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**VIA EMAIL**

RE: Notice Regarding Department Application #L-31353-36-B-N, Bucksport Mill LLC Petitions  
for Release from Dam Ownership

Dear Ms. Joyce:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received three petitions for release from dam ownership (Petitions) from your client, Bucksport Mill LLC (Petitioner), on October 18, 2024. The Petitions were found to be acceptable for processing on November 1, 2024. Your client, Bucksport Mill LLC, is currently in the consultation process outlined in 38 M.R.S. § 902.

The Department has received numerous questions from the parties to consultation under § 902(3), as well as concerned citizens and their representatives. This includes questions regarding the report on the consultation process that the Petitioner is required to file at the conclusion of the consultation period (Report). 38 M.R.S. § 902(4-A).

The Department is required to evaluate the Report under § 902(5). In its evaluation, the Department will consider whether the Petitioner provided reasonably appropriate information during the consultations. This includes providing information to the parties under § 902(3) that would allow these entities to meaningfully assess potential assumption of ownership of the dams at issue.

Additionally, to ensure that the Department has all information necessary to determine if the dam owner has complied with § 901 and § 902, the Department will place the Report on our website for a 30-day public comment period after it is submitted and will consider any comments along with those already received during the consultation period.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 219-9563 or via email at [Laura.Paye@maine.gov](mailto:Laura.Paye@maine.gov) if you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Paye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Paye" clearly distinguishable.

Laura Paye  
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CC: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry; Maine Emergency Management Agency; Towns of Bucksport, Orland, Surry, Penobscot, and Blue Hill.