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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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September 25, 2006
Subject: **York**
Project No. ER-1452(800)X
Pin No. 14528.00
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

Please make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

Remove the existing "Special Provision, Section 105, General Scope of Work, (Environmental Requirements)" one page total dated 8/4/06 and replace with the attached updated "Special Provision, Section 105, General Scope of Work, (Environmental Requirements)" one page total dated 9/22/06.

Add the attached "Special Provision, Section 203, Excavation and Embankment, (Dredge Material)" dated 31 August 2006 one page total.

Add the attached "Special Provision, Section 656, Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control" dated September 1, 2006 two pages total.

Add the attached Army Corp of Engineers Permit seventeen pages total.

Consider these changes prior to submitting your bid on September 27, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford".

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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Town: York
PIN #: 14528.00
Date: 9/22/06

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 105
General Scope of Work
(Environmental Requirements)

Instream Work shall not be allowed between the dates of November 1st and July 14th.
(Instream work is allowed from July 15th to October 31st.)

Stream Name with Station #: Little River/Atlantic Ocean; no stationing at this time.
Special Conditions:

Instream work consists of any activity conducted below the normal high water mark.

All activities are prohibited (including placement and removal of cofferdams) below the normal high water mark and non low flow conditions during the instream work window restriction, except for the following:

- Work within a sealed and dewatered cofferdam. Maintenance pumping within a sealed cofferdam is also allowed.

No construction activity, whether temporary or permanent, is allowed that completely blocks a river, stream, or brook without providing downstream flow.

The contractor shall abide by all permits and conditions.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 203
EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT
(Dredge Materials)

Description: Dredge Material (See MDOT Standard Specifications § 101.2) is regulated as a Special Waste.

One hundred cubic yards or less of Dredge Material Beneficially Used in the area adjacent to and draining into the dredged water body is exempt from Beneficial Use Permits. The Dredge Material quantity from the flood related repair of the Ice Pond Bridge is expected to be less than 100-cubic yards.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Management: The contractor shall Beneficially Use all Dredge Material excavated at the Ice Pond Bridge in the area adjacent to and draining into the dredged water body. No more than 100-cubic yards of Dredge Material may be excavated.

Method of Measurement: Dredge Material will be measured by the cubic yard of material removed.

Basis of Payment: Payment for the Beneficial Use of Dredge Material will be incidental to the Contract Pay Items.

Payment shall be full compensation for excavation, dewatering, managing, transporting, and placement of the Dredge Materials.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 656
Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control

The following is added to Section 656 regarding Project Specific Information and Requirements. All references to the Maine Department of Transportation Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control (a.k.a. Best Management Practices manual or BMP Manual) are a reference to the latest revision of said manual. The "Table of Contents" of the latest version is dated "1/19/00" (available at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/mainhtml/bmp/bmpjan2000.pdf>.)

Procedures specified shall be according to the BMP Manual unless stated otherwise.

Any and all references to "bark mulch" or "composted bark mix" shall be a reference to "Erosion Control Mix" in accordance with *Standard Specification, Section 619 - Mulch*.

Project Specific Information and Requirements

The following information and requirements apply specifically to this Project. The temporary soil erosion and water pollution control measures associated with this work shall be addressed in the SEWPCP.

- 1). The project is located at the mouth of the Little River at York Beach. Marine waters along York Beach are rated Class SB for water quality. This project is **NOT SENSITIVE** as defined by the BMP Manual but, due to the proximity to the resource, strict erosion and sediment controls are necessary.
- 2). Demolition debris (including concrete rubble and fill) shall be contained and shall not be allowed to discharge into the ocean. Containment and disposal and/or reuse of demolition debris shall be addressed in the Contractor's SEWPCP.
- 3). The SEWPCP shall describe the containment method used for replacement of the wing wall and construction of the toe wall and new slab at the outlet. Details concerning installation of cofferdams around the work areas and the cofferdam dewatering procedures shall be presented in the SEWPCP.
- 4). Cofferdam sedimentation basins are required if cofferdams are used. Where site constraints preclude the use of an upland sedimentation basin, alternative sediment containment structures or devices may be used contingent on the approval of the Resident Engineer. After treatment, water discharged from sedimentation basins, structures, or devices shall have a turbidity no greater than the receiving resource. The location of cofferdam sedimentation basins, structures, or devices shall be addressed in the SEWPCP.
- 5). Cofferdams shall be prepared for controlled flooding in the event high water and potential overtopping of cofferdams is expected. Controlled flooding shall reduce the potential for structural failure of cofferdams and shall limit scouring of materials in the

bottom of cofferdams. Stabilization measures such as rip rap splash pads and anchored geotextile or plastic sheeting shall be installed when cofferdam flooding is expected.

6). Fresh concrete shall not be allowed to directly contact the river water or ocean. Clean out of concrete delivery trucks and the washing of tools shall be addressed in the SEWPCP.

7). Prior to release to the ocean, any impounded water that has been in contact with concrete placed during construction must have a pH between 7.0 and 8.5, must be within one pH unit of the background pH level of the resource and shall have a turbidity no greater than the receiving resource. This requirement is applicable to concrete that is placed or spilled (including leakage from forms) as well as indirect contact via tools or equipment. Water not meeting release criteria shall be addressed in the SEWPCP. Discharging impounded water to the ocean must take place in a manner that does not disturb the bottom or cause erosion.

8). The Contractor shall be responsible for monitoring pH with a calibrated meter accurate to 0.1 units. A record of pH measurements shall be kept in the Environmental Coordinator's log (*Standard Specification, Section 656.4.4 Inspection and Record Keeping.*)

9). Repairs to temporary erosion control practices shall occur within 24 hours after storm-related failures.

10). Permanent slope stabilization measures shall be applied within one week of the last soil disturbance.

11). After November 1, the Contractor shall use winter stabilization methods, such as Erosion Control Mix as specified in *Standard Specification, Section 619 – Mulch*. If required, spring procedures for permanent stabilization shall also be described in the plan. Use of this product for over-winter temporary erosion control will be incidental to the contract and be paid for as part of Pay Item 656.75.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
 696 VIRGINIA ROAD
 CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

REPLY TO:
 ATTENTION OF:

MAINE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT (PGP)
 AUTHORIZATION LETTER AND SCREENING SUMMARY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
 MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
 16 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

CORPS PERMIT # NAE-2006-3038
 CORPS PGP ID# 06-426
 STATE ID# PBR

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Place fill below the high tide line of the Little River at York, Maine in order to reconstruct a bridge abutment damaged in 2006 floods. Approximately 150 s.f. (0.003 acres) of stream bottom will be impacted by the project.

DOT PIN: 14529.00

LAT/LONG COORDINATES : 43.1500624° N 70.6255058° W USGS QUAD: YORK BEACH, ME

I. CORPS DETERMINATION:

Based on our review of the information you provided, we have determined that your project will have only minimal individual and cumulative impacts on waters and wetlands of the United States. Your work is therefore authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the enclosed Federal Permit, the Maine Programmatic General Permit (PGP).

You must perform the activity authorized herein in compliance with all the terms and conditions of the PGP [including any attached Additional Conditions and any conditions placed on the State 401 Water Quality Certification including any required mitigation]. Please review the enclosed PGP carefully, including the PGP conditions beginning on page 7, to familiarize yourself with its contents. You are responsible for complying with all of the PGP requirements; therefore you should be certain that whoever does the work fully understands all of the conditions. You may wish to discuss the conditions of this authorization with your contractor to ensure the contractor can accomplish the work in a manner that conforms to all requirements.

If you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

Condition 38 of the PGP (page 15) provides one year for completion of work that has commenced or is under contract to commence prior to the expiration of the PGP on October 11, 2010. You will need to apply for reauthorization for any work within Corps jurisdiction that is not completed by October 11, 2011.

No work may be started unless and until all other required local, State and Federal licenses and permits have been obtained. This includes but is not limited to a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by the town if necessary. Also, this permit requires you to notify us before beginning work and allow us to inspect the project. Hence, you must complete and return the attached Work Start Notification Form(s) to this office no later than 2 weeks before the anticipated starting date. (For projects requiring mitigation, be sure to include the MITIGATION WORK START FORM).

II. STATE ACTIONS: PENDING [], ISSUED [], DENIED [] DATE _____

APPLICATION TYPE: PBR: TIER 1: TIER 2: TIER 3: LURC: DMR LEASE: NA:

III. FEDERAL ACTIONS:

JOINT PROCESSING MEETING: 8/24/06 LEVEL OF REVIEW: CATEGORY 1: CATEGORY 2:

AUTHORITY: SEC 10 404 10/404 103

EXCLUSIONS: The exclusionary criteria identified in the general permit do not apply to this project.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): EFH PRESENT N (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES: Based on the terms and conditions of the PGP, which are intended to ensure that authorized projects cause no more than minimal environmental impacts, the Corps of Engineers has preliminary determined that this project will not cause more than minimal adverse effects to EFH identified under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

FEDERAL RESOURCE AGENCY OBJECTIONS: EPA NO, USF&WS NO, NMFS NO

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact my staff at 207-623-8367 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

JAY L. CLEMENT
 SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER
 MAINE PROJECT OFFICE

FRANK J. DEGIUDICE
 CHIEF, PERMITS & ENFORCEMENT BRANCH
 REGULATORY DIVISION
 DATE 9-22-06



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**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT
NO. NAE-2006-3038**

1. The permittee shall assure that a copy of this permit is at the work site whenever work is being performed and that all personnel performing work at the site of the work authorized by this permit are fully aware of the terms and conditions of the permit. This permit, including its drawings and any appendices and other attachments, shall be made a part of any and all contracts and sub-contracts for work which affects areas of Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction at the site of the work authorized by this permit. This shall be done by including the entire permit in the specifications for the work. If the permit is issued after construction specifications but before receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit shall be included as an addendum to the specifications. The term "entire permit" includes permit amendments. Although the permittee may assign various aspects of the work to different contractors or sub-contractors, all contractors and sub-contractors shall be obligated by contract to comply with all environmental protection provisions of the entire permit, and no contract or sub-contract shall require or allow unauthorized work in areas of Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.
2. Adequate sedimentation and erosion control devices, such as geotextile silt fences or other devices capable of filtering the fines involved, shall be installed and properly maintained to minimize impacts during construction. These devices must be removed upon completion of work and stabilization of disturbed areas. The sediment collected by these devices must also be removed and placed upland, in a manner that will prevent its later erosion and transport to a waterway or wetland.
3. All exposed soils resulting from the construction will be promptly seeded and mulched in order to achieve vegetative stabilization.
4. Instream work shall be conducted from June 15 to March 15 to minimize fisheries impacts and impacts to local water quality.



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PGP WORK START NOTIFICATION FORM
(Minimum Advance Notice: Two Weeks)

MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
Regulatory Branch
Policy Analysis/Technical Support Section
696 Virginia Road
Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751

A Corps of Engineers Permit (No _____) was issued to _____. The permit authorized the permittee(s) to _____

The people (e.g., contractor) listed below will do the work, and they understand the permit's conditions and limitations.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Person/Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____

Proposed Work Dates: Start: _____
Finish: _____

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

FOR USE BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

PM _____ Submittals Required: _____

Inspection Recommendation: _____



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New England District

(Minimum Notice: Permittee must sign and return notification
within one month of the completion of work.)

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

USACE Project Number: _____

Name of Permittee: _____

Permit Issuance Date: _____

Please sign this certification and return it to the following address upon completion of the activity and any mitigation required by the permit. You must submit this after the mitigation is complete, but not the mitigation monitoring, which requires separate submittals.

 * MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District *
 * Policy Analysis/Technical Support Branch, ATTN: Marie Farese *
 * Regulatory Division *
 * 696 Virginia Road *
 * Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751 *

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above referenced permit, and any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Date

Printed Name

Date of Work Completion

() _____
Telephone Number

() _____
Telephone Number

Applicant: General Public, State of Maine

Effective Date: October 11, 2005
Expiration Date: October 11, 2010

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT
STATE OF MAINE**

The New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby issues a Programmatic General Permit (PGP) that expedites review of minimal impact work in coastal and inland waters and wetlands within the State of Maine.

I. GENERAL CRITERIA

Activities with minimal impacts, as specified by the terms and conditions of this PGP and on the attached Appendix A, Definition of Categories, are either:

Category 1: Non-reporting. Eligible without screening (provided the authorizations are obtained which this permit states are necessary for activities to be eligible for authorization under this non-reporting category), or,

Category 2: Reporting. Require screening and a written determination of eligibility under the PGP by the Corps after coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. FWS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

This PGP does not affect the Corps Individual Permit review process or activities exempt from Corps jurisdiction.

II. ACTIVITIES COVERED:

Work and structures that are located in, or that affect, navigable waters of the United States (U.S.) (Corps regulates under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899); the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (Corps regulates under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act); and the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposal in the ocean (Corps regulates under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

III. PROCEDURES:

A. State Approvals

For projects authorized pursuant to this PGP, the following State approvals are also required. The applicable permits must be obtained in order for this PGP authorization to be valid (applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required State permits and approvals have been applied for and obtained):

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit, including permit-by-rule and general permit authorizations (NRPA permit issuance constitutes both the state permit and the WQC); Site Location of Development Act permit; and Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act permit.
- Maine Department of Conservation: Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) permit.
- Maine Department of Marine Resources: Lease.
- Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Submerged Lands: Lease

NOTE: This PGP may authorize projects that are not regulated by the State of Maine (e.g., seasonal floats or moorings).

subsequently authorized, an activity must result in minimal impacts to the aquatic environment as determined by the Corps based on comments from the review team and the criteria listed above. Mitigation may be required to compensate for unavoidable impacts to ensure net effects of a project are minimal.

For Category 2 projects, applicants must obtain a written authorization from the Corps and State approvals as stated on Page 1.

To ensure compliance with the conditions of this PGP, consultation with the Corps and outside experts is required. This includes consultation with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the appropriate Native American Indian tribes to ensure compliance with Condition 8. Also, note the review thresholds under Category 2 apply to single and complete projects only (see General Condition 5).

Enforcement cases. See previous section.

Application Procedures

The Corps must review and approve in writing all Category 2 activities. Generally, the State will provide the Corps with a copy of State applications received, but it is ultimately the applicant's responsibility to ensure the Corps receives the application from the State. Therefore, it is recommended that applicants either verify with the Corps receipt of their application from the State (DEP or LURC), or apply directly to the Corps with either a copy of their State application or a Corps application (ENG Form 4345). Applicants must apply directly to the Corps using ENG Form 4345 if the work is not State regulated.

Upon receipt of the application, the Corps will determine if it:

- (a) requires additional information (see "information typically required" on the following page);
- (b) is appropriate for screening with the Federal resource agencies (see Category 2 Federal Screening Procedures on the following page);
- (c) is ineligible under the terms and/or conditions of this PGP; or
- (d) will require Individual Permit review, regardless of whether the terms and conditions of this PGP are met, based on concerns for the aquatic environment or any other factor of the public interest (see General Condition 4, Discretionary Authority).

If open water disposal is proposed, the Corps will make a suitability determination, fully coordinated with the Federal resource agencies, before coordinating a project at a joint processing meeting.

All Category 2 applicants shall submit a copy of their application materials to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Indian tribe(s) listed on Page 17, at the same time, or before, they apply to the DEP, LURC, or the Corps, to be reviewed for the presence of historic, archaeological or tribal resources in the permit area that the proposed work may affect. Submittals to the DEP or Corps shall include information to indicate that this has been done (a copy of the applicant's cover letter to Maine Historic Preservation Commission and tribes or a copy of the Historic Preservation Commission and tribal response letters is acceptable).

Information Typically Required

The following information may not be necessary for all projects. Please see www.nae.usace.army.mil for a more comprehensive checklist. Select "Regulatory/Permitting," "Forms" and then "Application and Plan Guideline Checklist." Please check with our Maine office for project-specific requirements.

If the Corps and Federal resource agencies determine that the activity is eligible for the PGP, the Corps will send an authorization letter directly to the applicant. The Corps will generally issue an eligibility determination within the State's review period, not to exceed 60 days. If the Corps determines that the activity is not eligible under the PGP or that additional information is required, the Corps will notify the applicant in writing and will send a copy of this notification to DEP or LURC.

For projects reviewed with the Federal resource agencies, the agencies may recommend, within ten business days, either 1) special conditions for projects to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects and to ensure the terms and conditions of the PGP are met, or 2) Individual Permit review. The Corps will determine that a project is ineligible under this PGP and will begin its Individual Permit review procedures if any one of the Federal resource agencies, within ten business days of the screening meeting, expresses a concern within their area of expertise, states the resource or species that could be impacted by the project, and describes the impacts that, either individually or cumulatively, will be more than minimal.

This ten-day notice may be spoken and is not required to be fully documented, but must be confirmed with a written response within an additional ten working days from the date of the spoken comment. Written responses must be signed by the Federal resource agency field supervisor or branch chief, as appropriate, and must identify the affected resource within their area of expertise. The intent of the spoken notification is to allow the Corps to give timely notification to the applicant that additional information is needed and/or an Individual Permit may be required. The Corps may reinstate a project's eligibility under the PGP provided the Federal agencies' concerns are satisfied. The Federal resource agencies may request additional information within their area of expertise within ten business days of the screening meeting. This information shall be commensurate to the level of impact and agreed upon by the Corps. The agencies are allowed an additional ten business days after their receipt of additional information to provide special conditions or a written Individual Permit request to the Corps.

If the applicant is unable to resolve the concerns, the Corps, independently or at the request of the Federal resource agencies, will require an Individual Permit for the project. The applicant will be notified of this in writing, along with information about submitting the necessary application materials.

Minerals Management Service (MMS) Review

Projects with construction of solid fill structures or discharge of fill that may extend beyond the coastline or the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured (i.e., mean low water), must be coordinated with Minerals Management Service (MMS), Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Survey Group, pursuant to the Submerged Lands Act (43 USC, Section 1301-1315, 33 CFR 320.4(f)). The Corps will forward project information to MMS for their review. The MMS will coordinate their determination with the Department of the Interior (DOI) Solicitor's Office. The DOI will have 15 calendar days from the date MMS is in receipt of project information to determine if the baseline will be affected. No notification to the Corps within 15-day review period will constitute a "no effect" determination. Otherwise, the solicitor's notification to the Corps may be spoken but must be followed with a written confirmation within ten business days from the date of the spoken notification. This procedure will be eliminated if the State of Maine provides a written waiver of interest in any increase in submerged lands caused by a change in the baseline resulting from solid fill structures or fills authorized under this PGP.

V. PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

The following conditions apply to activities authorized under this Maine PGP, including all Category 1 (non-reporting) and Category 2 (reporting – requiring screening) activities:

General Requirements

1. Other Permits. Authorization under this PGP does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law. This includes, but is not limited to, the project proponent obtaining a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by the town, if necessary. Inquiries may be directed to the municipality or to the Maine Floodplain Management Coordinator at (207) 287-8063. See <http://www.maine.gov>.

2. Federal Jurisdictional Boundaries. Applicability of this PGP shall be evaluated with reference to Federal jurisdictional boundaries. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the boundaries used satisfy the Federal criteria defined at 33 CFR 328-329. These sections prescribe the policy, practice and procedures to be used in determining the extent of jurisdiction of the Corps concerning “waters of the U.S.” and “navigable waters of the U.S.” Wetland boundaries shall be delineated in accordance with the January 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, located at <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/wlman87.pdf>. The U.S. FWS publishes the National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands, located at <http://www.nwi.fws.gov>. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) develops the hydric soil definition and criteria, and publishes the current hydric soil lists, located at <http://soils.usda.gov/use/hydric/>.

3. Minimal Effects. Projects authorized by this PGP shall have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental impacts as determined by the Corps.

4. Discretionary Authority. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the Corps retains discretionary authority to require Category 2 or Individual Permit review based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest [33 CFR 320.4(a)]. This authority is invoked on a case-by-case basis whenever the Corps determines that the potential consequences of the proposal warrant Individual Permit review based on the concerns stated above. This authority may be invoked for projects with cumulative environmental impacts that are more than minimal or if there is a special resource or concern associated with a particular project that is not already covered by the remaining conditions of the PGP and that warrants greater review. Whenever the Corps notifies an applicant that an Individual Permit may be required, authorization under this PGP is void and no work may be conducted until the individual Corps permit is obtained or until the Corps notifies the applicant that further review has demonstrated that the work may proceed under this PGP.

5. Single and Complete Projects. This PGP shall not be used for piecemeal work and shall be applied to single and complete projects. All components of a single project shall be treated together as constituting one single and complete project and/or all planned phases of a multi-phased project (e.g., subdivisions should include all work such as roads, utilities, and lot development) unless the Corps determines that a component has independent utility. (The *Independent Utility* test is used to determine what constitutes a single and complete project in the Corps regulatory program. A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.) For linear projects, such as power lines or pipelines with multiple

9. National Lands. Activities authorized by this PGP shall not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, National Marine Sanctuary, National Park or any other area administered by the National Park Service.

10. Endangered Species. No activity may be authorized under this PGP which:

- is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species, a proposed species, designated critical habitat, or proposed critical habitat as identified under the Federal ESA,
- would result in a “take” of any threatened or endangered species of fish or wildlife, or
- would result in any other violation of Section 9 of the ESA protecting threatened or endangered species of plants.

Applicants shall notify the Corps if any listed species or critical habitat, or proposed species or critical habitat, is in the vicinity of the project and shall not begin work until notified by the District Engineer (DE) that the requirements of the ESA have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained from the U.S. FWS and NMFS (see Page 16 for addresses).

11. Essential Fish Habitat. As part of the PGP screening process, the Corps will coordinate with NMFS in accordance with the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to protect and conserve the habitat of marine, estuarine and anadromous finfish, mollusks, and crustaceans. This habitat is termed “Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)”, and is broadly defined to include “those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity.” Applicants may be required to describe and identify potential impacts to EFH. Conservation recommendations made by NMFS will normally be included as a permit requirement by the Corps. For additional information, see the EFH regulations at 50 CFR Part 600 (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov>). Additional information on the location of EFH can be obtained from NMFS (see Page 16 for contact information).

Any work in any aquatic habitat in the following rivers and streams, including all tributaries to the extent that they are currently or were historically accessible for salmon migration, shall not be authorized under Category 1 of the PGP and must be screened for potential impacts to EFH.

Androscoggin River	Hobart Stream	Passagassawaukeag River	Saco River
Aroostook River	Kennebec River	Patten Stream	Sheepscot River
Boyden River	Machias River	Penobscot River	St. Croix River
Dennys River	Narraguagus River	Pleasant River	Tunk Stream
Ducktrap River	Orland River	Presumpscot River	Union River
East Machias River			

12. Wild and Scenic Rivers. Any activity that occurs in a component of, or within 0.25 mile up or downstream of, the main stem or tributaries of a river segment of the National Wild and Scenic River System, must be reviewed by the Corps under the procedures of Category 2 of this PGP regardless of size of impact. This condition applies to both designated Wild and Scenic Rivers and rivers designated by Congress as study rivers for possible inclusion while such rivers are in an official study status. The Corps will consult with the National Park Service (NPS) with regard to potential impacts of the proposed work on the resource values of the Wild and Scenic River. The culmination of this coordination will be a determination by the NPS and the Corps that the work: (1) may proceed as proposed; (2) may proceed with recommended conditions; or (3) could pose a direct and adverse effect on the resource values of the river and an individual permit is required. If

either have low ground pressure (<3 psi), or shall not be located directly on wetland soils and vegetation; it shall be placed on swamp or timber mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation. (See General Condition 18 below.) Other support structures that are less impacting and are capable of safely supporting equipment may be used with written Corps authorization. Similarly, not using mats during frozen, dry or other conditions may be allowed with written Corps authorization. An adequate supply of spill containment equipment shall be maintained on site.

NOTE: "Swamp mats" is a generic term used to describe structures that distribute equipment weight to prevent wetland damage while facilitating passage and providing work platforms for workers and equipment. They are comprised of sheets or mats made from a variety of materials in various sizes, and they include large timbers bolted or cabled together (timber mats). Corduroy roads, which are not considered to be swamp mats, are cut trees and/or saplings with the crowns and branches removed, and the trunks lined up next to one another.

18. Temporary Fill. Fill placed into waters of the U.S. (including wetlands) totaling greater than or equal to 4,300 SF (15,000 SF if a DEP Tier One Permit is issued) in total area (i.e., the sum of permanent and temporary fill areas) exceeds the Category 1 threshold and may not be discharged without written authorization from the Corps. When temporary fill is used (e.g., access roads, swamp mats, cofferdams), it shall be stabilized and maintained during construction in such a way as to prevent soil eroding into portions of waters of the U.S. where it is not authorized. Swamp or timber mats (see Gen.Cond. 17 above) are considered as temporary fill when they are removed immediately upon work completion. The area must be restored in accordance with Gen.Cond. 19.

- Unconfined temporary fill authorized for discharge into flowing water (rivers and streams) shall consist only of clean washed stone.
- Temporary fill authorized for discharge into wetlands shall be placed on geotextile fabric laid on the pre-construction wetland grade. (Swamp and timber mats are excluded from this requirement.)
- Temporary fill shall be removed as soon as it is no longer needed, and it shall be disposed of at an upland site and suitably contained to prevent subsequent erosion into waters of the U.S.
- Waters of the U.S. where temporary fill was discharged shall be restored (see Gen.Cond. 19).
- No temporary work shall drain a water of the U.S. by providing a conduit for water on or below the surface.

19. Restoration.

- Upon completion of construction, all disturbed wetland areas (the disturbance of these areas must be authorized) shall be stabilized with a wetland seed mix containing only plant species native to New England.
- The introduction or spread of invasive plant species in disturbed areas shall be controlled.
- In areas of authorized temporary disturbance, if trees are cut they shall be cut at ground level and not uprooted in order to prevent disruption to the wetland soil structure and to allow stump sprouts to revegetate the work area, unless otherwise authorized.
- Wetland areas where permanent disturbance is not authorized shall be restored to their original condition and elevation, which under no circumstances shall be higher than the pre-construction elevation. Original condition means careful protection and/or removal of existing soil and vegetation, and replacement back to the original location such that the original soil layering and vegetation schemes are approximately the same, unless otherwise authorized.

(e) Projects using slip lining (retrofitting an existing culvert by inserting a smaller diameter pipe), plastic pipes, and High Density Polyethylene Pipes (HDPP) are not allowed as non-reporting Category 1 activities, either as new work or maintenance activities.

(f) Waterbody crossings shall be culverted to at least municipal or State standards. The Maine DEP's stream crossing standards are at 06-096, Chapter 305: Permit by Rule, Section 10. Stream crossings (bridges, culverts and fords).

(g) Waterway crossings proposed by the Maine Dept. of Transportation should conform to the MDOT Fish Passage Policy and Design Guides.

(h) Construction equipment shall not cross streams without the use of temporary bridges, culverts, or cofferdams.

(i) For projects that otherwise meet the terms of Category 1, in-stream construction work shall be conducted during the low flow period July 15 - October 1 in any year. Projects that are not to be conducted during that time period are ineligible for Category 1 and shall be screened pursuant to Category 2, regardless of the waterway and wetland fill and/or impact area.

23. Discharge of Pollutants. All activities involving any discharge of pollutants into waters of the U.S. authorized under this PGP shall be consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent limitations, standards of performance, prohibitions, and pretreatment standards and management practices established pursuant to the CWA (33 USC 1251) and applicable State and local laws. If applicable water quality standards, limitations, etc., are revised or modified during the term of this PGP, the authorized work shall be modified to conform with these standards within six months of the effective date of such revision or modification, or within a longer period of time deemed reasonable by the District Engineer in consultation with the Regional Administrator of the EPA. Applicants may presume that State water quality standards are met with the issuance of a LURC or DEP NRPA permit.

24. Spawning Areas. Discharges of dredged or fill material, and/or suspended sediment producing activities in fish and shellfish spawning or nursery areas and amphibian and waterfowl breeding areas during spawning or breeding seasons shall be avoided. During all times of year, impacts to these areas shall be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

25. Storage of Seasonal Structures. Coastal structures, such as pier sections and floats, that are removed from the waterway for a portion of the year (often referred to as seasonal structures) shall be stored in an upland location located above mean high water (MHW) and not in tidal wetlands. These seasonal structures may be stored on the fixed, pile-supported portion of the structure that is seaward of MHW. This is intended to prevent structures from being stored on the marsh substrate and the substrate seaward of MHW. Seasonal storage of structures in navigable waters, e.g., in a protected cove on a mooring, requires Corps and local harbormaster approval.

26. Environmental Functions and Values. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to carry out the construction or operation of the work authorized herein in a manner so as to maintain as much as is practicable, and minimize any adverse impacts on existing fish, wildlife, and natural environmental functions and values.

27. Protection of Vernal Pools. Impacts to uplands in proximity (within 500 feet) to the vernal pools referenced in Appendix A - Definitions of Categories, shall be minimized to the maximum extent possible.

34. Restoration. The permittee, upon receipt of a notice of revocation of authorization under this permit, shall restore the wetland or waterway to its former condition without expense to the United States and as directed by the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative. If the permittee fails to comply with such a directive, the Secretary or his designee may restore the wetland or waterway to its former condition, by contract or otherwise, and recover the cost from the permittee.

35. Special Conditions. The Corps, independently or at the request of the Federal resource agencies, may impose other special conditions on a project authorized pursuant to this general permit that are determined necessary to minimize adverse environmental effects or based on any other factor of the public interest. Failure to comply with all conditions of the authorization, including special conditions, will constitute a permit violation and may subject the permittee to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties or restoration.

36. False or Incomplete Information. If the Corps makes a determination regarding the eligibility of a project under this permit and subsequently discovers that it has relied on false, incomplete, or inaccurate information provided by the permittee, the permit shall not be valid and the government may institute appropriate legal proceedings.

37. Abandonment. If the permittee decides to abandon the activity authorized under this general permit, unless such abandonment is merely the transfer of property to a third party, he/she must restore the area to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.

Duration of Authorization/Grandfathering:

38. Duration of Authorization. This PGP expires five years from the effective date listed at the top of Page 1. Activities authorized under Category 1 of this PGP that have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contract to commence in reliance upon this PGP's authorization will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the PGP's expiration date. Activities authorized under Category 2 of this PGP will remain authorized in accordance with the project-specific date that the Corps provides to the permittee in the PGP authorization letter, unless:

- (a) The PGP is either modified or revoked, or
- (b) Discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 325.2 (e)(2).

39. Previously Authorized Activities.

- (a) Activities completed under the authorizations of past PGPs that were in effect at the time the activity was completed will continue to be authorized by those PGPs.
- (b) Completed projects that have received written verification or approval from the Corps, based on applications made to the Corps prior to issuance of this PGP or the previous nationwide permits, regional general permits, or letters of permission shall remain authorized as specified in each authorization.
- (c) Activities authorized pursuant to 33 CFR Part 330.3 ("Activities occurring before certain dates") are not affected by this PGP.

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

<p>A. INLAND WATERS AND WETLANDS</p>	<p>Inland Waters and Wetlands: Waters that are regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, including rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands, and excluding Section 10 Navigable Waters of the U.S. The jurisdictional limits are the ordinary high water (OHW) mark in the absence of adjacent wetlands, beyond the OHW mark to the limit of adjacent wetlands when adjacent wetlands are present, and the wetland limit when only wetlands are present. For the purposes of this PGP, fill placed in the area between the mean high water (MHW) and the high tide line (HTL), and in the bordering and contiguous wetlands¹ to tidal waters are reviewed in the Navigable Waters section. (See II. Navigable Waters on the next page.)</p>		
<p>(a) NEW FILL/ EXCAVATION DISCHARGES</p>	<p>CATEGORY 1</p> <p><4,300 SF inland waterway and/or wetland fill and associated secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded, cleared or excavated). Fill area includes all temporary and permanent fill, and excavation discharges (except for incidental fallback). Swamp mats are considered as fill. [See General Condition (GC) 18.]</p> <p><u>Provided:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-stream (e.g., rivers, streams, brooks, etc.) work limited to Jul 15 - Oct 1 • In-stream work of up to 4,300 SF of fill below OHW in waterways not designated as EFH for Atlantic salmon (see GC 11, Page 9) and performed in accordance with Maine Permit By Rule standards or a LURC permit. • Waterway crossings shall comply with GC 22. • Projects covered by a DEP Tier One permit with no cumulative impacts >15,000 SF in inland wetlands from previous permits, unauthorized work, and/or other state permits. • Subdivision fill complies with GC 5, Single and Complete Projects (see Page 7). <p><u>This category excludes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dams, dikes or activities involving water diversions.² • Non-State approved sediment releases/sluices from dams. • Open trench excavation in flowing waters (see GC 22, Page 12). 	<p>CATEGORY 2</p> <p>4,300 SF to <3 acres inland waterway and/or wetland fill and associated secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded, cleared or excavated). Fill area includes all temporary and permanent fill, and excavation discharges (except for incidental fallback). Swamp mats filling any area ≥4,300 SF are reviewed in Category 2. (See GC 18, Page 11.)</p> <p><u>Includes:</u> In-stream work, including crossings (other than spanned crossing as described in Category 1) with any discharge of fill below ordinary high water in perennial waterways designated as EFH for Atlantic salmon. Time of year restrictions determined case-by-case.</p> <p>Projects with proactive restoration as a primary purpose with impacts of any area ≥4,300 SF. The Corps, in consultation with State & Federal agencies, must determine that net adverse effects are not more than minimal.</p> <p>Specific activities with impacts of any area ≥4,300 SF required to affect the containment, stabilization, or removal of hazardous or toxic waste materials that are performed, ordered, or sponsored by a government agency with established legal or regulatory authority. Wetlands must be restored in place.</p>	<p>INDIVIDUAL PERMIT</p> <p>≥3 acres inland waterway and/or wetland fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded, cleared or excavated). Fill area includes all temporary and permanent fill, and excavation discharges (except for incidental fallback).³</p> <p>EIS required by the Corps.</p> <p>In-stream work exceeding Category 2 limits.</p>
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II. NAVIGABLE WATERS

Navigable Waters of the United States: Waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and Federally designated navigable rivers (the Penobscot River, Kennebec River, and Lake Umbagog) (Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899). The jurisdictional limits are the mean high water (MHW) line in tidal waters and the ordinary high water (OHW) mark in non-tidal portions of the Federally designated navigable rivers. For the purposes of this PGP, fill placed in the area between the mean high water (MHW) and the high tide line (HTL), and in the bordering and contiguous wetlands¹ to tidal waters are also reviewed in this Navigable Waters section.

	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(a) FILL	Discharges of dredged or fill material incidental to the construction of bridges across navigable waters of the United States, including cofferdams, abutments, foundation seals, piers, and temporary construction and access fills provided the U.S. Coast Guard authorizes such discharges as part of the bridge permit. Causeways and approach fills are not included in this category and require Category 2 or Individual Permit authorization.	<1 acre fill and/or secondary waterway impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared). Fill includes temporary and permanent waterway fill. Temporary fill or excavation <1 acre in SAS ⁴ . Permanent fill or excavation <1,000 SF in SAS ⁴ . Permanent fill and/or excavation ≥1,000 SF in SAS ⁵ when associated with a project with proactive restoration as a primary purpose. The Corps, in consultation with Federal & state agencies, must determine that net adverse effects are not more than minimal. Specific activities with impacts of any area required to affect the containment, stabilization, or removal of hazardous or toxic waste materials that are performed, ordered, or sponsored by a government agency with established legal or regulatory authority. Wetlands must be restored in place.	≥1 acre waterway fill and/or secondary waterways or wetland impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared). Fill includes temporary and permanent waterway fill. Temporary fill or excavation ≥1 acre in SAS ⁴ . Permanent fill or excavation ≥1,000 SF in SAS ⁴ other than as specified in Cat. 2 EIS required by the Corps.
(b) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK	Repair or maintenance of existing, currently serviceable, authorized structure or fill with no substantial expansion or change in use. *Conditions of the original authorization apply. Must be rebuilt in same footprint, however minor deviations in structure design allowed ⁶	Replacement of non-serviceable structures and fills or repair/maintenance of serviceable structures or fills, with fill, replacement or expansion <1 acre, or with a change in use.	Replacement of non-serviceable structures and fills or repair/maintenance of serviceable structures or fill, with replacement or expansion ≥1 acre.

	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(e) STRUCTURES AND FLOATS	<p>Reconfiguration of existing authorized structures or floats.</p> <p><u>Provided:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures not positioned over vegetated shallows⁸ or salt marsh. Floats supported off substrate at low tide. No dredging, additional slips or expansion. No work affects threatened or endangered species (see GC 10, Page 9) or EFH salmon migration (see GC 11, Page 9). 	<p>Private structures or floats, including floatways/skidways, built to access waterway (seasonal and permanent)</p> <p>Expansions to existing boating facilities⁷.</p> <p>Compliance with the following is recommended, but not required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pile-supported structures <400 SF, with attached floats totaling \leq200 SF. Bottom anchored floats \leq200 SF. Structures are \leq4' wide and have at least a 1:1 height:width ratio¹¹. Floats supported above the substrate during all tides. Structures & floats not located within 25' of any vegetated shallows⁸. Moored vessels not positioned over SAS⁴. No structure located within 25' of the riparian property boundary. No structure extends across >25% of the waterway width at mean low water. Not located within the buffer zone of the horizontal limits¹⁰ of a Corps Federal Navigation Project (FNP) (See App. B). The buffer zone is equal to three times the authorized depth of that FNP. 	<p>Structures or floats, including floatways/skidways, located such that they and/or vessels docked or moored at them are within the horizontal limits of a Corps Federal Navigation Project (see App. B).</p> <p>Structures and floats associated with a new or previously unauthorized boating facility⁷.</p> <p>Note: Federal Navigation Projects include both Federal Channels and Federal Anchorages.</p>
(f) MISCELLANEOUS	<p>Temporary buoys, markers, floats, etc. for recreational use during specific events, provided they are removed within 30 days after use is discontinued.</p> <p>The placement of aids to navigation and regulatory markers which are approved by and installed in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard. (See 33 CFR part 66, Chapter I, subchapter C).¹¹</p>	<p>Structures or work in or affecting tidal or navigable waters, that are not defined under any of the previous headings listed above. Includes, but is not limited to, utility lines, aerial transmission lines, pipelines, outfalls, boat ramps, floatways/skidways, bridges, tunnels and horizontal directional drilling activities seaward of the MHW line.</p>	<p>EIS required by the Corps.</p> <p>Shellfish/finfish (other than Atlantic salmon), or other aquaculture facilities with more than minimal individual and cumulative impacts to environmental resources or navigation. A 25' eelgrass set back is recommended.</p>

