



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE HOUSE STATION 17 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY)	NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT
East Millinocket, Maine)	STREAM ALTERATION AND
MAINTENANCE DREDGING RENEWAL)	WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
#L-011700-30-C-R)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 38, M.R.S.A., Section 480-D 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 the supportive data, staff summary, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and finds the following facts:

1. The applicant proposes to renew Department of Environmental Protection Stream Alteration Permit #L-011700-C-R which expired on June 30, 1988.
2. The permit renewal is for the periodic maintenance dredging of accumulated bark and sediments at (1) the Dolby site where pulpwood is discharged into the West Branch of the Penobscot River and at (2) 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. 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.
4. 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 finding of fact, the Department makes the following conclusions:

- A. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with existing scenic, aesthetic, recreational or navigational uses.
- B. The proposed activity will not cause unreasonable erosion or sediment and/or will not inhibit the natural transfer of soil from the terrestrial to the marine or freshwater environment.
- C. The proposed activity will not unreasonably harm any significant wildlife habitat, freshwater wetland plant habitat, aquatic habitat travel corridor, freshwater, estuarine or marine fisheries or other aquatic life.
- D. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with the natural flow of any surface or subsurface waters.

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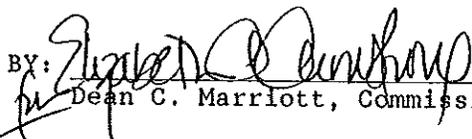
- E. The proposed activity will not violate any state water quality law including those governing the classifications of the State's waters.
- F. The proposed activity will not unreasonably cause or increase the flooding of the alteration area or adjacent properties.
- G. If the activity is on or adjacent to a sand dune, the proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with the natural supply or movement of sand within or to the sand dune system or unreasonably increase the erosion hazard to the sand dune system.
- H. The activity is on an outstanding river segment as noted in Title 38 M.R.S.A., Section 480.

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

1. Standard Conditions of Approval, a copy attached.
2. Dredged materials shall be disposed of at the licensed solid waste site at Dolby.
3. This extends the amended permit to June 30, 1993.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 25th DAY OF August, 1988.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: 
Dean C. Marriott, Commissioner

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

Date of initial receipt of application 6/27/88

Date of application acceptance 7/27/88

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****STANDARD CONDITIONS****

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO THIS PERMIT GRANTED UNDER THE STREAM ALTERATION ACT, TITLE 38 M.R.S.A., SECTION 425, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE PERMIT.

- A. Approval of Variations From Plans. The granting of this permit is dependent upon and limited to the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted and affirmed to by the applicant. Any variation from these plans, proposals, and supporting documents is subject to review and approval prior to implementation.
- B. Compliance With All Applicable Laws. The applicant shall secure and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local licenses, permits, authorizations, conditions, agreements, and orders prior to or during construction and operation, as appropriate.
- C. Compliance With All Permit Terms and Conditions. The applicant shall submit all reports and information requested by the Board or the Department demonstrating that the applicant has complied or will comply with all terms and conditions of this permit. All preconstruction terms and conditions must be met before construction begins.
- D. Initiation of Activity Within Two Years. If construction or operation of the activity is not begun within two years, this permit shall lapse and the applicant shall reapply to the Board for a new permit. The applicant may not begin construction or operation of the activity until a new permit is granted. Reapplications for permits shall state the reasons why the activity was not begun within two years from the granting of the initial permit and the reasons why the applicant will be able to begin the activity within two years from the granting of a new permit, if so granted. Reapplications for permits may include information submitted in the initial application by reference.
- E. Reexamination After Five Years. If the approved activity is not completed within five years from the date of the granting of a permit, the Board may reexamine its permit approval and impose additional terms or conditions to respond to significant changes in circumstances which may have occurred during the five-year period.
- F. No Construction Equipment Below High Water. No construction equipment being used in the undertaking of an approved activity is allowed below the high water line; unless specified otherwise in the permit.
- G. Permit Included In Contract Bids. A copy of this permit must be included in or attached to all contract bid specifications for the approved activity.
- H. Permit Shown To Contractor. Work done by a contractor pursuant to this permit shall not begin before the contractor has been shown by the applicant a copy of this permit.

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