

## Olcott, Kyle

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**From:** Landis Hudson <landis@mainerivers.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Olcott, Kyle  
**Subject:** Re: Pejepscoot draft WQ certificate

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Thanks again, Kyle for sharing this draft WQ certificate for the Pejepscoot project.

Maine Rivers testified in favor of the Androscoggin's recent upgrade from Class C to Class B. We recognize that this reclassification will not officially take place until later this summer, but given the clarity of that decision by the Legislature and Governor, we would like to see Class B standards integrated into the final WQ Certificate.

The other point of concern for us is related to fish passage standards for diadromous species and how accountability for potential fish passage failure is taken into consideration. My scan of the draft shows on footnotes 3 and 4 on page 6 that refer to settlement agreements and effectiveness monitoring and effectiveness testing, but I do not see any further clarification of exactly how the Applicant is to be held accountable if standards are met or not met. Further mention of an iterative process and anticipated performance standards is left vague, which we believe is dangerous given the acknowledgement of failure for passage of diadromous species (p. 15, "The results of the upstream passage studies indicate that overall fish lift effectiveness was poor, with passage rates of 19.8% for river herring and 0% for American shad."). These are shocking failures. All Agencies responsible for permitting and management activities must set clear standards and set expectations for success, and not slide into more decades of fish passage failure.

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**From:** "Olcott, Kyle" <Kyle.Olcott@maine.gov>  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM  
**To:** Landis Hudson <landis@mainerivers.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Pejepscoot draft WQ certificate

Hi Landis, here is the draft WQC. I discussed this with my supervisor and he is fine with me sending this to you. We will issue the final WQC tomorrow. Thank you. -Kyle

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Dear Kyle,

Please send me a copy of the draft WQ certificate for the Pejepsot project. Thanks, Landis

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