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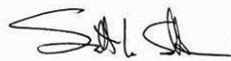
Re: Downeast Salmon Federation Comments - Maine DEP Water Quality Certification, Ellsworth Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2727), DEP Project #L-13256-33-M-N.

Dear Laura:

Thank you for taking the time yesterday to discuss the timeframe for comments to Black Bear Hydro Partners LLC's Water Quality Certification ("WQC") application ("Application") in the above referenced matter. As we discussed, it is my understanding that you confirmed MDEP would be accepting initial comments on the Application for inclusion in the administrative record at least until the draft WQC is issued by MDEP and you requested that if comments were to be submitted after the August 15, 2025 date mentioned in your correspondence of July 9, 2025 it would be preferable to identify when they will be submitted.

As I indicated during our discussion, the Downeast Salmon Federation ("DSF") is engaged in several activities that will require additional time to complete prior to submitting detailed comments. DSF anticipates submitting its comments for placement into the administrative record in this matter on or before September 15, 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions. Respectfully,



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