

## Howatt, Kathy

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**From:** Settele, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2021 2:58 PM  
**To:** Howatt, Kathy  
**Cc:** Perry, John  
**Subject:** RE: Shawmut Hydroelectric WQC-Agency Review Request

Hi Kathy,

Sorry for the delay.

As long as they adhere to their flow requirements, we don't anticipate any additional impacts to inland fisheries. However, we continue to remain concerned about the spread of invasive species: if a suitable sorting facility isn't constructed at either the Lockwood Project or Hydro Kennebec Project downstream, any volitional upstream passage at the Shawmut Project will allow invasive fishes access to colonize additional upstream habitat.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** Shawmut Hydroelectric WQC-Agency Review Request

Good morning,

The Department has received a new application for water quality certification for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project, located on the Kennebec River in Fairfield and Benton, and is requesting your agency review and, as appropriate, comments for consideration in its assessment of impacts from the Project on the State's resources. Application materials can be found at the Department's FTP folder, located

here: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/ftp/HYDRO/WaterQualityCertifications/Shawmut2021/>. We appreciate your attention to this review request, let me know if you have any questions.

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