserunsett Stream above the downstream Rt. 150 crossing in Athens Class A.
  - (7) Tributaries to East Branch Wesserunsett Stream Class A.



**From:** Maloney, Kelly [mailto:Kelly.Maloney@brookfieldrenewable.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 1:33 PM

To: Witherill, Donald T < <u>Donald.T.Witherill@maine.gov</u>>
Cc: Meidel, Susanne K < <u>Susanne.K.Meidel@maine.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: West Branch of Penobscot River Back Channel

Don,

Attached please find our analysis for generation and revenue impacts associated with the proposal to increase Back Channel flows. We have evaluated the impacts of 50 cfs, 15% of station flow, 300 cfs and 350 cfs as I have seen various proposals considered.

Please note that our analysis accounts for the conversion of three Millinocket Hydro 40 Hz generator units (units 3, 4, & 7) to 60 Hz units as we expect this work to be completed this year. Our analysis is based on the long term average generation, converted to flow given that North Twin is a storage facility that provides flow to Millinocket Hydro (as opposed to a gaged stream). Please also note that the capacity of North Twin is 4,100 cfs and Millinocket Hydro will be 4,600 cfs following the conversion project so all flow that comes out of North Twin up to its maximum capacity is used entirely by Millinocket Hydro and any flows diverted to the Back Channel would have a direct impact to generation, particularly since long term average monthly flows typically do not exceed the station capacities. We did confirm that the effect to the reserve and capacity markets and to anciliary services would be negligible.

If I understand correctly, MDEP used StreamStats for monthly flows; we are using actual long term averages. In addition, the assumed generation flows in MDEP's spreadsheet is the minimum required West Branch flow of 2,000 cfs but as stated in the paragraph above, our capacities are actually more than double that at both facilities.

As previously stated, given MDEP's waiver of certification of this reach given existing hydrologic conditions, the proposal would not technically represent an upgrade from Class C to B.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our analysis. I anticipate we will file comments on the proposal following the public meeting.

Thank you,

#### **Kelly Maloney**

Manager, Compliance - Northeast

#### **Brookfield Renewable**

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## Maine DEP Back Channel Initiative (Stone Dam/Mill Hydro)

Preliminary Analysis for Illustrative Purposes Only Estimated Generation / Financial Loss Analysis

Date: 8/9/2018

Estimated Station Capacity (post Conversion)					
4,692	cfs				
36.34	MW				

#### Estimated Values

Proposal	Flow to Back Channel (cfs)	Annual Production Impact (MWh)	Annual Revenue Impact *
15% station capacity	703.8	47,800	\$1,912,000
50 cfs	50	3,300	\$132,000
300 cfs	300	20,000	\$800,000
350 cfs	350	23,300	\$932,000

<sup>\*</sup>Annual Revenue Impact estimated based on a representative revenue of \$40/MWh

From: Andrew Cadot <aacaac73@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 9:14 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** The Penobscot and other Maine waters should be upgraded

Dear Susanne: I am unable to attend the hearing on Sept 20 in Bangor in support of protecting Maine's clean water.

Please accept my comments in support of the proposals

The proposed upgrades are long overdue.

### The proposals for the Penobscot River would:

- Upgrade the West Branch from the Millinocket area to Medway from Class C to Class B;
- Upgrade the Penobscot main stem from Medway to the confluence with the Mattawamkeag River in Mattawamkeag from Class C to Class B; and
- Require that the main stem of the river below Milford remain free-flowing to reflect the huge boost to the health of the river from the recently completed (in 2016) successful 15-year Penobscot restoration project.

#### Points in support of the Penobscot upgrades:

- Moving from Class C to Class B is a substantial increase in water quality protection, and the upgrade
  proposals for the Penobscot are overdue. When a river or stream receives an upgrade, its <u>legal</u>
  <u>classification</u>, and all of the protections associated with that classification, go up. Maine's rivers and streams
  have four classifications: C, B, A, and AA. AA is the highest.
- DEP's computer modeling shows that even if major new industry moves to the Millinocket area and needs to discharge treated waste, downstream stretches of the West Branch and main stem would still meet Class B standards.
- Class B strikes the right balance, allowing new industrial development that respects Maine's clean water and the countless people who work on, recreate on, and draw sustenance from the Penobscot. Maine does not need new industry that pollutes the old-fashioned way!
- Sea-run fish like alewives and shad are returning in huge numbers after the removals of the Veazie and Great Works dams. Maine needs to protect and capitalize on the enormous investment (about \$60 million) of public and private funds in the Penobscot restoration by requiring that the river stay free-flowing below the Milford Dam. Keeping this segment of the river free-flowing will support and grow Maine's natural resource-based economy, boosting commercial fishing, sport fishing (people are catching shad where the fish hadn't been found for more than 100 years!), and outdoor recreation.

Thanks for taking my comments on these long-needed upgrades. Sincerely,
Andrew A. Cadot
45 Eastern Promenade #9E
Portland, ME 04101-4823



September 5, 2018

John Davis, Manager Town of Millinocket 197 Penobscot Ave. Millinocket, Me 04462

Subject: Millinocket Stream Designation Change

Dear Department of Environmental Protection:

I'm writing with extreme concern about the proposed changes to the designation class of Millinocket Stream.

For over 100 years this stream, which is controlled by a dam on Millinocket Lake, has flowed through this community. Even when the mill was running a decade ago, it remained clean and wonderful. The community, on its own, educates the public about keeping it clean and free of trash and debris. Therefore, a change in the status of the class to a more stringent and restrictive designation is totally unnecessary. There is no chance for additional urban or commercial development, as the town's existing footprint won't allow it.

I view a change in status, at this point, as nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt at discouraging prospective tenants of the "Our Katahdin" industrial park at 1 Katahdin Ave. The U.S. Department of the Interior threatened to sue the state of Maine when the Mill (under Lambert Bedard) got an emissions permit for the Number 11 paper machine rebuild. I've seen the correspondence and the ensuing delays caused a delay in funding that forced the sale of GNP's hydro system, which eventually lead to the closing of both mills.

So, in summary, we take pride in the health of the river as it is. We don't want, nor do we need a change in ANY classification of Millinocket Stream. The best thing for this region and this state is to leave the classification alone. Any uncertainty coming from fickle bureaucratic wrangling is like a giant iron hand clasp upon the mouths and nostrils of our economy.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy Vice President Author "Our Real War: What Happened to America"

From: Diane Oltarzewski <dianeolta@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:44 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** Classification of Maine Waters

I strongly approve and applaud the general trend to upgrade water classification in various Maine waterways; however, I would like to see the one downgrade - East Branch Penobscot River (Mattaceunk impoundment) - reversed!

Our goal should always be to enhance the natural purity of the waters so I find the downgrading from AA to B disturbing. Please do not make this change for the worse, but continue to work for ever cleaner waters for Maine and especially for Wabanaki people who depend on these waters for sustenance to a greater extent than non-Natives. Put their health and well-being as your top priority, please.

Regards

Diane Oltarzewski

21 Bridge Street, Belfast ME 04915

From: David Wessels <dmwessels@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 7:30 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** Re: [peace] Please consider taking action to support cleaner water in Maine rivers!

Dear Susanne Meidel,

I am writing to urge the DEP to recommend the proposed water quality reclassifications to the Maine Legislature.

Every single Mainer benefits from clean water--please help protect it for all of us, and for generations to come.

Thank you, David Wessels Knox, ME

On Thu, Sep 20, 2018 at 8:48 PM, Susan Lauchlan < peace@lists.riseup.net > wrote:

You have until October 9 to submit a comment on the DEP's proposed water classification changes to the Penobscot River and other Maine waters, but why wait! Please consider urging the BEP to recommend the proposed reclassifications to the Maine legislature. Submit your written comment until the close of the public comment period on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Comments may be sent to:

Susanne Meidel, <u>susanne.k.meidel@maine.gov</u> Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality 17 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

By fax: 207-287-7826 For more information on the re-classification initiative, please visit

https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/monitoring/classification/reclassification.html

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From: Paul Sheridan <sheridanpa@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2018 2:22 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** COMMENTS re: proposed water classification changes to the Penobscot River and other

Maine waters.

Susanne Meidel, <u>susanne.k.meidel@maine.gov</u> Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality 17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Ms. Meidel:

Please inform the Board of Environmental Protection of my comments, as below.

Thank you,

Paul Sheridan 88 Hart Rd. Northport, ME 04849 sheridanpa@earthlink.net

COMMENTS re: proposed water classification changes to the Penobscot River and other Maine waters.

- I am in accord with the proposals as outlined by the Nature Conservancy, as I see that they put the highest value on the quality of our waters:
  - (3) Upgrade to Class A: Blackman Stream and tributaries (Clifton, Dedham, Holden, Eddington, Bradley).
  - (6) Upgrade to Class A: Fish Stream (Mount Chase, Patten, Crystal, Island Falls).
- (9) Amendment to statutory language: establish new boundaries for segment of the lower Penobscot River (Milford, Old Town, Bradley, Orono, Eddington and Veazie) with a 'free-flowing habitat' designation.
- (10) Upgrade to Class B: Penobscot River from the confluence of East and West Branch to the confluence with Mattawamkeag River (Medway, Molunkus TWP, Woodville, Mattawamkeag).
  - (11) Upgrade to Class A: Salmon Brook and tributaries (Westmanland, T14 R5 WELS, Perham, Wade).

From: Mark Whiting <mark.c.whiting@gmx.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2018 7:23 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** DEP proposal to upgrade Tunk Str classification

Dear Susanne, I wish to convey my approval and concurrence with DEP's proposal to upgrade the water classification of Tunk Stream from B to Class A. This is justified by the free-flowing, scenic and high quality waters in this watershed. Tunk Stream had historical sea-run Atlantic salmon as recently as the 1980s. This watershed is part of the Downeast Salmon Habitat Recovery Unit (SHRU) and could (and should) play a role in salmon recovery. The headwaters of this watershed are in the Tunk Lake Public Reserve Lands (and adjacent to the Donnell Pond Public Reserve Lands). Tunk remains an important brook trout stream with other important recreational fisheries that are managed by DIFW in Tunk and Spring River Lakes. Steuben has an important commercial alewife fishery in these waters. A reclassification to Class A will provide protection for this important resource. In fact, given the connections with Atlantic salmon, the historic fishery, and the potential for a role in salmon recovery, in my opinion a classification to Class AA is justified. Thank you for your consideration. Mark Whiting, biologist (retired)

From: Judith Simpson <jsimpsonmindfulness@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 10:20 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K **Subject:** Water Comment

Dear Susanne Meidel,

Please consider this a personal plea as well as advice for the future of this beautiful state of Maine. Maine is unique, and in a unique place in the US, with unique and inspiring peoples.

The most beautiful part of Maine is its' stunning resource of natural beauty and safety from chemical and both natural and unnatural pollutants. I join with all of the future children born in Maine, and urge you to count my strong recommendation to make the Penobscot River pristine. We are richly endowed with Aboriginal peoples who have kept our waters clear, safe and beautiful, based upon their wisdom of health and beauty.

Industry in general has influenced climate change, from which we are all suffering; and we are working on ways to keep our beautiful nature clean and safe without external problems. Understand that it will be possible to live safely and with financial support AND keep our waters, air, and land clean and safe!

Deeply Sincerely, and educated also, Judith Simpson 9 Grove Street Belfast, Maine

From: Beth Comeau <beth.a.dimond@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:55 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

I am writing to urge the BEP to send DEP's river and stream upgrades proposal to the Legislature. I know that Maine law requires DEP to present proposals for upgrades to the BEP at least once every three years, but DEP has not done so since 2009. These upgrades are long overdue.

DEP has proposed to upgrade more than 400 miles of rivers and streams, including 200 miles of tributaries to Webb Lake near Tumbledown Mountain; 44 miles of Wesserunsett Stream near Athens; 10 miles of the west branch of the Mattawamkeag near Island Falls; and 25 miles of Fish Stream near Patten. All of these water bodies are outstanding resources for Maine people and deserve increased protection.

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I believe the Legislature deserves the opportunity to discuss the upgrades, which are clearly of statewide significance. I urge the BEP to pass the upgrades on to the Legislature as proposed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Beth Comeau 872 Main St Richmond, ME 04357



PO Box 201 Columbia Falls, ME 04623 (207) 483-4336 dsf@mainesalmonrivers.org www.mainesalmonrivers.org

September 25, 2018

Susanne K. Meidel Water Quality Standards and Criteria Bureau of Water Quality Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station 28 Tyson Drive Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Meidel,

The Downeast Salmon Federation would like to indicate its support and approval of the DEP's proposal to improve Tunk Stream's water classification from Class B to Class A. We would, in fact, encourage consideration of a Class AA classification.

While one of the shorter waterways in eastern Maine, Tunk Stream is an important one. It wanders through and drains many hundreds of acres of public and conserved lands, it is still host to a wild population of alewife and other sea-run fish, and it once hosted a population of wild Atlantic salmon. In time, if the stream and watershed are protected, salmon could return to the stream.

Thanks for your good work on these reclassifications.

Best

Russell

Russell Heath Associate Director

From: Bonnie Faith <whiteowl1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:00 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Bonnie Faith 290A Washington Street Cambridge, MA 02139

**From:** George Whitridge <george.whitridge@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:11 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, George Whitridge 59 Turners point Road Castine, ME 04421

From: Darvin Schild <ddees53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:14 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Darvin Schild 118 arlington blvd North arlington, NJ 07031

From: Brian Gingras <bri>Sent: Brian Gingras <bri>September 25, 2018 4:18 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Brian Gingras 52 Bradford Commons Lane Braintree, MA 02184

From: Walter Elery Keene <elerykeene@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 6:42 PM

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Sincerely, Walter Elery Keene 3 Pat Street Winslow, ME 04901

From: Tatyana Eckstrand <tx22@tidewater.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 7:12 PM

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Sincerely, Tatyana Eckstrand 514 Duck Puddle Road Waldoboro, ME 04572

**From:** George St. Clair < georges36@myfairpoint.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:05 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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I have long felt fortunate to live in this beautiful state. In my younger years, I enjoyed kayaking some of our wild rivers and I hope these rivers will remain as close to pristine as we can get them for our children and their children. It is so important to protect these magnificent resources and I hope you will support these upgrades

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Sincerely, George St. Clair 36 Nevada Ave Portland, ME 04103

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Sincerely, Arthur & Charlotte Mary 5 Ruby Lane Topsham, ME 04086

From: Vinnedge Lawrence <vlawrence1@roadrunner.com>

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Sincerely, Vinnedge Lawrence 299 Saddleback Rd West Baldwin, ME 04091

From: Maryann Smale <maryann\_62@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:18 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Maryann Smale 37 Dyers Bay Rd Steuben, ME 04680

From: Eileen Purdy <e.purdy@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 5:58 AM

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Sincerely, Eileen Purdy One Ricker Park, D1 PORTLAND, ME 04101

From: Dorothy Anderson <gramdot@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 7:10 AM

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Sincerely, Dorothy Anderson 125 River St Weymouth, MA 02191

From: DENIS COTE < DENISCOTE@ROADRUNNER.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 7:20 AM

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From: Sandra Hempe <Sandy.hempe@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely, Sandra Hempe 5 West St Bath, ME 04530

From: Tracey Allen <mainelvr07@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Tracey Allen 113 Ash Swamp Rd Scarborough, ME 04074

From: Rosalind Ivens <ros100@verizon.net>
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Sincerely, Rosalind Ivens 117 Bucksmills Road Bucksport, ME 04416

From: Janet Laird-Lagassee <Lairdart@myfairpoint.net>

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:06 AM

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Sincerely, Janet Laird-Lagassee 43 Elmwood Road Auburn, ME 04210

From: Kathryn Begg <kathryn.begg@maine.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:03 AM

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Sincerely, Kathryn Begg 15 Drummond St PO Box 3272 Auburn, ME 04212

From: David A. Woolsey <woolsey.david.violinmaker@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:47 AM

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From: Karralena Castaway <amhranai@localnet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:22 AM

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Sincerely, Karralena Castaway 6 Vernon Ave Limestone, ME 04750

From: Randi Smith <randimsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:36 PM

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Sincerely, Randi Smith 699 Shaw Hill Road Industry Franklin County, ME 04938

From: Michelle Henkin <waterfire@fairpoint.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:36 PM

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Sincerely, Michelle Henkin 17 Juniper Lane Bristol, ME 04539

From: semena curlik <scurlik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 8:56 PM

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Sincerely, semena curlik po box 1223 blue hill, ME 04614

From: sharon finley <sfinley111@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:04 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, sharon finley 17 lady slipper lane kennebunk, ME 04043

From: Beth Pauls epauls@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:06 AM

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Sincerely, Beth Pauls 100 Clearwater Dr, 152 Falmouth, ME 04105

From: Martha Goodale <goodwight@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:07 AM

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Sincerely, Martha Goodale 126 Saco Street Westbrook, ME 04092

From: Rebecca Tripp <ptarzan80@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:08 AM

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Sincerely, Rebecca Tripp 18 Union St. Searsport, ME 04974

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Sincerely, Ronald Ross 316 River Rd Boothbay, ME 04537

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From: Debbie McCarthy <galaxygoon@tds.net>
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Sincerely, Debbie McCarthy 188 Hare St Phillips, ME 04966

From: Nancy Babcock <babcock@megalink.net>
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Sincerely, Nancy Babcock 66 Nordic Knoll Rd Newry, ME 04261

From: Pamela Matthews <pam15river@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 9:12 AM

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Sincerely, Alan Liska P.O. Box 10867 Portland, ME 04104

**From:** natasha mayers <mayersnatasha@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, natasha mayers 538 townhouse whitefield, ME 04353

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Sincerely, Don and Leslie Bush PO Box 65 Cherryfield, ME 04622

From: Roger Panek <rtparch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:20 AM

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Sincerely, Roger Panek PO Box 1273 Damariscotta, ME 04543

From: Mercedes Grandin <mgrandin2@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 9:21 AM

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Sincerely, Mercedes Grandin 361 Lunt Rd Brunswick, ME 04011

From: Emily MacGibeny <e.macgibeny@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 9:24 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Comments on Water Reclassification Initiative

Hi Susanne,

Upon revising the proposed reclassifications of water quality, I would like to urge the BEP to recommend the reclassifications to the Maine legislature.

Thank you!

-Emily MacGibeny, Belfast, Maine

From: Carolyn Bryant <cfbryant@jhu.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:27 AM

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From: adinah barnett <adinah.barnett@maine.edu>

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Sincerely, adinah barnett 17 Atlantic st Portland, ME 04101

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I use Maine's rivers and streams for recreation and am passionate about our environment. Thank you for upgrading these rivers and streams.

Sincerely, Julia Brown 20 Parsons Rd Portland, ME 04103

From: Angus Fake <angushenryfake@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Angus Fake 36 Island Rd. Newcastle, ME 04553

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Please, Ms Meidel, do what you can to upgrade the Penobscot River's classification. Thank you! Harrah

Sincerely, Harrah Lord 105.5 Russell Avenue Rockport, ME 04856

From: Maria Cruz <cruzmcmaggie115@roadrunner.com>

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Sincerely, Mary Meier 23 Honey Locust Drive Topsham, ME 04086

From: Doreen Mann <doreenm491@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Marjorie Monteleon P O Box 1302, 85 Herrick Road Southwest Harbor, ME 04679

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Sincerely, Elliot Robinson 235 Black Point Road Scarborough, ME 04074

From: Nancy Earle <crowmother123@earthlink.net>

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Sincerely, Mark Koenig 220 Park St Farmingdale, ME 04344

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Sincerely, Martha Dickinson 40 Washington St Ellsworth, ME 04605

From: Joe Lendvai <jlendvai@myfairpoint.net>
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Sincerely, Elizabeth Chapman 29 hillside ave Cumberland, ME 04021

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As a small business owner, I am acutely aware of how important it is to protect our rivers and streams. My business relies on tourism trade and that relies on the beauty and cleanliness of our environment. Upgrading the rivers and streams is beneficial to everyone.

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Sincerely, Kathy Missal 8 MacKenzie Lane Woolwich, ME 04579

From: Hannah McGhee <hannahmcghee@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:48 AM

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Sincerely, Hannah McGhee 201 Lewis Hill Rd Newcastle, ME 04553

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From: John Wyatt <birdsnbeads@roadrunner.com>
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Sincerely, Louisa Beckett 7 Brenton St South Portland, ME 04106

From: Barbara Clark <barbara\_clark@myfairpoint.net>

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Sincerely, Todd Towle P.O.Box 442, PO Box 442 Kingfield, ME 04947

From: Linda Woods <linda350centralmaine@gmail.com>

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From: Wanda Whitten <wwhitten@roadrunner.com>

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 11:29 AM

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Sincerely, Wanda Whitten P.O. Box 196, 8 Glass Garden Lane Limington, ME 04049

From: Carol Howell <rorrim3@roadrunner.com>
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Sincerely, Carol Howell 2 Orff Rd. Jefferson, ME 04348

From: Martha Briggs <marthafbriggs@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Martha Briggs 186 Chute Rd Windham, ME 04062

From: Donna Wheeler <donna.wheeler71@gmail.com>

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From: Richard A. Hesslein Jr. <rhcastorh3@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 2:50 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Sarah Brown 22 Main St. Kittery, ME 03904

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:57 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Tia Simon 85 Barstow Road Gorham, ME 04038

From: Gabrielle Grunkemeyer <gabgrunk@hotmail.com>

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Sincerely, Gabrielle Grunkemeyer 33 Eagle Lane Bryan, TX 04543

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Sincerely, Joanna Holland 44 Erskine Farm Road Bristol, ME 04539

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Sincerely, Lorrel Nichols 10 Zeitler Farm Road Brunswick, ME 04011

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Sincerely, Jaren Willey 131 DR MANN RD CHELSEA, ME 04330

From: Hannah Osborne <hannahco207@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Hannah Osborne 31 Linwood Road Freeport, ME 04032

From: Richard Roelofs < richard10@myfairpont.net>

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Sincerely, Richard Roelofs 385 Salt Pond Rd Blue Hill, ME 04614

**From:** Jane Whitney <janewhitney@midmaine.com>

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 4:08 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Jane Whitney Hope Lane Brooklin, ME 04616

From: Andrea O'Neill-Knarr <aoneillknarr@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Stephanie Pruzansky Po Box 27 Phippsburg, ME 04562

From: Wanda Allen <wandaallen2000@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Wanda Allen PO BOX 195 Brownfield, ME 04010

From: Theresa Neill <terrineill5@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely, Ken Converse 474 S BRIDGTON RD BRIDGTON, ME 04009

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Sincerely, Jacqueline Davidson 35 Plumb Point Road Deer Isle, ME 04627

From: David Palmer <dave-scot@att.net>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 6:20 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, David Palmer 98 Regan Lane Portland, ME 04103

From: Thomas Fallon <tomfallon7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 6:40 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Last, again, I state: I urge the BEP to pass the upgrades on to the Legislature as proposed.

Sincerely, Thomas Fallon 239 Spruce St. Rumford, ME 04276

From: Janet Williams <williajanet@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 6:44 PM

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Sincerely, Janet Williams 5 Elm Street Searsport, ME 04974

From: David Miller <dmiller186@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 7:04 PM

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Sincerely, David Miller 186 West Old County Rd. Newcastle, ME 04553

From: Robert Zuidema <zuid-r@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 7:43 PM

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Sincerely, Robert Zuidema 25 Maine Avenue Standish, ME 04084

From: Glenn Tikkanen <glenn\_tikkanen@twc.com>

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Sincerely, Glenn Tikkanen 44 Camp Cinnamon Road Norway, ME 04268

From: Sharon Dolleman <sharonorlee@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 8:16 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Sharon Dolleman 25 Ellingwood Rd West Paris, ME 04289

From: Tony Owens <wowens@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 8:23 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Water quality is of critical importance to me as outlined above. These long overdue upgrades are a step in the right direction and I applaud and support them.

Sincerely, Tony Owens 19 Sea View Avenue Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

From: Deborah Bastian <debby.bastian@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 8:34 PM

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Sincerely, Deborah Bastian 791 Intervale Road New Gloucester, ME 04260

From: Greg Kimber < gkimber33@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely, Greg Kimber PO Box 525 Temple, ME 04984

From: Thomas Kellogg <tkellogg@maine.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:00 PM

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From: Belinda Pendleton <upstairsmac@myfairpoint.net>

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 9:18 PM

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Sincerely, Belinda Pendleton PO Box 304 Searsport Ave Belfast, ME 04915

From: Robert Fritsch <rfritsch1@myfairpoint.net>
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Sincerely, Robert Fritsch 255 Upper Garland Rd. Dexter, ME 04930

From: Edward Walworth MD <ezwalworth@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:59 PM

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From: Steve Plumb <steveplumb@tidewater.net>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:09 PM

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From: BARBARA NATHANSON <a href="mailto:barbaradnat@gmail.com">barbaradnat@gmail.com</a>

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From: Lucie Springman <lspringwoman@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Lucie Springman 511 Cottage Rd South Portland, ME 04106

From: William Leavenworth < William.Leavenworth@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 6:28 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

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The environmental vandalism that is baked into the neo-Republican Party would horrify my Republican ancestors, who joined that party after the Ripon Convention, and who served this country in battle in 1861-65, and 1941-45.

Sincerely,

William Leavenworth

Home: 198 Pond Road., PO Box 69

Searsmont,, ME 04973

From: Joan Bromage <joan@bromage.us>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 6:58 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

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Sincerely, Joan Bromage 16 Woods Road, P.O. Box 488 Mount Desert, ME 04660

From: Catherine Syrett <ksyrett@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 7:34 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Catherine Syrett 58 Bellevue St. Owls Head, ME 04854

**From:** Mary Griffith <mkxgriffith@gmail.com> **Sent:** Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:01 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Mary Griffith 116 Flying Point Rd Freeport, ME 04032

From: Peg Hobbs <pegandleo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:38 AM

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Sincerely, Peg Hobbs PO Box 146, 115 Waldoboro Rd. Washington, ME 04574

From: Pam Lombard <pamlombard@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:44 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Pam Lombard 23 High St Hallowell, ME 04347

From: David Butler <davidb@canoemaine.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:52 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

I am a Master Maine Recreational Guide, guiding and sharing Maine's most valued resources; woods, lakes, and rivers with folks from around the world for over 20 years. Water quality means a lot to me. Maine has a rare opportunity to significantly increase the recreational paddling and fishing as a result of these upgrades. It preserves and sustains a guiding tradition that is unique to Maine.

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Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:55 AM

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Sincerely, Al Mendelsohn 164 Sea Road Kennebunk, ME 04043

From: Drew Porter <drewporter72@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 9:10 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Drew Porter 177 Bay Shore Road westport Island, ME 04578

From: Barbara Goodbody <bargoodb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 10:38 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Barbara Goodbody 118 Congress Street. #301 Portland, ME 04101

From: Eliot Paine <cwep58@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 11:37 AM

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Sincerely, Eliot Paine 54 Birch Bay Dr. Bar Harbor, ME 04609

From: Sarah Harvey <ssharvey43@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 11:42 AM

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Sincerely, Sarah Harvey 167 Old Stage Rd. Woolwich, ME 04579

From: Arilda Densch <arilda@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 12:09 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Thank you very much for caring about Maine's future health and economy! Arilda

Sincerely, Arilda Densch 9 Adams Lane, Unit 2 Kittery, ME 03904

From: Jae Min Yoo <jaemin.yoo11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 12:40 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Jae Min Yoo 986 Smith Union Brunswick, ME 04011

From: Sheila Schoolcraft <deldotpi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 1:45 PM

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Sincerely, Sheila Schoolcraft 96 Exeter Rd Garland, ME 04939

From: Greg and Catharine Moser <vtsec11@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 4:14 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Greg and Catharine Moser 80 Vesper St Portland, ME 04101

From: Peggy York <fancyayork@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 7:24 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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From: Ann Pistell <annpistell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 6:36 AM

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Sincerely, Ann Pistell 150 S. Tyler Rd. Pittston, ME 04345

From: Greg Runge <fvshockwave@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:07 AM

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Sincerely, Greg Runge 75 Acadia Road Isle Au Haut, ME 04645

From: Joel Tompkins <jftompkins@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:23 AM

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Sincerely, Joel Tompkins 8 Hovey Lane BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

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Sincerely, Peter Abello 640 Waning Road Freedom, ME 04941

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Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:50 AM

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Sincerely, John PERNA 70 January Lane Milford, ME 04461

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Sincerely, Jeff Mac Donald 55 Page St Brownville, ME 04414

**From:** karin spitfire <kspit@gwi.net>

Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 11:41 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] DEP's proposed water classification changes to the Penobscot

River and other Maine waters

I strongly support ehe DEP's proposed up grades in classification for the Penobscot and other Maine Rivers. The Penobscot, the Passamaquoddy and the Maliseet all have a right to sustenance fishing and rely on it. Upgrading the water quality standards of the river is not only necessary for this but is beneficial to all Mainers. Clean water is a fundamental source of life for all living beings Thank you for any and all work you do to restore and maintain clean water.

Sincerely Karin Spitfire p.o. box 53 Belfast, Me. 04915

From: Honora Brehm <honora@riversidestudio.com>

Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 2:55 PM

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Sincerely, Honora Brehm 7 Riverside Ln Ellsworth, ME 04605

From: Patricia Boston <pboston@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 4:08 PM

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Sincerely, Patricia Boston 60 Hills Beach Rd Biddeford, ME 04005

From: Sharon Martin <martinsharondezzani@gmail.com>

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**From:** Mariellen Whelan <mfwhelan@tidewater.net>

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Sincerely, Mariellen Whelan 68 Glidden St Newcastle, ME 04553

From: Eleanor Wright <colserverg@myfairpoint.net>

Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 6:11 PM

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Sincerely, Eleanor Wright 7 Greens Way Sargentville, ME 04673

From: Gary Burke <gbur112@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:46 PM

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Sincerely, Gary Burke PO Box 354 East Wilron, ME 04234

From: Jaremy Lynch <JPL92077@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:58 PM

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Sincerely, Jaremy Lynch 160 Allen Point Road Harpswell, ME 04079

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Sincerely, Len Clarke 25 Horse Point Road Port Clyde, ME 04855

**From:** Jerry Provencher <mrps\_renovate@myfairpoint.net>

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:23 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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From: Juliette Dzija <jdzija@auburnschl.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:11 AM

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Sincerely, Juliette Dzija 77 Harris St. Auburn, ME 04210

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Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 11:50 AM

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Sincerely, Bill Garcelon 126 Gleckler Road Portland, ME 04103

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Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 2:56 PM

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Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely, Sarah Oldham 25 Vaughan Street Portland, ME 04102

October 1, 2018

Ms. Susanne Meidel Water Quality Standards Coordinator Bureau of Water Quality Maine Department of Environmental Protection Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Support for River Reclassification Proposals

On behalf of the more than 3,000 members of the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and the Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation (MC-ASF) in Maine, we are writing in support of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's recommended upgrades to more than 400 miles of rivers and streams across the State. We strongly urge the Board of Environmental Protection to support the Department's water quality reclassification proposals and pass them onto the Legislature for final action.

As long-time advocates and proponents for restoring sea-run fisheries to the Penobscot River, we are particularly pleased to see a number of proposed upgrades in the upper portions of the Penobscot watershed, including the mainstem Penobscot from Medway to Mattawamkeag, the West Branch from Millinocket to Medway, a significant portion of the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag near Island Falls, and the lower reach of Millinocket Stream. All of these upgrades are warranted and long overdue. In addition, the proposed requirement that the mainstem of the Penobscot River below Milford remain free-flowing will secure, in perpetuity, the massive ecological gains achieved by the Penobscot River Restoration Project and the removal of the Veazie and Great Works Dams.

ASF and MC-ASF also fully support the reclassification of Tunk Stream and its tributaries in Downeast Maine. The Tunk watershed is an ecologically and recreationally valuable resource that is largely undeveloped and well-forested, and it is an area that many of our members appreciate and enjoy. The proposed upgrades from Class B to Class A are well-deserved and highly appropriate for this valuable stream network.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Burrows

New England Director

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Atlantic Salmon Federation

Dr. Gerry Zegers

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President

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From: Susan Kepner <srkepner@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 3:46 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

One of the reasons that I moved to Maine was for fresh clean air and WATER! It is those things that bring tourism to Maine!!! Our clean lakes, rivers and stream, filled with fish that bring so many sportsmen to Maine. These rivers and lakes bring kayakers, canoers, and others who enjoy the clean waters- THEY SPEND \$\$\$\$\$ HERE!

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Sincerely, Susan Kepner 3 River Ln. York, Maine, ME 03909

From: Joyce A Bailey <kadyjoyce@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Joyce A Bailey 192 Cottage Road Windham, ME 04062

From: Helen Anderson <helen@mathbox.com>
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From: Heather Sharkey <osteosharkey@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Heather Sharkey 70 Collinsbrook Rd. Brunswick, ME 04011

From: Joseph Huber <sepp9@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 7:54 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Tunk Stream reclassification

Hi, Suzanne.

My wife and I live at the mouth of Tunk Stream, where it flows into Joy Bay. We strongly support the upgraded classification of the stream from B to A. It is a fantastic resource and deserves all the protection we can give it.

Thank you so much! Good luck with all of your projects.

Sepp Huber and Sheila Unvala 39 Rogers Point Rd Steuben, ME 04680

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sepp9@me.com

From: Sheila Unvala <shu7sh@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 8:03 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Dear Ms. Meidel,

I support the reclassification of Tunk Stream, from Class B to Class A. We live at the mouth of Tunk, on Steuben Harbor, and we are privileged to live with such a vibrant ecosystem. We watch the osprey and eagles, cormorants and mergansers, all gorging on the massive alewife run in the spring, then get to see them raise their young all summer. And that's just one small part of all the life that Tunk Stream supports!

thank you,

Sheila Unvala 67 Rogers Point Rd Steuben, ME 04680

From: Carol Dana <caroldana52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 8:50 AM

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Sincerely, Carol Dana 6 Rolling Thunder Old Town, ME 04468

From: Christine West <caw\_wild@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 10:16 AM

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Sincerely, Christine West 10 Bay View Drive Orland, ME 04472

**From:** gabby <fantods@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2018 10:29 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] i support reclassifying tunk stream

I wish to convey my approval and concurrence with DEP's proposal to upgrade the water classification of Tunk Stream from B to Class A. This is justified by the free-flowing, scenic and high quality waters in this watershed. Tunk Stream had historical sea-run Atlantic salmon as recently as the 1980s. This watershed is part of the Downeast Salmon Habitat Recovery Unit (SHRU) and could (and should) play a role in salmon recovery. The headwaters of this watershed are in the Tunk Lake Public Reserve Lands (and adjacent to the Donnell Pond Public Reserve Lands). Tunk remains an important brook trout stream with other important recreational fisheries that are managed by DIFW in Tunk and Spring River Lakes. Steuben has an important commercial alewife fishery in these waters. A reclassification to Class A will provide protection for this important resource. In fact, given the connections with Atlantic salmon, the historic fishery, and the potential for a role in salmon recovery, in my opinion a classification to Class AA is justified. Thank you for your consideration.



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From: Jean Beckley <beckleyjd@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:24 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Tunk

I support the proposed move to upgrade Tunk Stream's classification from B to A.

From: Barbara McClure <ba.mcclure44@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 1:36 PM

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From: John Smedley <jsmedley@bates.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 4:32 PM

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Sincerely, John Smedley 12 Abbott Street Lewiston, ME 04240

From: Ian Gordon <i.gordon6490@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Ian Gordon 609 WOLFBORO RD STETSON, ME 04488

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Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 6:23 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Sandra Howard Po box 73 Caratunk, ME 04925

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Sincerely, Nicole Hamlin 121 Middle Road Augusta, ME 04330

From: Leah Cook <leahthelop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 5:07 AM

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Here in Maine and greater New England we've worked so hard to restore and preserve our rivers and streams, returning them to their more natural characters and states where they've been industrialized and polluted, and keeping them wild and healthy where they've been able to thrive. Upgrading our rivers and streams now would be timely and prudent, and would help strengthen the protections they need in this time of climatic upheaval and resource extraction pressure.

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Thank you for your hard work and for acting in Maine's best interests.

Sincerely, Leah Cook POB 81 Grand isle, ME 04746



September 24, 2018

Maine Board of Environmental Protection C/O Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Susanne Meidel 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

To Chairman James W. Parker:

Islesboro Islands Trust (IIT) advances land conservation, ecosystem education and environmental advocacy in the Penobscot Watershed. For more than 30 years, IIT's education, advocacy, water quality monitoring, and research demonstrate particular interest in the quality and integrity of water throughout the watershed.

Consequently, Islesboro Islands Trust enthusiastically supports the recommended upgrades to water classification under consideration. The verified improvements in water quality for significant portions of rivers in the Penobscot Watershed make evident the purpose, success and forward movement of the federal policy outlined in the Clean Water Act.

We on Islesboro live close to the so-called "end-of-the-pipe" in that Penobscot River and Gulf of Maine waters mix and surround Islesboro. What comes down the Penobscot affects Islesboro. Improvements in Penobscot River water quality represent improvements in the quality of our local waters.

As you are no doubt aware, the Maine Legislature enacted our water resource management law because of "...great public interest and concern to the State in promoting the general welfare; in preventing disease; in promoting health; in providing habitat for fish, shellfish and wildlife; as a source of recreational opportunity; and as a resource for commerce and industry." Title 38, section 464 further "...declares that it is the State's objective to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the State's waters and to preserve certain pristine state waters."

Through surveys and careful monitoring procedures that employ best scientific practices, the integrity of the waters in several rivers shows remarkable improvement.

We celebrate the unmistakable success of this legislation in the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) July 5, 2018 proposed re-classifications and urge the Board of Environmental Protection to confirm this most positive DEP recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely:

Stephen Miller, Executive Director

From: David Cloutier <davidjcloutier@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:08 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

Dear Susanne,

Having enjoyed the Northern portions of Maine since I was a young man it is instrumental that we employ methods that will protect our beautiful state and waterways especially due to the strong encroachment of man. The wilderness is forever shrinking and the waterways are becoming more and more populated so taking action to protect what is left should be paramount. My children, 2 daughters and my son, recently enjoyed a trip down the West Branch of the Penobscot this past June and the experience was tremendous for them. Hopefully a memory that they will treasure and one day act on by taking their own children into this beautiful part of the state. I fear that Maine will continue to change and this is why I urge all decision makers to compliment the wilderness and the wildlife that exist to the maximum extent possible. Clean protected waterways makes the environment that we all wish to enjoy a better place.

Respectfully,

David J. Cloutier South Portland, Maine

Sincerely,
David Cloutier
11 Adelbert Street
South Portland, ME 04106

From: Susan Lauchlan <peacework2@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 6:39 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Proposals for Upgrading Maine's Rivers and Streams

To the Board of Environmental Protection,

I urge you to support the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) excellent proposals to upgrade more than 400 hundred miles of Maine rivers and streams. I especially urge you to support the proposals of the Penobscot Indian Nation to upgrade several sections of the Penobscot River.

In particular the Penobscot Nation has submitted a proposal to upgrade a section of the Penobscot River from Millinocket to Medway from Class C to Class B. I understand that the river meets the Class B criteria at this time, but Millinocket town councilor, Mike Madore, is against the reclassification because he wants the less stringent Class C designation in case a polluting industry wants to move into his town.

We should keep moving forward and reclassify to Class B since the DEP's computer modeling shows that even if major new industry moves to the Millinocket area and needs to discharge reasonable amounts of appropriately treated waste, downstream stretches of the West Branch and main stem would still meet Class B standards.

Class B strikes the right balance, allowing new industrial development that respects Maine's clean water and the countless people who work on, recreate on, and draw sustenance from the Penobscot. Maine does not need new industry that pollutes the old-fashioned way.

Also, Maine needs to protect the enormous investment in the Penobscot restoration by requiring that the river stay free-flowing below the Milford Dam. Keeping this segment of the river free-flowing will support and grow Maine's natural resource-based economy, boosting commercial fishing, sport fishing, and outdoor recreation.

As a generational Mainer whose history is intimately linked to the waters of the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay, I urge you to please recommend all of these DEP reclassification and upgrade proposals to the Maine legislature for enactment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Lauchlan 143 East Waldo Rd Waldo, ME 04915

From: Allison Fleck <af325@cornell.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 9:45 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

# Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

I'm writing in favor of the proposal to upgrade the rivers and streams that the DEP put together this year. I'm excited and pleased about the increase in water quality that allows these rivers and streams to be upgraded, and fully support increasing water quality protections to keep them clean and healthy for the animals and the humans that use them!

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#### Thanks1

Sincerely, Allison Fleck 129 Court St Castine, ME 04421

From: Chuck Dinsmore <salamanderdoc@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 8:42 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

Born in a little mill town on the Androscoggin River 71 years ago, I've seen remarkable progress over the decades in the slow but progressive recovery of our rivers to the health they once enjoyed and the return of the once abundant life in the rivers. I therefore am writing to urge the Board of Environmental Protection to forward DEP's proposals for upgrading rivers and streams to the Legislature. Maine law requires DEP to present proposals for upgrades to the BEP at least once every three years, but DEP has not done so since 2009. That makes these upgrades especially important.

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Susanne Meidel Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Maine Rivers Support for Water Quality Reclassification Proposals

Dear Susanne,

Maine Rivers, a Maine-based membership organization with members from throughout the State, enthusiastically supports the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's recommendations for the water quality reclassification of numerous Maine waters.

We urge the Board of Environmental Protection to support the Department's proposals and to present them to the legislature for final action. This package, which contains upgrade for hundreds of miles of rivers and streams, is long over-due and a welcome reclassification of important Maine waters.

We are especially pleased with the proposals for the Penobscot River, which has a watershed that covers nearly a third of the State. After many years of collaboration between the Penobscot Indian Nation, federal and state resource agencies, environmental organizations (including Maine Rivers) and hundreds of committed individuals, the Penobscot has a new vitality and is a shining example of river restoration without any loss of energy production. The reclassification proposals under consideration by the Board would complement these efforts by enhancing the habitat of migratory fish, such as Atlantic salmon, shad and alewives; species that now have access to much of the watershed.

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collected by the Department and would perpetuate the impressive improvements achieved by the Penobscot River Restoration Project. Class B would also still leave room for ecologically sound economic development.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Executive Director** 

From: Barbara Kates <br/>
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Friday, October 05, 2018 9:05 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

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I want the Board of Environmental Protection to forward DEP's proposals for upgrading rivers and streams to the Legislature. Some of us are still learning how important it is to protect our waterways. It is time for action. I live in Bangor near the Kenduskeag Stream and the Penobscot River.

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Sincerely, Barbara Kates 92 Cumberland St. Bangor, ME 04401

From: Nancy Galland <nangalland@fairpoint.net>

**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 9:15 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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From: Patricia Kaplan <keltookaplan@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Patricia Kaplan 15 Cedar Road Belmont, ME 04952

From: Bill Kreamer <kreamers@twc.com>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 10:10 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Comments on Reclassification Proposal for the Penobscot River

Dear Ms. Meidel,

I would like to register my support for the proposed upgrades in classification for the Penobscot River as made by the Penobscot Nation to the DEP. These waters and their riparian zones must be protected with upgraded classifications wherever possible.

Thank you.

Bill Kreamer 129 Miller St. Belfast, Maine 04915

(207) 218-1037 home (207) 505-1129 cell kreamers@twc.com

From: Shirley Hager <shirley.hager@maine.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 10:41 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Beedy Parker 68 Washington St Camden, ME 04843

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**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

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Sincerely, Linda Swackhamer 11 Veazie St. Veazie, ME 04401

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Incidentally, I did try to testify in person at the DEP hearing in Bangor last month, but as the preceding discussion about Juniper Ridge had run over, I was unable to stay long enough to testify- but I wanted you to know that this issue is important enough to me that I drove over an hour to testify.

Sincerely, Susan Dickson-Smith

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From: Susan Smith <mormorsue@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 1:02 PM

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From: Phyllis Coelho < liscoe@roadrunner.com>

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From: Jean Berman < jeanbermanmartens@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 1:58 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

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Sincerely, Jean Berman 50 Luther St Peaks Island, ME 04108

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Janet R. Anderson Town Manager manager@townofislesboro.com

October 4, 2018

Maine Board of Environmental Protection C/O Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Susanne Meidel 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

To James W. Parker, Board Chair:

At a regular meeting of the Islesboro Select Board held Wednesday, October 3, the Board unanimously voted to request that the Maine Board of Environmental Protection support the changes in water classification proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) as of July 5, 2018 and, in turn, recommend final approval of these proposed changes in the first regular session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The Islesboro Select Board consistently supports efforts to improve and protect water quality in the Penobscot watershed. Water quality classification based on Maine Title 38, section 464, is the foundation for all water quality protection in Maine. After conducting thorough study, the MDEP's proposed upgrades to classification of portions of rivers in the Penobscot watershed indicate improvements in water quality worthy of commemoration and further protection.

Clean water forms the lifeblood of Islesboro's economy. Three boatyards, lobster fishermen and numerous recreational fishers all depend on the actual and perceived sparkling aquatic environment that encircles our archipelago. The positive MDEP findings regarding improved water quality in upstream portions of the Penobscot watershed deserve endorsement and formal enactment into law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chair

**Archibald Gillies** 

Member

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From: Brian Athorp <athorpbrian@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 10:30 PM

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My particular interest at this time is focused on Penobscot Bay, and the proposed development of massive concentrated agricultural feeding operations (CAFO's) in Bucksport and Belfast. I am very concerned about the waste discharges from these operations that is expected to flow into the River and bay, and the adverse impacts they might have on water quality and thereby the existing fisheries and recreational/aesthetic/cultural values this region of the River represent. Additionally, the Nordic Acqua Farm proposal in Belfast expects to draw heavily from the underlying acquifer to the effect of net depletion of that resource as well as possible negative effects existing water wells in that community. This operation is expected to be the largest of its kind in the world, and merits close scrutiny.

Sincerely, Brian Athorp 324 Peakes Hill Rd DEDHAM, ME 04429

From: Mariana Tupper <catalpa.girl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2018 10:01 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Mariana Tupper 167 West Elm St. Yarmouth, ME 04096

From: Ron Huber <coastwatch@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Ron Huber POB 1871 Rockland, ME 04841

From: Natalie Charles <mallard1843@gmail.com>
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From: Edward Farwell <budfarwell@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Mary Hartley 40 Sanctuary Lane Blue Hill, ME 04614

From: Jeff Beckley < jeffjbeckley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 1:47 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Cc:** jeff beckley; Sarah Brandon

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Tunk Stream reclassification

#### Dear Susanne

My wife Sarah and I wish to convey our enthusiastic approval and concurrence with DEP's proposal to upgrade the water classification of Tunk Stream from B to Class A. This is justified by the free-flowing, scenic and high quality waters in this watershed. It's not a big watershed, but pristine is the first word that comes to mind for describing it. I would know, as one of my favorite things to do in the world is to paddle it and explore it. We own 50 acres of land with thousands of feet of frontage on the stream right in "downtown" Unionville. We love the stream and have a close connection to it. It defines the property that is our home. Tunk Stream had historical sea-run Atlantic salmon as recently as the 1980s. We bought this land in 1986. This watershed is part of the Downeast Salmon Habitat Recovery Unit (SHRU) and could (and should) play a role in salmon recovery. The headwaters of this watershed are in the Tunk Lake Public Reserve Lands (and adjacent to the Donnell Pond Public Reserve Lands). Tunk remains an important brook trout stream with other important recreational fisheries that are managed by DIFW in Tunk and Spring River Lakes. Steuben has an important commercial alewife fishery in these waters. A reclassification to Class A will provide protection for this important resource. In fact, given the connections with Atlantic salmon, the historic fishery, and the potential for a role in salmon recovery, in our opinion a classification to Class AA is justified. Thank you for your consideration and for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely Jeff Beckley (with Sarah Brandon as well)

From: Alan Plummer <alanp902@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 11:25 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] In support of Maine DEP reclassification proposals

I am in favor of all the reclassification proposals, to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket-Medway.

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Alan Plummer 207-485-0544

From: Anne Gass <agassmaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 11:29 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Best,

Anne B. Gass
232 N. Raymond Road
Gray, ME 04039
(o) 207/657-4935
(c) 207/650-4369
agassmaine@gmail.com
www.annegass.com

From: Cynthia Handlen <cynthia.handlen@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 12:03 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] DEP reclassification: clean water

Dear Ms Meidel,

I support the proposed DEP reclassification to improve water quality especially of the Penobscot River from Millinocket to Medway.

Thank you.

Cynthia Handlen 1227 Westbrook Street Portland, ME 04102 Cynthia.handlen@ gmail

From: Rachel Lyn and Mike Joyce <georgeperleyhouse@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 12:16 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K **Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

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Please include my comments in public record.

Rachel Lyn

Gopi Krishna <gopikrishnaalgae1@gmail.com> From:

Monday, October 08, 2018 12:33 PM Sent:

To: Meidel, Susanne K

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From: Meredith Bruskin <dscampc321@gmail.com>

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From: Lesley Jones <lesleymjones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 1:15 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] reclassification support.

### Dear Susan:

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen in Maine. I am in favor of all the reclassification proposals to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket-Medway. Please protect our water systems for a healthy Maine future. THANK YOU,

Lesley M. Jones 163 Summit Street Portland, ME 04103 207-939-3990

From: Jordan Emerson < jordanemerson94@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 1:21 PM

To: Meidel, Susanne K
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- Jordan Emerson

From: Mary Goldsmith <msgoldsmith@live.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 1:35 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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From: David Kaufman <dpkaufman@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 1:46 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] submittal

Hi.

I am submitting testimony in FAVOR of the all the reclassification proposals to UPGRADE water quality.

This includes e.g. Penobscot Millinocket-Medway.

Thanks,

David Kaufman

Energy Solutions P.O.Box 261 Waldoboro ME 04572 USA

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From: Eileen Wolper <pebshep@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 3:02 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Water Upgrades

#### Hello,

I am a resident of Belfast, Maine, and I support the DEP's proposal for river upgrades as proposed, and all other water bodies, especially for the Penobscot River. I am grateful that children can now swim in the river without getting sick. Clean Water is to be encouraged and protected; and, it is also an issue of National Security. Thank you,

Eileen Wolper 1079 E. Waldo Rd. Belfast, ME 04915

**From:** polly urbach <YooriLawson@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 4:13 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Maine DEP

Dear Ms. Meidel,

I strongly support increasing river protections around the Katahdin region. I am in favor of all the reclassification proposals to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket to Medway Please support the Maine DEP reclassification proposal to protect clean water.

Thank you, Paula Urbach

<sup>&</sup>quot;...the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being" CG Jung

From: Ben Boudreau <mainelyenvironmentalelectric@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 6:18 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] upgrading water quality

Hi I'm Ben I am just helping my friend send emails.

I am in favor of all the reclassification proposals, to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket-Medway"

THANK YOU! We need you.

Sent from my iPad

From: Karl Watkins <karl.watkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 7:35 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

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As ecological science shows, river health conditions impact other areas, people, and economies that are water-based. I fully support the opportunities that clean water brings to our state.

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I believe the Legislature deserves the opportunity to discuss the upgrades, which are clearly of statewide significance. I urge the BEP to pass the upgrades on to the Legislature as proposed.

Sincerely, Karl Watkins 166 Congress Street Belfast, ME 04915

From: Scott Guzman < guzmanovation@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 8:50 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Clean water

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Thank you, Scott Guzman Acton, Maine

From: Kathi Skilling <skill4@securespeed.us>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:40 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Reclassification Proposals

#### Dear Susanne,

My husband Bruce Skilling was an engineer on the Edwards Dam removal on the Kennebec River years ago and our children and I were there to watch this happen. My mom was on the aquifer committee in our home town of Gray, Maine where the Mckin site of pollution occurred.

Clean water is necessary for life to be sustained.

I'm in favor of all the reclassification proposals to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket Medway.

Thank you so much! Kathleen E Skilling RN

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez < rodriguez.elizabeth14@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 10:56 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Maine DEP Reclassification proposals

I am in favor of all the reclassification proposals to upgrade water quality, including the segment of the Penobscot River from Millinocket-Medway.

Water is our most precious resource and it vital to Maine's health and financial stability.

Sincerely,

Liz Rodriguez

From: Nancy Button <nancyb@midcoast.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 6:49 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Nancy Button 1478 Camden Rd Warren, ME 04864

From: Nancy Kelly <nancyannekelly22@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Nancy Kelly 28 Third Hill Drive Stockton Springs, ME 04981

From: Isaiah Gillis <isaiah.gillis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 8:47 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Maine waters reclassification

Hi Susanne,

I'm writing you to let you know that I support the proposed re-classification of some of Maine's waters. I support higher classifications for all of Maine's waters! Thank you for your time.

Blessings, Isaiah Gillis

From: Wayne Cobb <wcobb2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 9:46 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Wayne Cobb 147 Allen Avenue #47 Portland, ME 04103

From: Lynne Gilbert <cg.and.le.gilbert@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 10:43 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Lynne Gilbert 515 Benner Rd Bristol, ME 04539

From: Kate Harris <kate@earthlovers.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 11:47 AM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

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Sincerely, Kate Harris 6 Congress St Apt 101 Belfast, ME 04915

From: Nancy Kane <kanecamp@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 12:07 PM

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From: Joanne Boynton <mainemaid@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 12:10 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Penobscot River water quality

Hello, I am writing in support of the Penobscot Nation's proposal to protect the water quality of certain important sections of the Penobscot River. This plan would benefit the well being of Maine residents, as well as tourists who come to fish/canoe on the river. I understand that industrial interests are the major opponents of this proposal.

We know from past history that allowing business to pollute may garner profits for the company, but is bad business for Maine people and the Maine economy. The Holtra-Chem plant and the resulting mercury contamination continue to affect human health and shellfish beds long after the plant was closed. I urge the Maine DEP to make the fair and wise choice. **Protect the Penobscot.**Joanne Boynton Belfast, Maine

**From:** Shri Verrill < shri.verrill@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 12:15 PM

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Sincerely, Shri Verrill 17 Scotts Hill Road East Machias, ME 04630

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Sincerely, Erin Covey-Smith 60 Pleasant Hill Road FREEPORT, ME 04032



October 9, 2018

Ms. Susanne Meidel Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Re-classification proposals

Dear Ms. Meidel:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding the Maine Department of Environmental Water Quality Re-Classification proposals. Our Katahdin cannot currently support water quality re-classifications from Class C to Class B proposed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on two specific river sections; 1) Millinocket Stream, and 2) the lower West Branch of the Penobscot River from the outlet of Quakish Lake to its confluence with the East Branch Penobscot River.

In January 2017, Our Katahdin, a non-profit entity dedicated to growing and diversifying the economy in the Katahdin region, purchased the former Great Northern Paper mill site in Millinocket, Maine. With the purchase of the company GNP West, Our Katahdin assumed ownership of existing liabilities and assets. One asset is an active waste-water discharge license application that is permitted in accordance with the Class C Standards. This discharge permit is of interest to several businesses that are currently considering locating their business on the Millinocket mill site.

Our Katahdin supports the role of the Maine DEP in soliciting proposals for river reclassifications based on the latest available water quality data. We appreciate the work of the Penobscot Indian Nation in monitoring the lower stretches of the West Branch of the Penobscot River and its tributary, Millinocket Stream, and providing the state those data and recommendations to upgrade these sections of the river. We strive for clean air and clean water and support both industry and recreation and recognize that rivers meeting Class C water standards can serve both purposes, seeing as "Class C waters must be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water supply after treatment; fishing; agriculture; recreation in and on the water; industrial process and cooling water supply; hydroelectric power generation, except as prohibited under Title 12, section 403; navigation; and as habitat for fish and other aquatic life" per Maine statute 38 MRSA § 464-470.

Our primary duty to the region is to create sustainable jobs by bringing industries that build on our competitive advantages at the mill site. The likelihood of industries locating on the redeveloped mill site requiring new permitted discharges was explicitly listed as a potential issue

with an upgrade to Class B in the Maine DEP public meeting presentation that occurred in Millinocket in May of this year. We firmly believe that we can redevelop the mill site with modern industries that do not discharge in the same manner as the former pulp and paper mills. However, several industries that we are trying to locate at the site are emerging technologies that do not have permitted facilities anywhere in the world, so the discharge requirements are unknown. Two examples include; nanocellulose applications and inland aquaculture. The University of Maine is at the forefront of developing nanocellulose technology and the mill site is a natural expansion into piloting commercialization efforts. In solution, the nanocellulose is 93% aqueous, and that water needs to be removed in some applications. The characteristics of that process water are unknown to us currently. Similarly, an aquaculture facility may discharge a high volume of water, but initial conversations suggest that the discharge water is potable and may not have a significant load on a discharge license.

Our Katahdin has met with Maine DEP staff to understand the science of river classifications and the detailed models staff use to analyze discharge impacts. Since the discharge requirements of emerging technologies we hope to locate at the mill site are unknown at this time, there is uncertainty regarding discharges and the threshold between Class C and Class B permissible levels. Therefore, we are currently unable to support upgrading the classification of Millinocket Stream and the lower West Branch of the Penobscot River to the Medway Dam from a Class C to a Class B designation. We do support examining the potential for water reclassification at the recommended intervals. We hope that within three years we have more clarity on discharge requirements of the industries located on the mill site.

Similarly, the town of Millinocket opposes the upgrades due to the uncertainty of the water discharge requirements of potential industries investing in the mill site, as stated in their testimony at the September 20th public hearing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed water re-classifications by the Maine DEP. If you have questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact me by phone (207) 447-1788, or by email at Steve@onekatahdin.com.

Sincerely,

Steve Sanders

Steve Sandara

Director of Mill Site Redevelopment

Our Katahdin

From: Darrell Hartin <hartind40@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 1:59 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K; Town

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Island Falls

#### Ms. Meidel;

Thank you for your help regarding upgrading the Mattawamkeag River through Island Falls.

As our group has mentioned previously we are deeply concerned that an upgrade to class A can only be counter to our economic development efforts in attracting new business to our area that might be located along this stream. Looking at the statute you referred to leaves little hope that our input matters. The mandatory upgrade to a higher designation seems to be set in stone. If this conclusion is in error we would like some comfort believing otherwise.

Again thanks for your help and will look forward to hearing from you.

Darrell Hartin

Vice Chair Board of Selectmen

Town of Island Falls

# TOWN OF PATTEN

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sent via email and fax October 9, 2018

Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Susanne Meidel 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Susanne,

This letter is being submitted by the Town of Patten in response to proposed changes to the classification of Fish Stream from Class B to Class A. The Town of Pattern opposes this proposed change for the reasons below. Pursuant to the conversation on September 20, we understand that only Fish Stream would be changing in Pattern and that all other waterways were changed to Class A in 2009. If that is not the case, the same concerns raised here but to a lesser extent would apply to other waterways.

The Town of Patten appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to classification to rivers and streams in Maine. We understand that the public may comment until today, October 9, 2018. We also understand that this is a statewide effort and our waterways are small when compared to the whole effort. We were not able to attend the public hearing on September 20, 2018 but Town Manager Raymond Foss spoke with you that day. At that time, you indicated that no comments had been received for Fish Stream.

You indicated one of the principal issues with the change in classification would relate to discharge permits. At the time of that conversation, you said that there are no discharge permits into Fish Stream or any other tributary of the Mattawamkeag River. The only discharge permit within Patten is for the Town of Patten Wastewater Treatment Plant but that does not discharge into any surface body of water.

We are concerned as to the need for the classification change and we are concerned about possible impacts that this change could have on downtown development, on sewer and septic systems, and on other industrial or commercial usage upstream such as the Pickett Mountain mining site north of town.

On information and belief, the last Re-Classification initiative was completed in 2009 and this current process is for a Water Quality Re-Classification for the 129th Legislature (Session opening January 2019). We understand this current progress began as early as August 1, 2017. While we are coming to this process at the end of the public comment period, we hope that our concerns will be heard by the Department of Environmental Protection and that they will be taken into consideration before the final proposal is submitted to the Legislature for final action.

Our understanding on how the proposal came to be included is that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) made a proposal to change Fish Stream from Class B to Class A in their two-page letter of November 30, 2017 (TNC ReclassificationProposals 20171130.pdf). The entirety of their proposal was: "Fish Stream

borders and drains the northern portion of TNC's Crystal Bog Preserve, a unique hydrologic feature in northern Maine. While water quality is very good, the Town of Patten had a wastewater discharge that precluded upgrade to Class A. This discharge has been converted to a land-based treatment system and the most current biomonitoring of the stream downstream of Patten indicates Class A quality. This proposed upgrade would apply to waters upstream of Island Falls."

Their proposal does not say there is a problem with water quality and that the one discharge into the Stream had been eliminated. Their rationale for all of their five recommendations was to protect and further secure their investments. They did not coordinate or discuss this proposed change with the Town of Patten, on information and belief. This change affects Mount Chase, Patten, Crystal, and Island Falls. Their concern is for their Crystal Bog Preserve (also known as the 1,000 Acre Bog). We regret he process did not begin by them or the Department talking directly iwht the Town about the rationale for the change and the potential impacts of the change.

The Summary Recommendation on page 8 of the Proposal includes the statement, "MDEP monitoring data shown that the stream attains Class A aquatic life criteria. Previously existing wastewater discharge has been discontinued." Therefore, on information and belief, it appears even under the Class B designation since 2009, Fish Stream already meets Class A quality. In the expanded detailed proposal for upgrades for Fish Stream, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 467 and 468, on page 8, the same language is included. The proposal states that there are "no issues affected by the reclassification." As with the summary, it appears the language of the proposal is saying that even though the situation is not broken, we need to fit it, we need to upgrade the classification even though the standards of Class A are being met already.

Appendix A on page 29 summarizes the existing Designated Uses and Criteria for Main River and Stream Classifications. As was stated on page 8 and again on page 18, the Class A Uses and Criteria area already being met for Fish Stream even though it has been classed Class B since 2009. There is no difference for designated uses for Classes A and B.

Appendix B summarizes the new Designated Uses and Criteria for Main River and Stream Classifications (as of 8/1/18). The dissolved oxygen criteria no longer is different between Class A and Class B. Similarly, the difference between Class A and B as to bacteria is reduced so as to make them analogous, on information and belief.

From the Northwest corner of Patten at the source of Fish Stream to the Sonthwest corner of Patten in the Blackwell Bog, tributaries of the Mattawamkeag River course south and east through Patten, including Weeks Brook, Webb Brook, Peasley Brook, Rowe Brook and Fish Stream. Information on the water courses through Patten are highlighted on pages 3 and 4 of The History of Patten and Mount Chase, by Debbie Coolong, August 2017. In addition, and unlike the other waterways highlighted in the book, the East Branch of Swift Brook runs southwest into the East Branch of the Penobscot River. This brook flowes through maps R1-R3 in the agricultural southwest portion of our town.

The waterways were and remain the lifeblood of our communities. In fact, they were the highways and the engine for how our towns came to be. Fish Stream, and the Mattawamkeag River below it, were the means by which the first surveyors came to T4R6 in 1828. Fish Stream is actually named for Ira Fish, one of our town's founding fathers, one of the three surveyors who came to Patten 190 years ago.

Fish Streams was the center of commerce the site of early mills, to the point of being Mill Hill. Industry grew along its banks for years, a lumber and veneer mill existed, between Route 11 (South Patten Road) and Station Street, so named for the Aroostook Railroad Station. Mill Street was parallel to the stream to the North and Potato Raw to the South, named for all the potato house along it.

The mill closed finally in 2010; but it was reopened by Haymart in 2013. Three new silos were added to the site in 2017. Grain was put into the silos in the last month.

As we stated above, our concerns start with the question, why codify in an upgraded classification that which has already been achieved in the real world? Why put additional burdens on municipalities and land owners where no issues currently exist?

Our concerns center on currently and future potential uses along Fish Stream. Upgrades to the classification could create undue burdens on commercial and industrial development. We understand discharge is a principal issue but we cannot know with any degree of certainty who future landowners will be along the whole course of the stream. Except in the Spring, the flow of Fish Stream is generally modest. Any cost to control discharges would not be assisted by dilution within the stream.

One other thing to consider is that the Town of Patten has a very limited municipal wastewater treatment or sewer system. Would this classification change create an additional burden on homeowners when they have to replace septic systems outside the sewer system? Patten has approximately 440 residences but only 50 sewer customers. Another consideration is that Patten's closed municipal landfill abuts Fish Stream. Future usage of that site could be impacted by the change in classification. And, any issue with the site would be exacerbated by additional costs because of the upgrade.

The waterways in Patten are key to the history and current life of Patten, We too value their quality and enjoyment. We understand choices upstream impact downstream value. But we believe the State does not need to fix what is not broken. We oppose this change in classification.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the Town Manager at the number, email, or phone number above.

Sincerely,

Reginald Porter, Sr., Chairman

Ken Perkins, Vice-Chairman

Lana Tucker

Martin McCarthy

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Raymon A. Foss

Town Manager

## Re-class Comment per Voice Mail to Susanne Meidel

10/8/18, Marissa Keminidi, 207/448-5004

"I am calling to express my support for the re-classification proposals for all 15 areas, in particular I would like to support #8, Millinocket Stream to increase the proposed classification from a C to a B in the Millinocket to Medway area to ensure that the water remains clean for everybody to enjoy. Thank you, bye."

From: Benjamin Hout <benhout@weld-maine.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 2:33 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

I am writing to urge the Board of Environmental Protection to forward DEP's proposals for upgrading rivers and streams to the Legislature. Maine law requires DEP to present proposals for upgrades to the BEP at least once every three years, but DEP has not done so since 2009. That makes these upgrades especially important.

As a member of the Select Board of Weld I am particularly concerned with the tributaries to Webb Lake. The lake is the ecological heart of our area, and the economic engine of our town. Its preservation is the perfect melding of ecological and economic concerns. I applaud your consideration of the tributaries that feed the lake, especially as sawdust, erosion, and other human activities are dramatically effecting the lake bottom and the experience of the lake as a whole.

DEP has proposed to upgrade more than 400 miles of rivers and streams, including 200 miles of tributaries to Webb Lake near Tumbledown Mountain; 44 miles of Wesserunsett Stream near Athens; 10 miles of the west branch of the Mattawamkeag near Island Falls; and 25 miles of Fish Stream near Patten. All of these water bodies are outstanding resources for Maine people and deserve increased protection.

DEP's proposals for upgrading the Penobscot main stem from Medway to Mattawamkeag, the West Branch of the Penobscot from the Millinocket area to Medway, and the lower part of Millinocket Stream to Class B are especially noteworthy and long overdue. These water bodies meet Class B standards and have for many years. DEP's modeling shows that substantial new industry could locate in Millinocket, discharge reasonable amounts of appropriately treated waste, and still meet Class B standards. Class B strikes a balance that would allow industry that is respectful of the river while still protecting it for the large numbers of people living downstream and the newly expanding populations of sea-run fish travelling upstream. The Penobscot River is Maine's largest, and it's a gem we all need to share and take responsibility for.

I understand that the Legislature will make the final decision on these proposed upgrades if the BEP passes them on.

I believe the Legislature deserves the opportunity to discuss the upgrades, which are clearly of statewide significance. I urge the BEP to pass the upgrades on to the Legislature as proposed.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions at <u>benhout@weld-maine.org</u>. Have a great day.

Sincerely, Benjamin Hout 51 Phillips Rd Weld, ME 04285

From: Steve Cartwright <writer@midcoast.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 3:20 PM

**To:** Meidel, Susanne K

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Support DEP's river and stream upgrades

Dear Ms. Susanne Meidel,

#### Dear Members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

As a senior resident of Maine and lover of its natural wonders, I urge you to support upgrading the protection standards for for hundreds of miles of rivers and streams across our beautiful State. Besides the great people of our State, our unspoiled natural places are among our greatest assets. As someone whose Maine ancestry dates to the 1600s, I have a deep love and respect for the rivers and streams that sustain wildlife, and our way of life.

DEP has proposed to upgrade more than 400 miles of rivers and streams, including 200 miles of tributaries to Webb Lake near Tumbledown Mountain; 44 miles of Wesserunsett Stream near Athens; 10 miles of the west branch of the Mattawamkeag near Island Falls; and 25 miles of Fish Stream near Patten. All of these water bodies are outstanding resources for Maine people and deserve increased protection.

I have paddled many Maine rivers, and know their recreational and scenic value first hand. I also realize that clean rivers and streams contribute to the health of the entire environment and its inhabitants...including us.

Please forward the upgrade proposals to the Legislature for their consideration.

Sincerely, Steve Cartwright 36 Shipyard Road Tenants Harbor, ME 04860

#### PENOBSCOT NATION

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOHN S. BANKS, DIRECTOR



12 WABANAKI WAY INDIAN ISLAND, ME 04468 TEL: 207/827/7776 FAX: 207/817/7466

October 9, 2018

Susanne Meidel Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Penobscot Indian Nation Comments to BEP on ME DEP's Water Quality Re-Classification Initiative

The Penobscot Indian Nation (PIN) is submitting the following written comments in support of Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (ME DEP) reclassification proposals for the Penobscot River basin. These comments supplement the oral testimony and comments that we submitted at the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) public hearing on September 20, 2018. Specifically we are providing water quality data, materials, and details that support our previously submitted comments.

Most of the Penobscot basin proposals originated from PIN when we responded to Maine DEP during its solicitation process in 2017. The proposals are based on the results of extensive water quality monitoring conducted by our Water Resources Program (PIN WRP). We have been monitoring water quality since the late 1980s and currently have 125 stations that we monitor regularly throughout the year. Through a cooperative agreement we share our data with ME DEP. Since 1997 over 400 hundred miles of stream segments in the Penobscot basin have been upgraded to higher classifications based on water quality data from our program.

The proposals for the lower West Branch and upper main stem Penobscot River are based on water quality data that demonstrate that these segments are currently attaining the next higher class. These segments have been meeting class B criteria for the past 10 years. 38 MRS §464 subsection 4.F (4) states "When the actual quality of any classified water exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification, that higher water quality must be maintained and protected. The board shall recommend to the Legislature that that water be reclassified in the next higher classification." These proposed upgrades clearly meet this threshold to be recommended to the legislature.

## Dissolved Oxygen and Bacteria Criteria Attainment

ME DEP's applicable Class B numeric criteria are as follows: Dissolved oxygen = 7 ppm or 75% saturation;  $\underline{E}$ .  $\underline{coli}$  bacteria instantaneous = less than 236 colonies/100 ml from 5/15 – 9/30;  $\underline{E}$ .  $\underline{coli}$  bacteria geometric mean= less than 64 colonies/100 ml from 5/15-9/30. The attached

graphs (Figures 1-8) show water quality data collected by PIN WRP over the period 2008/09 to 2018 as compared to ME DEP Class B water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen and  $\underline{E}$ . colibacteria. These data were collected at 14 sampling stations within the river segments proposed for upgrade (see Map- PIN WRP Water Quality Monitoring Sites). These graphs demonstrate that over many years, many locations, and during a wide variety of conditions, including periods of low flow and warm temperatures Class B criteria are being met. These graphs include periods of time when the East Millinocket GNP mill was operational.

It should be noted that there were two isolated instances when an  $\underline{E}$ .  $\underline{coli}$  bacteria result exceeded the 236 colonies/100ml instantaneous criteria; once on 8/5/09 below the Weldon/Mattceunk Dam and another on 9/25/10 upstream of the confluence with the Mattawamkeag River. Neither of these exceedances were the result of point source discharges, but are likely due to fecal runoff from human, domestic animals, or wildlife. Samples for both of the sites are collected from shore at popular recreational access points where people fish, launch boats, and picmic and neither site is near a discharge outfall. Bacteria sampling results from all other nearby sites (upstream and downstream) sampled on those same dates were well below the bacteria criteria. Both of these instances also occurred after rainfall events of 0.3-1 inch of rain. The cause of both is likely due to human, wildlife, or domestic animal feces left deposited nearby which entered the water from storm water runoff.

#### Aquatic Life Criteria Attainment

PIN WRP has previously submitted benthic macroinvertebrate data from sampling conducted in 2017 at two sites in the West Branch Penobscot (Millinocket and East Millinocket). These data showed that class B aquatic life criteria were attained at these sites.

Sampling conducted by PIN WRP in 1995, while the paper mills in Millinocket and East Millinocket were both operating at full production, demonstrates that class B aquatic life criteria were being met in Millinocket Stream and West Branch Penobscot downstream of both mills. (See attached ME DEP Aquatic Life model outputs).

The recovery of Penobscot River over the past 10 -15 years is remarkable. Our WRP staff who are on the river nearly every day have witnessed great change. Areas of the river that once smelled badly, had sheets of foam, and were so dark that you could not see the bottom are now clean and clear. Blooms of algae or cyanobacteria that extended all the way from Dolby Pond to the coast are no longer present. Huge investments in money and efforts through collaborations by federal, state, tribal, industry, and conservation groups have and continue to remove barriers to fish migration. Numerous species of native sea run fish that were eliminated from entering the river are now returning to their historical spawning areas and restoring the aquatic ecosystems. In 2018, 2.27 million River herring, 3,929 American shad, 1,976 Sea lamprey, and 752 Atlantic salmon (listed as Endangered) passed the Milford/Orono dams. The proposal to extend the free flowing designation from the former Veazie dam to Milford ensures that this segment will remain barrier-free.

By supporting all of these Penobscot River proposals you are safeguarding improvements to prevent water quality from backsliding to conditions we do not want to go back to. By doing so you are helping to provide the water quality and habitat conditions needed for restoring these fish.

Sincerely,

Damiel H. Kusnierz

PIN Water Resources Program Manager

Attachments

Figure 1. Summary of E. coli bacteria results for 2007-2018 from sites between West Branch Penobscot East Millinocket to main-stem Penobscot near Mattawamkeag. Straight red line indicates class B instantaneous bacteria criteria (236 colonies/100 ml). Results below red line indicate class B attainment. Refer to map for sample site locations. MPN = Most Probable Number # colonies/100 ml. (Source Penobscot Nation Water Resources Program)

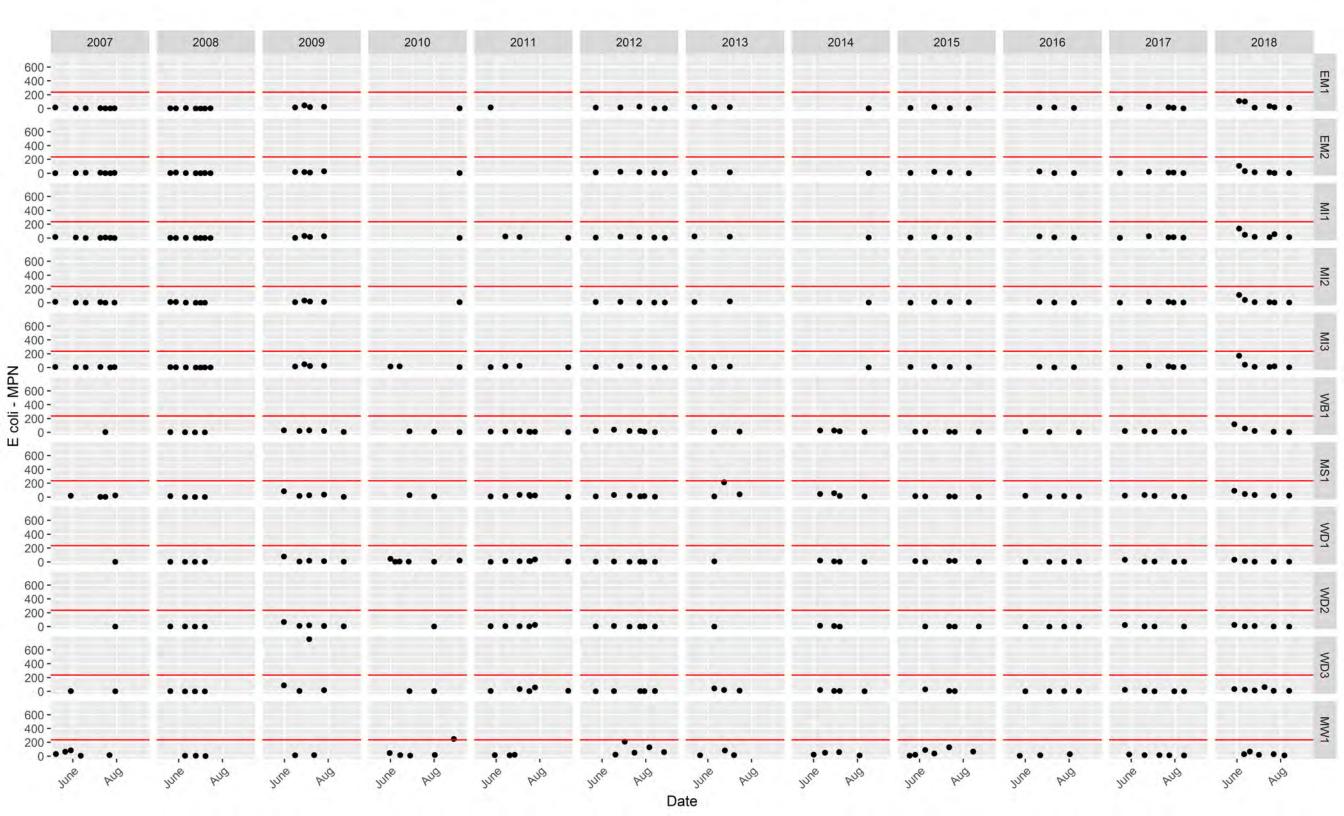


Figure 2. Summary of E. coli bacteria geometric mean results for 2007-2018 from sites between West Branch Penobscot East Millinocket to main-stem Penobscot near Mattawamkeag when at least 6 sampling events occurred. ME DEP assessments are generally based on at least 6 results when calculating geometric mean. Years that do not show a result indicate fewer than 6 results for that year. Straight red line indicates class B geometric mean bacteria criteria (64 colonies/100 ml). Results below red line indicate class B attainment. Refer to map for sample site locations. (Source Penobscot Nation Water Resources Program)

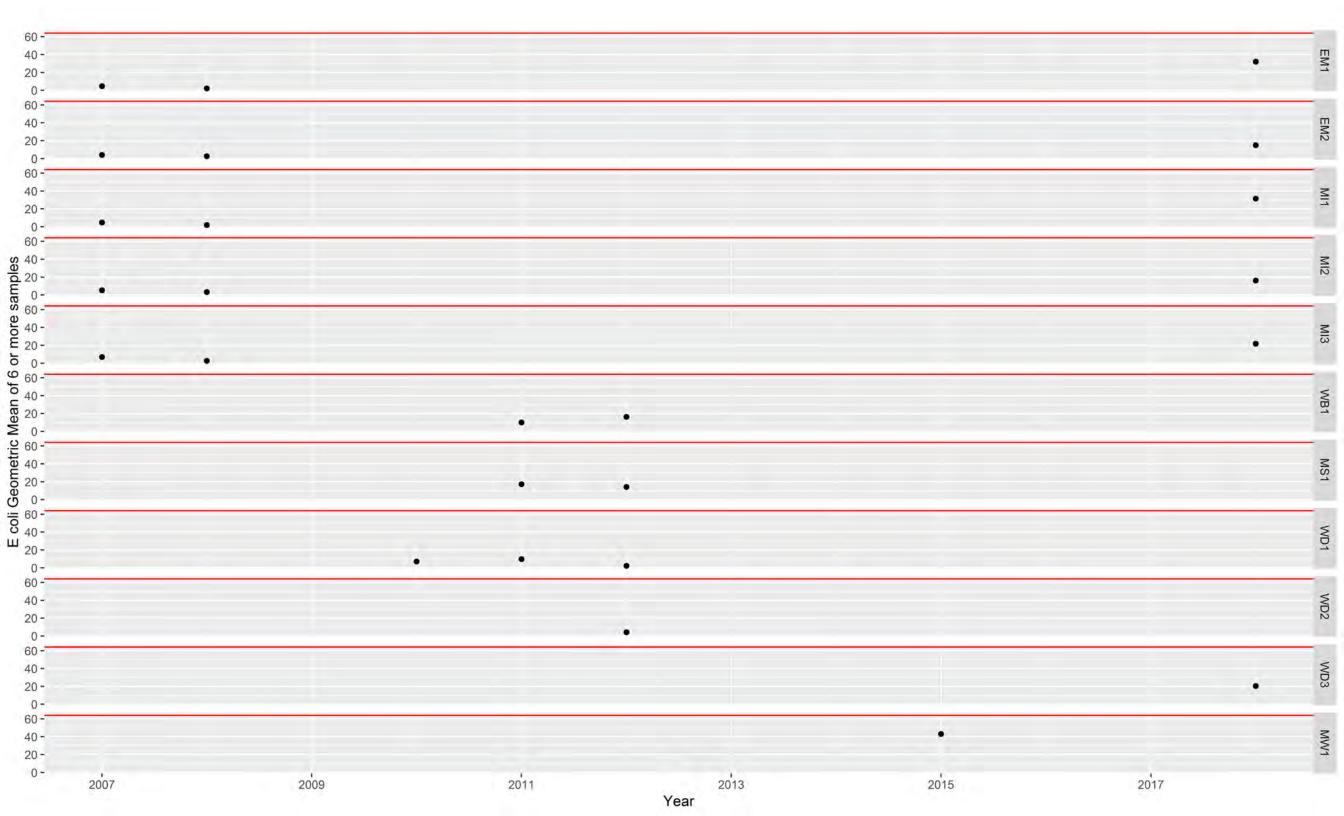


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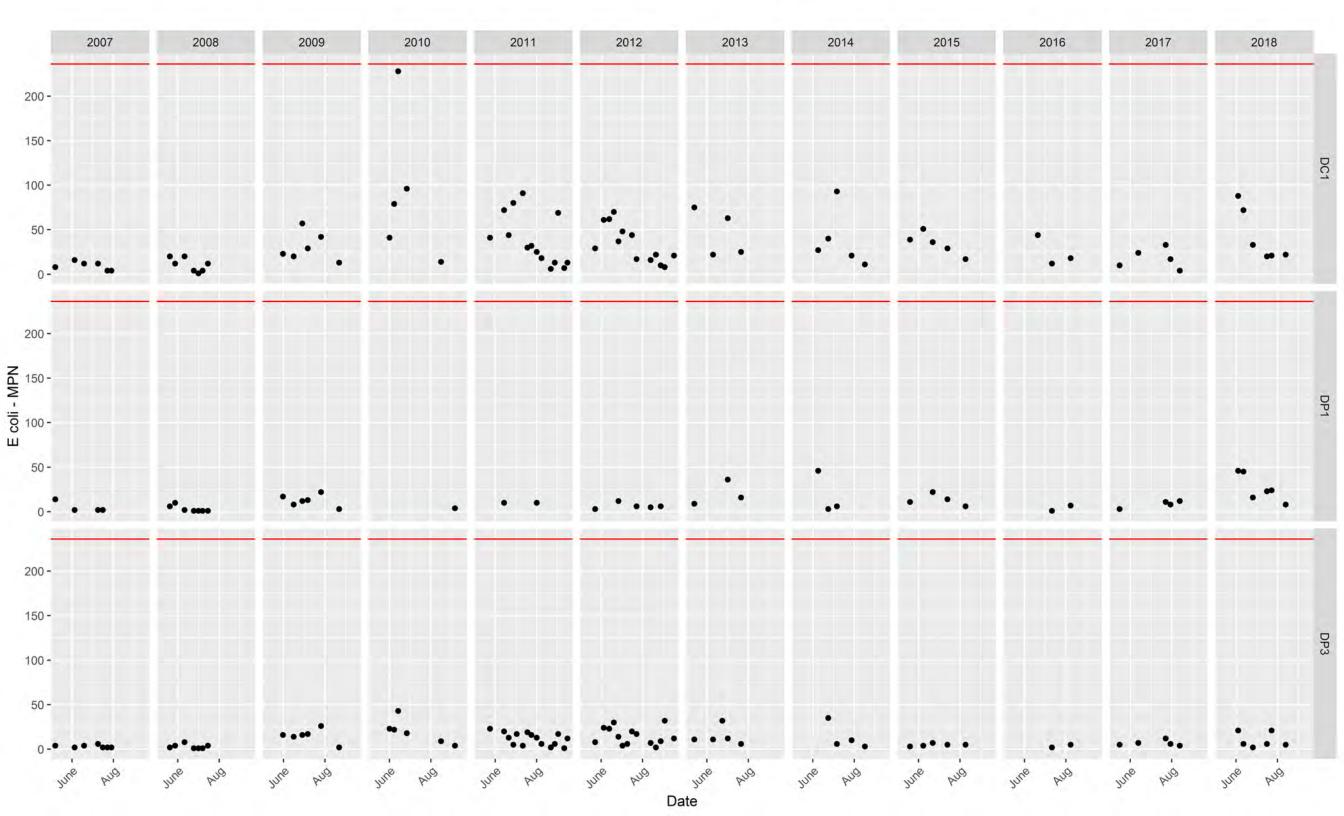


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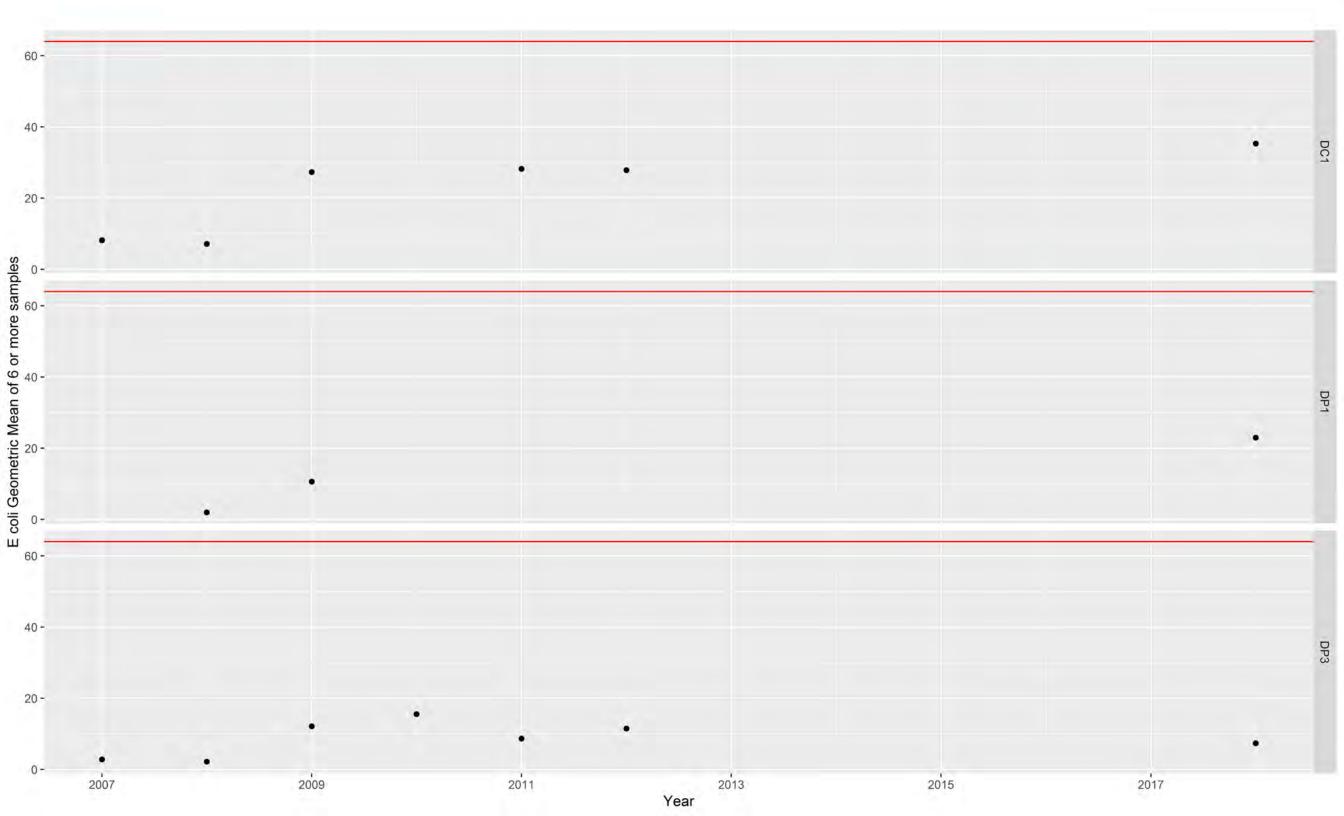


Figure 5. Summary of dissolved oxygen results for 2008-2018 from sites on West Branch Penobscot between Millinocket and Dolby Pond dam. Straight red line indicates class B minimum dissolved oxygen criteria (7 mg/L or ppm). Results above red line indicate class B attainment. Refer to map for sample site locations. (Source Penobscot Nation Water Resources Program)

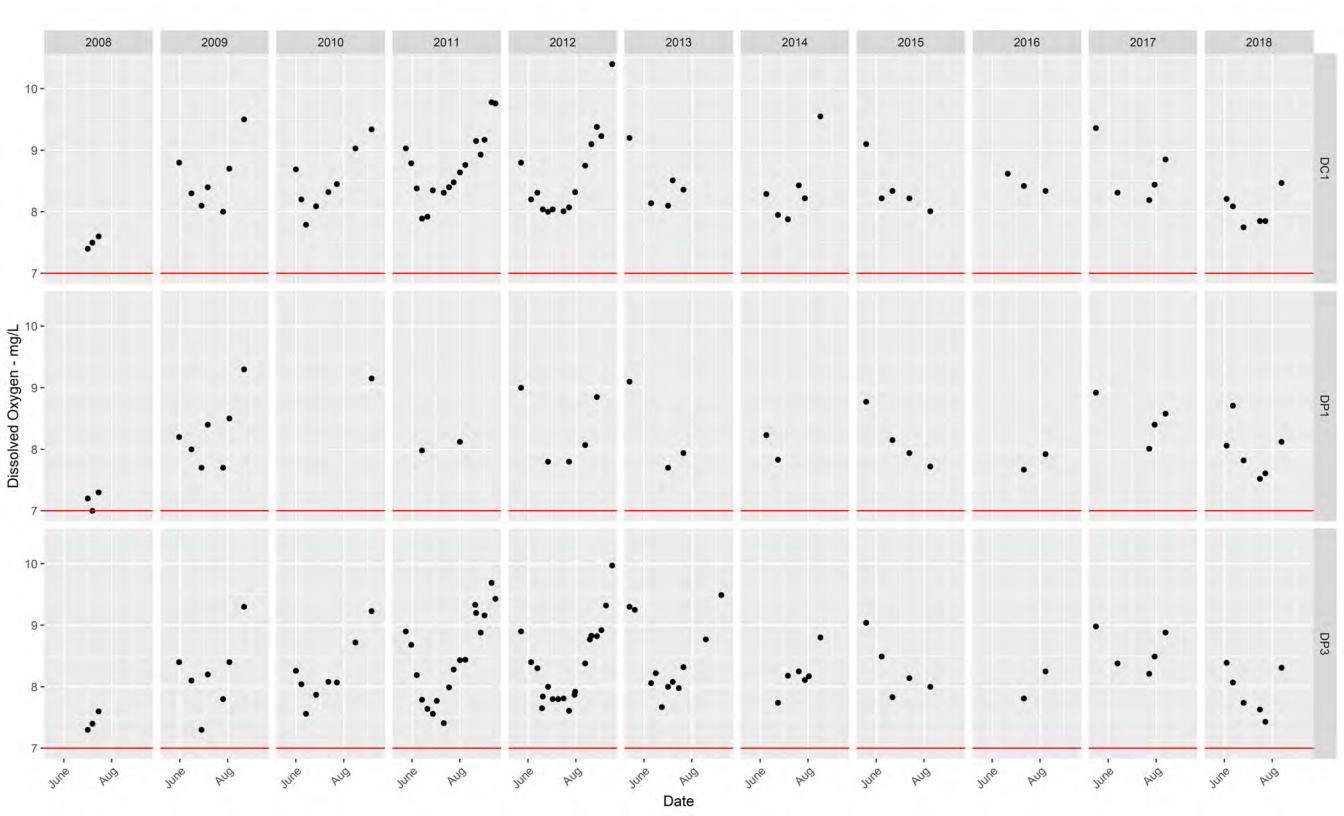


Figure 6. Summary of dissolved oxygen percent saturation results for 2008-2018 from sites on West Branch Penobscot between Millinocket and Dolby Pond dam. Straight red line indicates class B minimum dissolved oxygen percent saturation criteria (75%). Results above red line indicate class B attainment. Refer to map for sample site locations. (Source Penobscot Nation Water Resources Program)

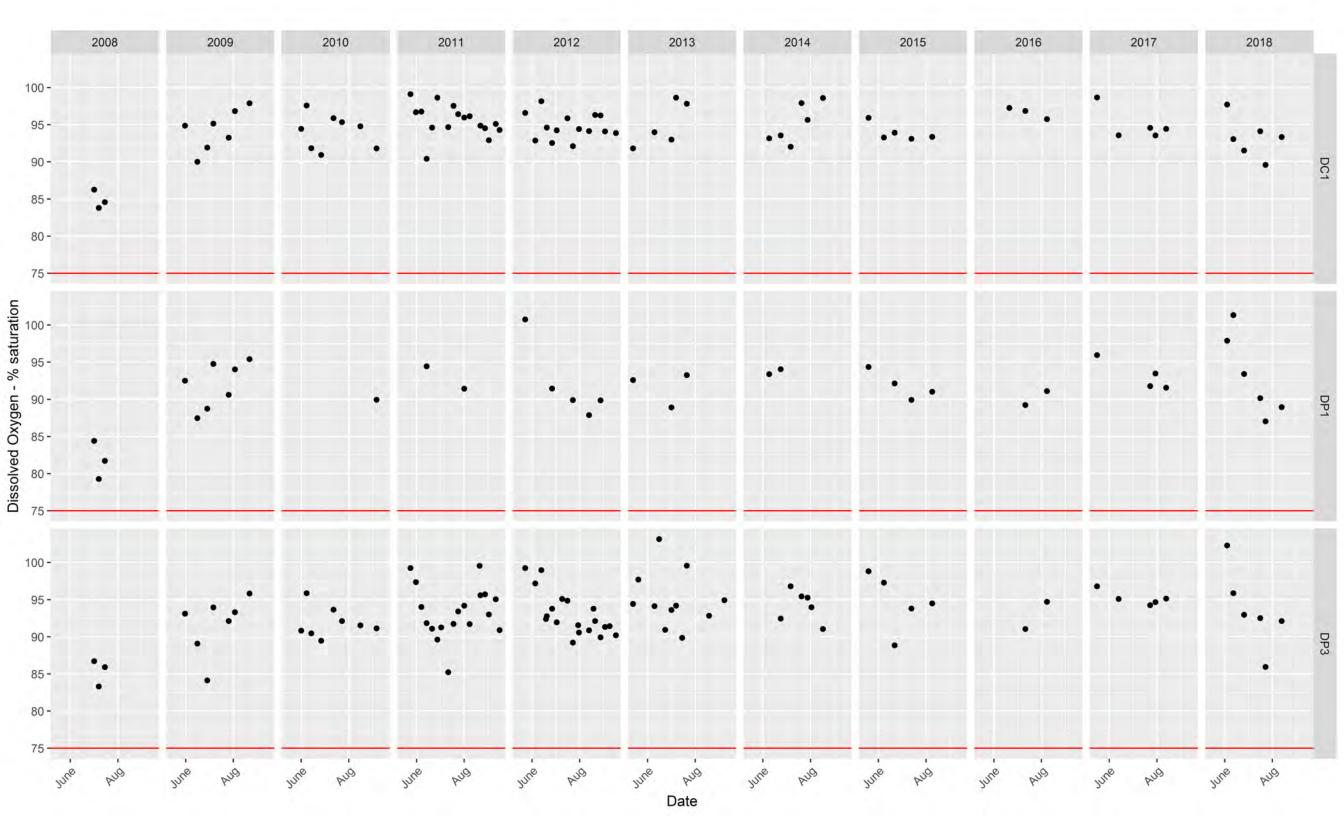


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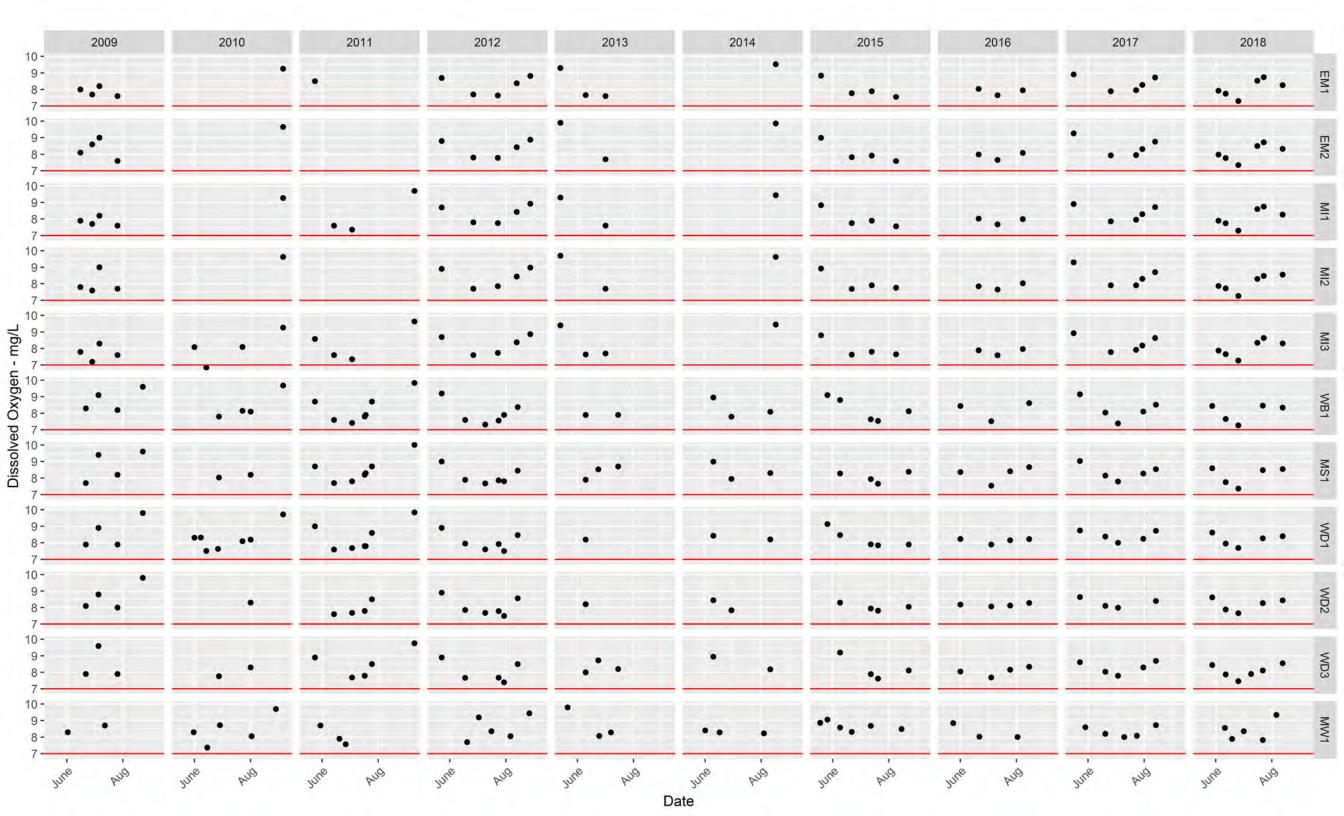
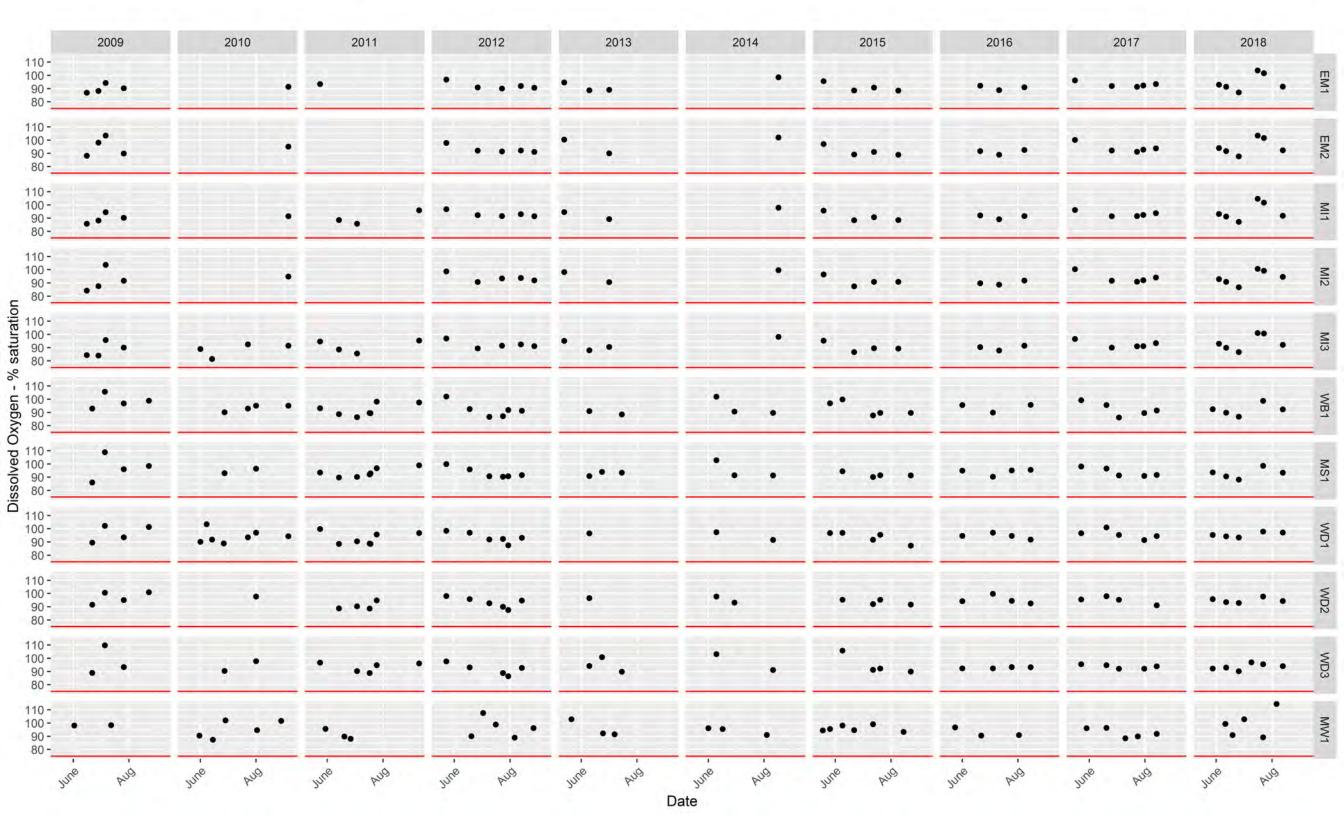
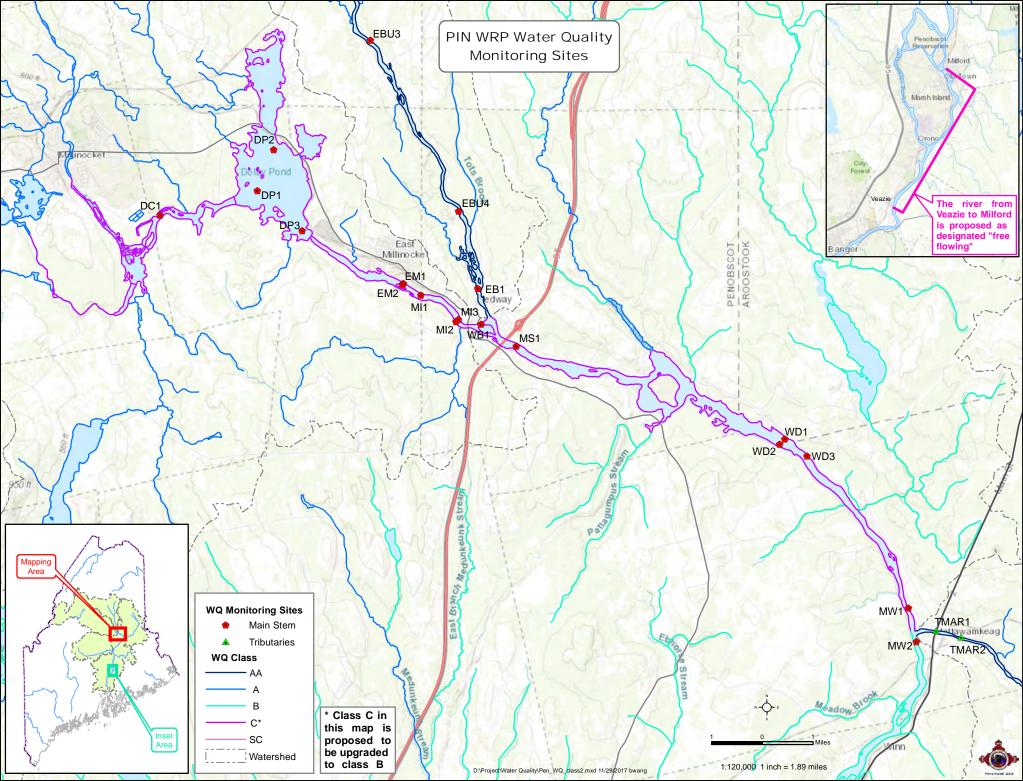


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Legislative Class: C Model Classification: B with P >= 60%

#### Classification Attainment Model Probabilities

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River B Water B	ody V	PENOBSCOT RIVER NEST BRANCH MEDWAY
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MEDWAY Stream Order 7

Sample Method Subsample Factor X1

0 Ref LOG # 08/02/95 Date IN 08/31/95 Date OUT

SUMMARY OF HABITAT CHARACTERISTICS 19.0 Temp ROLLING Land Use UPLAND HARDWOOD Terrain 100.0 Width OPEN Cover UPLAND CONIFER 50.0 Depth Pollutant 57.00 Veloc

Substrate Composition GIS Site Location 10 Gravel Bedrock Latitude 10 Sand 20 Boulder Longitude Silt 60 Rubble Detritus

Model Classification: B with P >= 60% Legislative Class:

### Classification Attainment Model Probabilities

First Stage Model Class A 0.54608 Class B Class C 0.00100 Non-Attainment		C or better M Class A,B, or C Non-Attainment	<u>lodel</u> 1.00000 0.00000
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NAIS	08020202009	7.6	7.6		CG	2.3	
PLACOBDELLA	08030101006	0.3	0.3			0.1	0.1
CLADOCERA	090104	3.0	3.0		DD	0.9	0.9
ISOPERLA	09020207026	1.0	1.0	2	PR	0.3	0.3
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ACERPENNA	09020401007	0.0	19.5	5	CG	0.0	6.0
ACERPENNA	09020401007011	19.3	0.0	5	CG	5.9	0.0
${\it HEPTAGENIIDAE}$	09020402	13.6	0.0			4.2	0.0
STENONEMA	09020402015	62.3	87.3	4	SC	19.1	26.8
STENONEMA	09020402015051	8.3	0.0	4	sc	2.5	0.0
STENONEMA	09020402015055	3.0	0.0	4	sc	0.9	0.0
${\it LEPTOPHLEBIIDAE}$	09020406	2.0	2.0			0.6	0.6
EPHEMERELLA	09020410035	14.0	14.0	1	CG	4.3	4.3
EURYLOPHELLA	09020410036	1.0	1.0	3	CG	0.3	0.3
CAENIS	09020412040	0.3	0.3	. 7	CG	0.1	0.1
NYCTIOPHYLAX	09020603009	0.3	0.3	5	PR	0.1	0.1
CHEUMATOPSYCHE	09020604015	4.6	4.6	5	CF	1.4	1.4
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016	1.0	1.0	4	CF	0.3	0.3
HYDROPTILIDAE	09020607	0.6	0.6			0.2	0.2
ORTHOTRICHIA	09020607031	0.3	0.3		P	0.1	0.1
BRACHYCENTRUS	09020609043	1,0	1.0	0	CF	0.3	0.3
LIMNEPHILIDAE	09020610	1.0	1.0			0.3	0.3
LEPIDOSTOMA	09020611064	1.0	1.0	1	S	0.3	0.3
HELICOPSYCHE	09020616070	0.3	0.3	3	sc	0.1	0.1
CERACLEA	09020618072	4.3	4.3	3	CG	1.3	1.3
CHIRONOMIDAE	09021011	1,0	0.0			0.3	0.0
ABLABESMYIA	09021011001	0.0	1,0	80	PR	0.0	0.3
ABLABESMYIA	09021011001004	0.6	0.0	80	PR	0.2	0.0
ABLABESMYIA	09021011001006	0.3	0.0	80	PR	0.1	0.0
LABRUNDINIA	09021011008	0.6	0.6	7	PR	0.2	0.2

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		AVG	/BSKT	ві	FG	R/K	REL	ABUND
TAXA	CODE	ACTUAL '	ADJUST			,	ACT	ADJ
NILOTANYPUS	09021011012	1.0	1.0	6	PR		0.3	0.3
PENTANEURA	09021011012	0.6	0.6	6	PR		0.2	0.2
THIENEMANNIMYIA	09021011020	3,6	3.7	3	PR		1.1	$\tilde{1}.\bar{1}$
CORYNONEURA	09021011036	1.6	1.6	7	CG		0.5	0.5
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037	2.0	22.8	7	S		0.6	7.0
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037057	18.3	0.0	7	S		5.6	0.0
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037071	2.3	0.0	7	S		0.7	0.0
NANOCLADIUS	09021011049	1.0	1.0	3	CG		0.3	0.3
ORTHOCLADIUS	09021011050	0.3	2.6	6	CG		0.1	0.8
ORTHOCLADIUS	09021011050092	2.3	0.0	6	CG		0.7	0.0
PSECTROCLADIUS	09021011056	0.3	0.3	8	CG		0.1	0.1
${\it SYNORTHOCLADIUS}$	09021011061	19.6	19.8	2	CG		6.0	6.1
THIENEMANNIELLA	09021011062	2,6	2.7	6	CG		0.8	0.8
TVETENIA	09021011065	0.0	0.6	5	CG		0.0	0.2
TVETENIA	09021011065113	0.6	0.0	5	CG		0.2	0.0
RHEOTANYTARSUS	09021011072	2.3	2.3	6	CF		0.7	0.7
${\it STEMPELLINA}$	09021011073	0.6	0.6	2	CG		0.2	0.2
TANYTARSUS	09021011076	0.6	0.6	6	$\mathbf{CF}$		0.2	0.2
${\it GLYPTOTENDIPES}$	09021011088	16.3	16.5	10	S		5.0	5.0
${\it MICROTENDIPES}$	09021011094	1.3	1.3	6	$\mathbf{CF}$		0.4	0.4
${\it POLYPEDILUM}$	09021011102	0.0	15.8	6	S		0.0	4.8
POLYPEDILUM	09 <b>0210111</b> 02182	15.0	0.0	6	S		4.6	0.0
POLYPEDILUM	09021011102183	0.6	0.0	6	S		0.2	0.0
SIMULIUM	09021012047	1.3	1.3	4	$\mathbf{CF}$		0.4	0.4
ATHERIX	09021015055	0.3	0.3	2	$_{ m PR}$		0.1	0.1
PROMORESIA	09021113069	0.3	0.3				0.1	0.1
STENELMIS	09021113070	1.0	1.0	5	sc		0.3	0.3
LEBERTIIDAE	09030105	0.6	0.6				0.2	0.2
${\it HYDROBIIDAE}$	10010104	0.3	0.3				0.1	0.1
PHYSIDAE	10010202	1.6	1.6		sc		0.5	0.5
${\color{blue} ANCYLIDAE}$	10010204	4.3	4.3		sc		1.3	1.3

## Millinocket Stream Melow GNP Millinocket discharge out full

MSBD

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STATION ID: S279

LOG NUMBER: 543 LAST CALCULATED: 07/16/98 ADJUSTED TO GENUS

MODEL CALCULATED: 07/16/98

River Ba: Water Boo Town Stream O	dy MII MII	OBSCOT R LINOCKET LINOCKET		Subs Ref Date	ole Method sample Fact LOG # e IN e OUT	.or X1 08/31 09/27	0 ./95 <sup>1</sup> /95
SUMMARY ( Land Use	UPLAND		CTERISTICS Terrain Cover Pollutant	HILLY OPEN		Temp Width Depth Veloc	18.0 36.6 304.8 -99.00
Substrate Bedrock Boulder Rubble		ion Gravel Sand Silt	30 20	C	GIS Site Lo Latitude Longitude	cation	

Detritus

Legislative Class: C Model Classification: B with P >= 60%

#### Classification Attainment Model Probabilities

First Stage Model Class A 0.39466 Class B Class C 0.01778 Non-Attainment	0.58743 0.00013	C or better Non-Attainment	<u>1odel</u> 1.00000 0.00000
B or Better Model Class A or B Class C or Non-Attainment	0.99983 0.00017	A Model Class A Class B or C or Non-Attainment	0.50316 0.49684

02 03 04 05	TOT ABUN GEN RICH PLEC ABUN EPHEM ABUN SW GEN DIV HILS BIO IND	20.000 ( 6.310 ( 41.980 1 1.520 1	08 09 10 11	REL ABUN CHI REL RICH DIP HYDRO ABUN PROB ABC 1ST CHEUM ABUN EPT/DIPT	0.250 25.890 0.999 44.730	13 REL ABUN OLI 14 PROB AB 1ST 15 PERL ABUN 16 TANYPOD ABUN 17 CHIRON ABUN 18 REL AB EPHEM	0.000 0.982 5.980 0.000 3.120 0.072
20 21 22 23	EPT GEN RICH PROB(AB) SUB SUMMED ABUN PROB(A) 1ST REL PLEC RI REL AB BRACH	0.985 0.000 0.394 0.250	26 27 28 29	SUM ABUN SUM ABUN PROB(A) SUB EP GEN RICH DOM A IND PRES A INDIC	47.160 27.150 0.990 0.714 0.000 0.142	CHEUMATOPSYCHE HYDROPSYCHE STENONEMA	75.6 7.7 4.4 4.1 2.7

STATION ID: S279 LOG NUMBER: 543 LAST CALCULATED: 07/16/98 MODEL CALCULATED: 07/16/98

ТАХА	CODE	AVG/ ACTUAL	BSKT ADJUST	BI	FG	R/K	REL ACT	ABUND ADJ
PERLODIDAE	09020207	0.3	0.3				0.0	0.0
PERLIDAE	09020209	0.3	0.0				0.0	0.0
ACRONEURIA	09020209042	2.6	3.1	0	PR		0.4	0.5
ACRONEURIA	09020209042121	0.3	0.0	0	PR		0.0	0.0
ATTANEURIA	09020209043	0.0	0.3	1			0.0	0.0
ATTANEURIA	09020209043128	0.3	0.0	1	DD		0.0	0.0
PARAGNETINA	09020209049	0.0	0.3	1	PR		0.0	0.0
PARAGNETINA	09020209049149	0.3	0.0	1	PR		0.0	0.0
AGNETINA	09020209050	0.0	2.1	2	PR		0.0	0.3
AGNETINA BAETIS	09020209050152	2.0	0.0	2	PR CG		0.3	0.0
— ·- ·	09020401001	0.3	0.3	4			0.0	0.0
ACENTRELLA HEPTAGENIIDAE	09020401008	1.0 0.3	1.0	3	CG		0.1	0.1
	09020402		0.0	4	CO		0.0	0.0
STENONEMA STENONEMA	09020402015	8.0	23.9	4 4	SC SC		$\frac{1.3}{1.7}$	$\frac{4.1}{0.0}$
STENONEMA STENONEMA	09020402015050 09020402015051	10.3 5.3	0.0 0.0	4	SC		0.9	0.0
LEPTOPHLEBIIDAE	09020402015051	1.0	1.0	4	SC		0.9	0.1
EPHEMERELLA	09020400	15.6	15.6	1	CG		2.6	2.7
CHIMARRA	09020410033	1.3	1.3	2	CF		0.2	0.2
NEURECLIPSIS	09020603008	9.0	9.0	7	CF		1.5	1.5
HYDROPSYCHIDAE	09020604	0.6	0.0	•	CI		0.1	0.0
CHEUMATOPSYCHE	09020604015	44.3	44.7	5	CF		7.6	7.7
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016	2.0	25.8	4	CF	•	0.3	4.4
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016030	18.0	0.0	4	CF		3.1	0.0
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016032	1.3	0.0	4	CF		0.2	0.0
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016048	4.3	0.0	4	CF		0.7	0.0
MACROSTEMUM	09020604018	4.0	4.0	3	CF		0.6	0.7
CHIRONOMIDAE	09021011	0.3	0.0	_			0.0	0.0
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037	0.0	2.4	7	S		0.0	0.4
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037057	2.3	0.0	7	S		0.4	0.0
NANOCLADIUS	09021011049	0.3	0.3	3	CG		0.0	0.0
TVETENIA	09021011065	2.3	2.4	5	CG		0.4	0.4
POLYPEDILUM	09021011102	0.0	3.1	6	S		0.0	0.5
POLYPEDILUM	09021011102182	3.0	0.0	6	S		0.5	0.0
SIMULIUM	09021012047	0.0	438.6	4	CF		0.0	75.6
SIMULIUM	09021012047060	0.3	0.0	4	CF		0.0	0.0
SIMULIUM	09021012047064	438.3	0.0	4	CF		75.5	0.0

# NWB WB Penobscot below GNP Millimochet MWTP dinburges

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STATION ID: S277

LOG NUMBER: 548 LAST CALCULATED: 07/15/98 MODEL CALCULATED: 07/15/98

T CALCULATED: 07/15/98 ADJUSTED TO GENUS

River Ba Water Bo Town Stream O	dy WES	OBSCOT RIV T BRANCH LINOCKET	VER	Sample Meth Subsample I Ref LOG # Date IN Date OUT	nod Pactor	C X1 09/0 09/2	
SUMMARY Land Use	OF HABIT UP <b>L</b> AND	AT CHARAC' CONIFER	TERISTICS Terrain Cover Pollutant	OPEN	W: De	emp idth epth eloc	70.0 4.0 3.0 99.00
Substrate Bedrock Boulder Rubble	Composit 60 20	ion Gravel Sand Silt Detritus	10 10	GIS Site Latitud Longitu	de	tion	

Legislative Class: C Model Classification: A with P >= 60%

### Classification Attainment Model Probabilities

First Stage Model Class A 0.72511 Class B Class C 0.00049 Non-Attainment	0.27440 0.00000	C or better M Class A,B, or C Non-Attainment	Model 1.00000 0.00000
B or Better Model Class A or B Class C or Non-Attainment	0.99997 0.00003	A Model Class A Class B or C or Non-Attainment	0.74654 0.25346

02 03 04 05	TOT ABUN GEN RICH PLEC ABUN EPHEM ABUN SW GEN DIV HILS BIO IND	44.000 08 12.660 09 97.660 10 3.780 13	7 REL ABUN CHI 8 REL RICH DIP 9 HYDRO ABUN 10 PROB ABC 1ST 11 CHEUM ABUN 12 EPT/DIPT	0.102 13 REL ABUN OLI 0.386 14 PROB AB 1ST 65.340 15 PERL ABUN 1.000 16 TANYPOD ABUN 41.650 17 CHIRON ABUN 1.235 18 REL AB EPHEM	0.027 0.999 12.000 3.490 12.530 0.339
20 21 22 23	EPT GEN RICH PROB(AB) SUB SUMMED ABUN PROB(A) 1ST REL PLEC RI REL AB BRACH	0.999 20 0.700 20 0.725 20 0.136 20	5 SUM ABUN 6 SUM ABUN 7 PROB(A) SUB 8 EP GEN RICH 9 DOM A IND 0 PRES A INDIC	43.400 5 Dominant Taxa 28.450 HYDROPSYCHE 0.835 CHEUMATOPSYCHE 1.000 EPHEMERELLA 0.000 ACENTRELLA 0.142 STENONEMA	22.7 14.4 12.9 9.9 9.3

TOTAL

STATION ID: S277 LOG NUMBER: 548 LAST CALCULATED: 07/15/98 MODEL CALCULATED: 07/15/98

ТАХА	CODE	AVG,	/BSKT ADJUST	ві	FG	R/K REL A	BUND ADJ
		0 0	0.3			0.0	0.1
DUGESIA DUGESIA	03010101002 03010101002003	0.0 0.3	0.0			0.1	0.0
CHAETOGASTER	08020202002	0.0	0.3			0.0	0.1
CHAETOGASTER CHAETOGASTER	08020202002002	0.3	0.0			0.1	0.0
NAIS	08020202009	0.0	1.0		CG	0.0	0.3
NAIS	08020202009008	0.3	0.0		CG	0.1	0.0
NAIS	08020202009009	0.6	0.0		CG	0.2	0.0
STYLARIA	08020202014	0.0	6.6		CG	0.0	2.3
STYLARIA	08020202014001	6.6	0.0	_	CG	2.3	0.0
HYALELLA	09010203006	0.0	1.0	8	CG	0.0	0.3
HYALELLA	09010203006011	1.0	0.0	8	CG	0.3	0.0 0.1
TAENIOPTERYX	09020202014	0.3	0.3	2	SC	0.1 0.1	0.1
PERLODIDAE	09020207	0.3	0.3			0.1	0.0
PERLIDAE	09020209	1.0 0.0	0.0 1.4	0	PR	0.0	0.5
ACRONEURIA	09020209042	1.0	0.0	0	PR	0.3	0.0
ACRONEURIA	09020209042125 09020209042126	0.3	0.0	ő	PR	0.1	0.0
ACRONEURIA ATTANEURIA	09020209042120	0.0	2.9	ĭ	1	0.0	1.0
ATTANEURIA ATTANEURIA	09020209043	2.6	0.0	ī		0.9	0.0
PARAGNETINA	09020209049	0.0	0.3	ī	PR	0.0	0.1
PARAGNETINA	09020209049151	0.3	0.0	1	PR	0.1	0.0
AGNETINA	09020209050	0.0	7.2	2	PR	0.0	2.5
AGNETINA	09020209050152	6.6	0.0	2	PR	2.3	0.0
BAETIDAE	09020401	4.0	0.0			1.3	0.0
BAETIS	09020401001	0.0	0.3	4	CG	0.0	0.1
BAETIS	09020401001008	0.3	0.0	4	CG	0.1	0.0
HETEROCLOEON	09020401005	0.3	0.3	2	SC	0.1	0.1
<i>ACERPENNA</i>	09020401007	2.0	2.2	5	CG	0.6	8.0
ACENTRELLA	09020401008	25.0	28.6	3	CG	8.6	9.9 0.0
${\it HEPTAGENIIDAE}$	09020402	0.3	0.0	4	00	0.1 2.4	9.3
STENONEMA	09020402015	7.0	27.0	4	SC	0.1	0.0
STENONEMA	09020402015049	0.3 4.6	0.0 0.0	4 4	SC	1.6	0.0
STENONEMA	09020402015050 09020402015051	13.0	0.0	4	SC	4.5	0.0
STENONEMA	09020402015051	13.0	0.0	4	SC	0.5	0.0
STENONEMA LEPTOPHLEBIIDAE	09020402013033	1.3	1.3	7	50	0.4	0.4
EPHEMERELLA	09020400	37.3	37.3	1	CG	12.9	12.9
TRICORYTHODES	09020410033	0.3	0.3	4	ĊĠ	0.1	0.1
CHIMARRA	09020411030	15.3	15.3	2	CF	5.3	5.3
NEURECLIPSIS	09020603008	8.6	8.6	7	CF	3.0	3.0
HYDROPSYCHIDAE	09020604	7.6	0.0			2.6	0.0
CHEUMATOPSYCHE	09020604015	38.6	41.6	5	CF	13.4	14.4
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016	20.0	65.3	4	CF	6.9	22.7
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		AVG/BSKT		ві	FG		ABUND
TAXA	CODE	ACTUAL	ADJUST			ACT	ADJ
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016030	9.0	0.0	4	CF	3.1	0.0
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016032	10.0	0.0	4	CF	3.4	0.0
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016037	0.6	0.0	4	$\mathbf{CF}$	0.2	0.0
HYDROPSYCHE	09020604016048	21.0	0.0	4	CF	7.3	0.0
MACROSTEMUM	09020604018	0.3	0.3	3	CF	0.1	0.1
PROTOPTILA	09020606022	0.3	0.3	1	SC	0.1	0.1
LEPIDOSTOMA	09020611064	0.3	0.3	1	S	0.1	0.1
CHIRONOMIDAE	09021011	1.3	0.0			0.4	0.0
CONCHAPELOPIA	09021011004	1.6	1.7	6	PR	0.5	0.6
${\tt MEROPELOPIA}$	09021011010	0.6	0.7			0.2	0.2
PARAMERINA	09021011013	0.3	0.3			0.1	0.1
RHEOPELOPIA	09021011017	0.6	0.7		PR	0.2	0.2
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037	0.6	1.7	7	S	0.2	0.6
CRICOTOPUS	09021011037057	1.0	0.0	. 7	S	0.3	0.0
NANOCLADIUS	09021011049	2.3	2.4	3	CG	0.8	0.8
ORTHOCLADIUS	09021011050	5.3	5.5	6	CG	1.8	1.9
SYNORTHOCLADIUS	09021011061	0.3	0.3	2	CG	0.1	0.1
TVETENIA	09021011065	1.3	3.1	5	CG	0.4	1.0
TVETENIA	09021011065112	1.6	0.0	5	CG	0.5	0.0
CHIRONOMUS	09021011080	0.3	0.3	10	CG	0.1	0.1
DICROTENDIPES	09021011085	0.6	0.7	8	CG	0.2	0.2
ENDOCHIRONOMUS	09021011087	0.3	0.3	10	S	0.1	0.1
GLYPTOTENDIPES	09021011088	2.0	2.0	10	S	0.6	0.7
${\tt MICROTENDIPES}$	09021011094	0.0	4.5	6	CF	0.0	1.5
${\it MICROTENDIPES}$	09021011094166	4.3	0.0	6	$\mathbf{CF}$	1.5	0.0
POLYPEDILUM	09021011102	0.0	4.5	6	S	0.0	1.5
POLYPEDILUM	09021011102182	4.3	0.0	6	S	1.5	0.0
HELOPELOPIA	09021011114	0.3	0.3	6	PR	0.1	0.1
SIMULIUM	09021012047	0.0	5.0	4	CF	0.0	1.7
SIMULIUM	09021012047060	0.3	0.0	4	CF	0.1	0.0
SIMULIUM	09021012047064	4.6	0.0	4	CF	1.6	0.0
BASOMMATOPHORA	100102	1.0	1.0			0.3	0.3
FERRISSIA	10010204035	0,3	0.3		SC	0.1	0.1