

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

STATE HOUSE STATION 17

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY)	STREAM ALTERATION and
East Millinocket, Maine)	WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
MAINTENANCE DREDGING RENEWAL)	
#L-011700-30-B-R)	RENEWAL

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 38 M.R.S.A., Section 425 and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Department of Environmental Protection has considered the application of GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY with its supportive data, staff summary, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and finds the following facts:

1. The applicant proposes to renew Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Stream Alteration Permit #1280-19170 (as amended October 6, 1982). That permit expires on June 30, 1986.
2. The permit renewal would be for periodic maintenance dredging of accumulated bark and sediments at the Dolby site where pulpwood is discharged into the West Branch of the Penobscot River and at the East Millinocket Mill where the pulpwood is hauled up into the Woodroom.

The East Millinocket Mill is approximately 1 1/2 miles southeast along the river from the Dolby site.

3. The original permit issued July 15, 1976 was for construction of the Dolby pulpwood unloading facility and did not address the periodic maintenance dredging issue.
4. The amended permit of October 6, 1982 specifically allowed for this maintenance dredging.
5. An estimated total of 3 to 5 thousand cubic yards of bark and debris must be removed annually at both locations. The material is disposed of at a licensed solid waste disposal area in Dolby.
6. The company also holds a Maine Waste Water Discharge Permit and Maine and Federal NPDES log storage permits for activities in this area.

BASED on the above Findings of Fact, the Department makes the following conclusions:

- A. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with existing recreational and navigational uses.
- B. The proposed activity will not unreasonably cause soil erosion.
- C. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with the natural flow of any waters.



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- D. The proposed activity will not unreasonably harm wildlife habitat.
- E. The proposed activity will not unreasonably lower the quality of the water and will not violate applicable Water Quality Standards.
- F. The activity is not on an outstanding river segment as noted in Title 38 M.R.S.A., Section 426.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES WITH THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS the application of GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY to continue maintenance dredging in East Millinocket, Maine, in accordance with the following conditions.

- 1. Conditions of the original and amended permits are to be followed, attached.
- 2. This extends the amended permit to June 30, 1988.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

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BY: K.C. Young, Jr.
Kenneth C. Young, Jr., Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR APPEAL PROCEDURES.....