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To: Claire Briggs, DEP Hydropower Coordinator for the Lewiston Falls Project FERC-2302,

Hello Ms Briggs, I am writing regarding the **Lewiston Falls Hydro Project Relicensing and DEP Water Quality Certification (WQC);**

concerning the **intersection of an Androscoggin River upgrade with relicensing of the Lewiston Falls Hydro Project.**

**Please include adaptive management in this Water Quality Certification.**

*“Given the likelihood and possibility that water bodies within the project area may receive an upgraded water quality classification during the life of the renewed FERC license, this condition provides adaptive management flexibility ensuring the license and WQC holder will comply with improved federal or state water quality criteria if and when they may occur. The license holder shall meet current Class C water quality standards until such time as a classification upgrade to B may occur at which time the upgraded conditions shall be met as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than one year following the reclassification change.”*

**And add as a standard WQC condition in other instances where hydropower relicensing and classification upgrades coincide:**

*“When and if a state water quality reclassification is upgraded by the Maine legislature becoming law and is inclusive of a water body of which licensee’s project area is a part; licensee shall comply with the new classification requirements.”*

BOTTOM LINE: I support [FOMB’s Lewiston Falls WQC Comments](#) submitted on 2/6/26.

Sincerely,

Jane Davidian-Yurko

*Member of Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB)*