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October 11, 2022

Joe Lefebvre

**RE: Information Request – 1 Peaslee Drive Project, Alna**

Dear Joe Lefebvre:

Per your request received on October 11, 2022, we have reviewed current Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) information for known locations of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species; designated Essential and Significant Wildlife Habitats; and inland fisheries habitat concerns within the vicinity of the *1 Peaslee Drive* project in Alna.

Our Department has not mapped any Essential or Significant Wildlife Habitats or inland fisheries habitats that would be directly affected by your project.

***Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species***

Brook Floater - The brook floater, a Maine Threatened species, is a small to medium-sized freshwater mussel. This rare animal has experienced significant declines throughout its range, with many populations being extirpated due to low population densities, fragmented distributions, and limited or no evidence of recruitment. Because the brook floaters require clean, free-flowing riverine habitat, it is especially vulnerable to impacts from pollution, sedimentation, dams, and surrounding land use practices that degrade or alter its aquatic habitat. Minimal impacts are anticipated to this species as a result of this project so long as no work is proposed in the existing forested riparian buffer.

Wood Turtle - Occurrences of wood turtle, a State Species of Special Concern, have been documented within the vicinity of the search area of the proposed project. Wood turtles use a mix of aquatic and terrestrial habitats throughout the year including riparian meadows, shrub thickets, farmland, and deciduous forests as well as bogs, forested wetlands, vernal pools, and streams. If these habitats are present in the project area, we recommend that they be avoided and adequately buffered with a 300-foot undisturbed, intact vegetative cover.

This consultation review has been conducted specifically for known MDIFW jurisdictional features and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review for the presence of other regulated features that may occur in this area. Prior to the start of any future site disturbance we recommend additional consultation with the municipality, and other state resource agencies including the Maine Natural Areas Program, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and Maine Department of Environmental Protection in order to avoid unintended protected resource disturbance.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this information, or if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,

Letter to Joe Lefebvre  
Comments RE: 1 Peaslee Drive, Alna  
October 11, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Becca Settele', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Becca Settele  
Wildlife Biologist