



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

September 30, 2022

Kyle Olcott
Hydropower Coordinator
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
August, ME 04333-0017

Dear Mr. Olcott,

We are writing to urge the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) approval of the Shawmut Dam's application for Water Quality Certification in response to the supplemental fish passage measures filed by Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC on September 22, 2022. The supplemental measures are meaningful additions that will support effective fish passage without negatively impacting the Sappi mill. This is a compromise solution that, with DEP's endorsement, would provide much-needed certainty to the communities throughout Kennebec and Somerset counties.

The dams on the lower Kennebec River, including Shawmut Dam, support over 4,300 Maine jobs and \$1.5 billion in annual economic activity statewide. The loss of Shawmut Dam, in particular, would result in devastating economic impacts as well as the loss of in-state clean energy at a time when Maine ratepayers can least afford it. Prompt approval of Brookfield's latest proposal would keep the dam operating and represent a win/win for all interests.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Russell Black
District 17

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Rep. Amanda Collamore
District 106

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Sen. Scott Cyruway
District 16

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Rep. Jack Ducharme
District 111

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Sen. Brad Farrin
District 3

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Rep. Jeffery Hanley
District 87

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Sen. Lisa Keim
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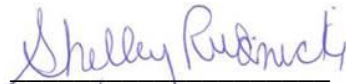
Rep. Colleen Madigan
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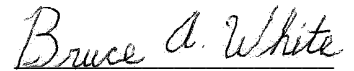
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