

# Town of Dedham

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Melanie Loyzim  
Commissioner  
State of Maine  
Department of Environmental Protection  
[DEP-Hydropower@maine.gov](mailto:DEP-Hydropower@maine.gov)

RE: Green Lake WQC  
DEP Application #L-020024-33-D-N  
Green Lake Hydroelectric Project  
(FERC Project No. 7189)

Dear Ms. Loyzim:

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Dedham are opposed to the conditions included in the draft Water Quality Certificate circulated on March 14, 2024, conditions 3F-H, that would require the construction of upstream fish passage facilities in the future based on activities at the Ellsworth Dam.

Green Lake is a unique cold-water lake with a native population of arctic charr and landlocked salmon. The lake supports many other species as well. The future of those populations should be thoroughly investigated as a stand-alone project prior to ordering fish passage from downstream. The Selectmen are strongly opposed to altering the current status quo of Green Lake, for environmental reasons as well as in support of our tax payers and tax base. The Selectmen are also in opposition of having any changes on Green Lake be directly impacted and controlled by changes and decisions on the Ellsworth project without extensive review of Green Lake and the significant impacts caused by changes to the dam and potential fish passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

For the Board of Selectmen,



Michelle C. Fish  
Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen