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Good morning Naomi,

Per your request, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) has reviewed the petition and associated materials submitted by Weyerhaeuser to terminate the Moosehead Region Concept Plan (MRCP) and rezone those lands primarily to Resource Protection and General Management districts. As noted, zoning in the approximately 16,873 acre portion previously designated as the Development Area will now be zoned as General Management for 15,524 acres and Resource Protection (various subdistricts) for 1,349 acres. Development Area Resource Protection standards, which were frozen under the MRCP, will be restored to current zoning standards. In the approximately 362,933 acre Conservation Area covered by the Conservation Easement (CE), zoning did and will consist of numerous Resource Protection subdistricts and General Management. As noted, CE coverage of this area will continue, overseen by the Forestry Society of Maine. Upon review, MDIFW recommends that resource-based zoning be administered consistent with other areas of the Unorganized Territories and does not request special zoning in this area beyond what is envisioned in this proposal.

MDIFW encourages practices that avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse impacts to fisheries, wildlife, and critical habitats to the greatest extent practicable. MDIFW concerns typically relate to Rare, Threatened, and Endangered species occurrences and habitats; Essential Habitats; Significant Wildlife Habitats; and Protected Natural Resources. Accordingly, MDIFW provides recommendations specific to known species and habitat occurrences, as well as general measures designed to provide appropriate protections for natural resources. Among these may include such measures as forest management zones of varying distances based on the occurrence of individual species and their specific habitat requirements. Or, recommendations for resource-specific buffers such as, 100-foot undisturbed, forested buffers surrounding intermittent and perennial streams and contiguous wetlands, typically recommended by MDIFW.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns related to these recommendations, please contact me at [robert.d.stratton@maine.gov](mailto:robert.d.stratton@maine.gov) or (207) 287-5659. Thank you, Bob.

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