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TO: Planning Board
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RE: CROOKER APPLICATION

We would like to offer these comments regarding the expansion of activities at the Crooker Whitefield/Alna operation.

We are opposed to any further activity at this location. We don't know for sure how long this operation has been operating but we know for sure that it is well more than 30 years. All of us directly impacted by the noise and truck traffic have put up with this for far too long. This operation eliminated one of the largest aquifer feeding the Sheepscot River, home to countless endangered species including the Federally protected Atlantic Salmon. The truck traffic has disrupted our otherwise quiet town environment, rattled houses and it continues doing significant damage to our roads.

It is time for our town to simply say, "Enough is enough." They have had their business for long enough and they have impacted our quality of life for long enough. Why we could not adopt a mirror image of the Whitefield ordinance I do not know but we should have done so.

Some mention was made earlier in this process about jobs. Where is it that the Town of Alna is supposed to take into consideration jobs against our town's best interests? Crooker jobs have been in place long enough at this operation and it's time Alna step up and does what is best for Alna.

This operation has destroyed a significant aquifer for our beloved Sheepscot River. This would never have been allowed today given what we know about

aquifers, their importance and the destruction of an aquifer that once supported a nationally significant river.

Any discussion of the water table at this site should take into consideration the historic water table that was there before their operation destroyed it and not make decisions based on what is the artificial water table that exists now as a result of Crocker removing tens of thousands of yards of aquifer materials over all the years they have been operating.

Having an industrial gravel pit never was and certainly is not today in keeping with our once quiet and wholly residential town.

We urge you to adopt the most stringent limits on their activities and to place a time frame within which their operations will cease.

Thank you