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STATE PROJECT

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ALL PROJECTS:

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper Bids.
2. As a minimum, the following must be received prior to the time of Bid opening:

For a Paper Bid:

- a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors, b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, c) the completed Schedule of Items, d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Offer, Agreement & Award form, e) a Bid Guaranty, (if required), and f) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

For an Electronic Bid:

NOTE: Not all projects accept Electronic Bids. Please review the Notice to Contractors and see if it specifically states that Electronic Bids will be accepted.

- a) a completed Bid using Expedite® software and submitted via the Bid Express™ web-based service, b) an electronic Bid Guaranty (if required) or a faxed copy of a Bid Bond (with original to be delivered within 72 hours), and c) any other Certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.
3. Include prices for all items in the Schedule of Items (excluding non-selected alternates).
4. Bid Guaranty acceptable forms are:
 - a) a properly completed and signed Bid Bond on the Department's prescribed form (or on a form that does not contain any significant variations from the Department's form as determined by the Department) for 5% of the Bid Amount or
 - b) an Official Bank Check, Cashier's Check, Certified Check, U.S. Postal Money Order or Negotiable Certificate of Deposit in the amount stated in the Notice to Contractors or
 - c) an electronic bid bond submitted with an electronic bid.
5. If a paper Bid is to be sent, "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building located at 16 Child Street in Augusta. Other means, such as U.S. Postal Service's Express Mail has proven not to be reliable.

IN ADDITION, FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS:

6. Complete the DBE Proposed Utilization form, and submit with your bid. If you are submitting your bid electronically, you must FAX the form to (207) 624-3431. This is a curable defect.

*If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT
Contracts Section at (207) 624-3410.*

*For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department
of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition.*

NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled, and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain an optional plan holders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments must fill out the on-line plan holder registration form and provide an email address to the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: MDOT.contracts@maine.gov. Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is not the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via <http://www.BIDX.com>. For information on electronic bidding contact Rebecca Snowden at rebecca.snowden@maine.gov or Diane Barnes at diane.barnes@maine.gov.

NOTICE

For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

This should not be much of a change for those of you who use Federal Express or similar services.

Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope as before, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Name of Contractor:

October 16, 2001

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bid Guaranty-Bid Bond Form

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT _____

_____, of the City/Town of _____ and State of _____

as Principal, and _____ as Surety, a

Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of _____ and having a usual place of

Business in _____ and hereby held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of

the State of Maine in the sum of _____ for payment which Principal and Surety bind

themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The condition of this obligation is that the Principal has submitted to the Maine Department of

Transportation, hereafter Department, a certain bid, attached hereto and incorporated as a

part herein, to enter into a written contract for the construction of _____

_____ and if the Department shall accept said bid

and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form attached hereto (properly

completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish bonds for this faithful performance of

said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in

connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the

acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full

force, and effect.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____ 20____

WITNESS:

WITNESS

PRINCIPAL:

By _____

By: _____

By: _____

SURETY:

By _____

By: _____

Name of Local Agency: _____

NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when submitting questions concerning specific Contracts that have been advertised for Bid, include additional numbered pages as required. RFI’s may be faxed to 207-624-3431, submitted electronically through the Departments web page of advertised projects by selecting the RFI tab on the project details page or via e-mail to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov.

These are the only allowable mechanisms for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.

When submitting RFIs by Email please follow the same guidelines as stated on the “Request for Information” form and include the word “RFI” along with the Project name and Identification number in the subject line.

RFI No: _____

Date _____ **Time** _____

WIN(S): _____ **Town(s):** _____ **Bid Date:** _____

Question(s):_____

Request by: _____
Company Name:_____ **Phone:(_____)**_____

Email: _____ **Fax:** (____) _____

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Vendor Registration

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml>

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids from contractors addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper "Bids for Riverbank Slope Stabilization, Fort Kent and Frenchville" will be received at MaineDOT Headquarters, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 a.m. (prevailing time) on **March 8, 2023**, and at that time and place publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must have completed, or successfully complete, a highway prequalification, bridge prequalification, or project-specific prequalification to be considered for the award of this contract.

MaineDOT accepts electronic bids for bid packages on the [bids.com](https://www.bids.com) website. Electronic bids do not need to be accompanied by paper bids. MaineDOT will accept a facsimile of the bid bond, but the MaineDOT Contracts Section must receive the original bid bond within 72 hours of the bid opening. Until further notice, MaineDOT will accept dual bids (one paper, one electronic) – with the paper copy taking precedence.

Description: WIN: 024899.00

Location: In Aroostook County, the project is located in the towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville.

Outline of Work: Slope stabilization along the St. John River, on the Maine Northern Railway mainline.

An optional pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 8 a.m. in Fort Kent. For location and registration information, refer to Special Provision 102 - Bidding in the contract bid book.

For general information about bidding and contracting, call George Macdougall at (207) 624-3410. Project-specific questions using the electronic RFI form should be faxed to (207) 624-3431, attention **Project Manager Mackenzie Kersbergen**, or emailed to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov. Subject line should include the project name and identification number. Questions received after 12:00 noon of the Monday before bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other MaineDOT staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and MaineDOT will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Digital bid documents are available online free of charge: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. Paper documents may be purchased from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F by cash, Visa/Mastercard or check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine sent to Maine Department of Transportation, **Attn.: Mailroom**, 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME 04333-0016. Bid documents may be purchased by phone at (207) 624-3536 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F, as follows: full-size plans are **\$15.00** (\$18.50 by mail); half-size plans are **\$7.50** (\$9.75 by mail); bid book is **\$10** (\$13 by mail); single sheets are **\$2.00** – payment in advance, all non-refundable.

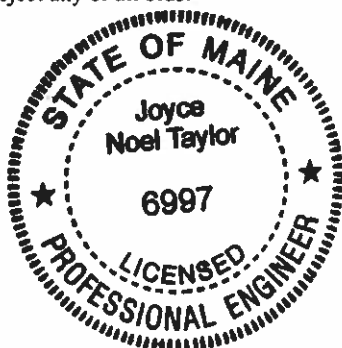
Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by MaineDOT and accompanied by a bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or an official bank check, cashier's check, certified check, certificate of deposit, or U.S. postal money order for 5% of the bid amount, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine as a Bid guarantee. A Contract Performance Surety Bond and a Contract Payment Surety Bond, each for 100% of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

This Contract is subject to all applicable state laws.

All work shall be governed by *State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail], and *Standard Details, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail]. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. *Standard Detail* updates can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/>.

MaineDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine
February 15, 2023



JOYCE NOEL TAYLOR, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

TOWN: _____

WIN: _____

SPECIAL PROVISION 102.7.3
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BID AMENDMENTS

With this form, the Bidder acknowledges its responsibility to check for all Amendments to the Bid Package. For each Project under Advertisement, Amendments are located at _____. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to determine if there are Amendments, to download them, to incorporate them into its Bid Package, and to reference the Amendment number and the date on the form below. The Municipality will not post Bid Amendments any later than noon the day before Bid opening without individually notifying all the planholders.

Amendment Number	Date

The Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby acknowledges that it has received all of the above referenced Amendments to the Bid Package.

CONTRACTOR

Date

Signature of authorized representative

(Name and Title Printed)

1/12/2023

Maine Department of Transportation

Proposal Schedule of Items

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Proposal ID: 024899.00

Project(s): 024899.00

SECTION: 1

INITIAL GROUP

Alt Set ID:

Alt Mbr ID:

Contractor: _____

Proposal Line Number	Item ID Description	Approximate Quantity and Units	Unit Price		Bid Amount	
			Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
0010	203.25 GRANULAR BORROW	55.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0020	203.55 CULVERT BEDDING STONE	60.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0030	411.12 CRUSHED STONE SURFACE	40.000 T	_____	_____	_____	_____
0040	603.20 30 INCH CULVERT PIPE OPTION I	215.000 LF	_____	_____	_____	_____
0050	610.08 PLAIN RIPRAP	2,840.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0060	610.16 HEAVY RIPRAP	7,605.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0070	615.07 LOAM	100.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0080	615.086 LOAM/COMPOST MIX	1,100.000 CY	_____	_____	_____	_____
0090	618.143 SPECIAL SEED MIX: A	50.000 UN	_____	_____	_____	_____
0100	618.146 HGM BIOTIC SOIL HYDROMULCH MEDIA	50.000 UN	_____	_____	_____	_____
0110	629.05 HAND LABOR, STRAIGHT TIME	25.000 HR	_____	_____	_____	_____
0120	631.12 ALL PURPOSE EXCAVATOR (INCLUDING OPERATOR)	25.000 HR	_____	_____	_____	_____

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SECTION: 1 INITIAL GROUP

Alt Set ID:

Alt Mbr ID:

Contractor: _____

Proposal Line Number	Item ID Description	Approximate Quantity and Units	Unit Price		Bid Amount	
			Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
0130	631.172 TRUCK - LARGE (INCLUDING OPERATOR)	25.000 HR	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0140	639.21 FIELD OFFICE TYPE D	1.000 EA	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0150	648.312 BALLAST	25.000 T	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0160	652.38 FLAGGER	30.000 HR	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0170	652.39 WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL (ENTERING AND EXITING TRACKS)	LUMP SUM	LUMP SUM		_____	 _____
0180	656.75 TEMPORARY SOIL EROSION AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL	LUMP SUM	LUMP SUM		_____	 _____
0190	659.10 MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	LUMP SUM		_____	 _____
Section: 1			Total:		_____	 _____
			Total Bid:		_____	 _____

CONTRACT AGREEMENT, OFFER & AWARD

AGREEMENT is made on the date last signed below, by and between the State of Maine, acting through its Department of Transportation (Department), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, with a mailing address of 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, and _____

_____,
a corporation or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of _____,
with its principal place of business located at _____

The Department and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement (the Contract), hereby agree as follows:

A. The Work.

The Contractor agrees to complete all work as specified or indicated in the Contract including Extra Work in conformity with the Contract, **WIN 024899.00 for Riverbank Slope Stabilization along the St. John River, in the towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville, county of Aroostook, Maine.** The Work includes construction, maintenance during construction, warranty as provided in the Contract, and other incidental work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools supplies, permanent materials and temporary materials required to perform the Work including construction quality control including inspection, testing and documentation, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

B. Time.

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except for warranty work, on or before **November 10, 2023.** Furthermore, the Department may deduct from money otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages, in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

C. Price.

The quantities given in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount and for determining the amounts of the required Performance Surety Bond and Payment Surety Bond, and that the amount of this offer is

\$_____ Performance Bond and Payment Bond each being 100% of the amount of this Contract.

D. Contract.

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the Contract documents as defined in the Plans, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Standard Details March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement; and Contract Bonds. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

E. Certifications.

By signing below, the Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

1. All of the statements, representations, covenants, and/or certifications required or set forth in the Bid and the Bid Documents, including those in the Federal Contract Provisions Supplement, and the Contract are still complete and accurate as of the date of this Agreement.
2. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
3. The person signing below is legally authorized by the Contractor to sign this Contract on behalf of the Contractor and to legally bind the Contractor to the terms of the Contract.

F. Offer.

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, the Plans, *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition*, *Standard Details March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement; and Contract Bonds contained herein for construction of:

WIN 024899.00 - for Riverbank Slope Stabilization along the St. John River - in the towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville, county of Aroostook,

State of Maine, on which bids will be received until the time specified in the “Notice to Contractors” do(es) hereby bid and offer to enter into this contract to supply all the materials, tools, equipment and labor to construct the whole of the Work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the unit prices in the attached “Schedule of Items.”

The Offeror agrees to perform the work required at the price specified above and in accordance with the bids provided in the attached “Schedule of Items” in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, and to provide the appropriate insurance and bonds if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing.

As Offeror also agrees:

First: To do any extra work, not covered by the attached “Schedule of Items,” which may be ordered by the Resident, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon a “Force Account” basis as provided in the *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, and as addressed in the contract documents.

Second: That the bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or the official bank check, cashier’s check, certificate of deposit or U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount given in the “Notice to Contractors”, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine and accompanying this bid, shall be forfeited, as liquidated damages, if in case this bid is accepted, and the undersigned shall fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the offer and fail to furnish satisfactory insurance and Contract bonds under the conditions stipulated in the Specifications within 15 days of notice of intent to award the contract.

Third: To begin the Work as stated in Section 107.2 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* and complete the Work within the time limits given in the Special Provisions of this Contract.

Fourth: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Fifth: The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby executes two duplicate originals of this Agreement and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR

Date

(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative
of the Contractor)

Witness

(Name and Title Printed)

G. Award.

Your offer is hereby accepted. This award consummates the Contract, and the documents referenced herein.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date

By: Bruce A. Van Note, Commissioner

Witness

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The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

B. Time.

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except for warranty work, on or before **November 10, 2023.** Furthermore, the Department may deduct from money otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages, in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

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(Name of the firm bidding the job)

a corporation or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of Maine, with its principal place of business located at **(address of the firm bidding the job)**

The Department and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement (the "Contract"), hereby agree as follows:

A. The Work.

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract including Extra Work in conformity with the Contract, PIN No.01 **12345.00**, for the **Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay** in the town/city of **South Nowhere**, County of **Washington**, Maine. The Work includes construction, maintenance during construction, warranty as provided in the Contract, and other incidental work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools supplies, permanent materials and temporary materials required to perform the Work including construction quality control including inspection, testing and documentation, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

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The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except warranty work, on or before **November 15, 2006**. Further, the Department may deduct from moneys otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

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\$ (repeat bid here in numerical terms, such as \$102.10) Performance Bond and Payment Bond each being 100% of the amount of this Contract.

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As Offeror also agrees:

First: To do any extra work, not covered by the attached "Schedule of Items," which may be ordered by the Resident, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon a "Force Account" basis as provided in the *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, and as addressed in the contract documents.

Second: That the bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or the official bank check, cashier's check, certificate of deposit or U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount given in the "Notice to Contractors", payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine and accompanying this bid, shall be forfeited, as liquidated damages, if in case this bid is accepted, and the undersigned shall fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the offer and fail to furnish satisfactory insurance and Contract bonds under the conditions stipulated in the Specifications within 15 days of notice of intent to award the contract.

Third: To begin the Work as stated in Section 107.2 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* and complete the Work within the time limits given in the Special Provisions of this Contract.

Fourth: The Contractor will be bound to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements contained in the attached Notice (Additional Instructions to Bidders) and submit a completed Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization Plan with their bid.

Fifth: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Sixth: The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby execute two duplicate originals of this Agreement and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

Date

(Witness Sign Here)
Witness

CONTRACTOR

(Sign Here)
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative
of the Contractor)

(Print Name Here)
(Name and Title Printed)

G. Award.

Your offer is hereby accepted.
documents referenced herein.

This award consummates the Contract, and the

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date

By: Bruce A. Van Note, Commissioner

(Witness)

BOND # _____

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BOND
(Surety Company Form)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That _____
_____ **in the State of** _____, as principal,
and.....
a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of and having a
usual place of business
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the State of Maine in the sum
of _____ **and 00/100 Dollars (\$** _____ **)**,
to be paid said Treasurer of the State of Maine or his successors in office, for which
payment well and truly to be made, Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs,
executors and administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these
presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal designated as Contractor in
the Contract to construct Project Number _____ in the Municipality of
_____ promptly and faithfully performs the Contract, then this
obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the State
of Maine.

Signed and sealed this day of, 20.... .

WITNESSES:

Signature.....
Print Name Legibly

Signature
Print Name Legibly

SURETY ADDRESS:

.....
.....
.....

TELEPHONE.....

SIGNATURES:

CONTRACTOR:

.....
Print Name Legibly

SURETY:

.....
Print Name Legibly

NAME OF LOCAL AGENCY:

ADDRESS
.....
.....

BOND # _____

CONTRACT PAYMENT BOND
(Surety Company Form)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That _____
_____ **in the State of** _____, as principal,
and.....
a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of and having a
usual place of business in
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the State of Maine for the use
and benefit of claimants as herein below defined, in the sum of
_____ **and 00/100 Dollars (\$** _____ **)**
for the payment whereof Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors and
administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal designated as Contractor in
the Contract to construct Project Number _____ in the Municipality of
_____ promptly satisfies all claims and demands incurred for all
labor and material, used or required by him in connection with the work contemplated by
said Contract, and fully reimburses the obligee for all outlay and expense which the
obligee may incur in making good any default of said Principal, then this obligation shall
be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

A claimant is defined as one having a direct contract with the Principal or with a
Subcontractor of the Principal for labor, material or both, used or reasonably required for
use in the performance of the contract.

Signed and sealed this day of, 20

WITNESS:

SIGNATURES:

CONTRACTOR:

Signature.....

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Print Name Legibly

Print Name Legibly

SURETY:

Signature.....

.....

Print Name Legibly

Print Name Legibly

SURETY ADDRESS:

NAME OF LOCAL AGENCY:

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ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE

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State of Maine
Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Standards
Augusta, Maine 04333-0045
Telephone (207) 623-7906

Wage Determination - In accordance with 26 MRS §1301 et. seq., this is a determination by the Bureau of Labor Standards, of the fair minimum wage rate to be paid to laborers and workers employed on the below titled project.

**2023 Fair Minimum Wage Rates
Heavy & Bridge Aroostook County**

Occupational Title	Minimum Wage	Minimum Benefit	Total
Brickmasons And Blockmasons	\$32.00	\$4.74	\$36.74
Bulldozer Operator	\$30.00	\$7.29	\$37.29
Carpenter	\$27.50	\$7.28	\$34.78
Cement Masons And Concrete Finisher	\$24.00	\$3.34	\$27.34
Commercial Divers	\$27.25	\$0.00	\$27.25
Construction And Maintenance Painters	\$23.50	\$2.74	\$26.24
Construction Laborer	\$22.00	\$4.46	\$26.46
Crane And Tower Operators	\$33.17	\$8.37	\$41.54
Crushing Grinding And Polishing Machine Operators	\$24.76	\$6.23	\$30.99
Earth Drillers - Except Oil And Gas	\$20.50	\$0.82	\$21.32
Electrical Power - Line Installer And Repairers	\$36.00	\$10.11	\$46.11
Electricians	\$30.50	\$13.01	\$43.51
Excavating And Loading Machine And Dragline Operators	\$23.93	\$2.94	\$26.87
Excavator Operator	\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51
Fence Erectors	\$22.00	\$1.78	\$23.78
Flaggers	\$20.00	\$0.63	\$20.63
Heating And Air Conditioning And Refrigeration Mechanics And Installers	\$30.00	\$4.81	\$34.81
Heavy And Tractor - Trailer Truck Drivers	\$27.00	\$6.50	\$33.50
Highway Maintenance Workers	\$25.47	\$2.38	\$27.85
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$34.00	\$2.30	\$36.30
Industrial Truck And Tractor Operators	\$21.00	\$3.08	\$24.08
Light Truck Or Delivery Services Drivers	\$22.00	\$3.17	\$25.17
Millwrights	\$30.15	\$8.67	\$38.82
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics - Except Engines	\$27.00	\$4.16	\$31.16
Operating Engineers And Other Equipment Operators	\$26.63	\$7.17	\$33.80
Paver Operator	\$25.51	\$7.33	\$32.84
Pipelayers	\$25.50	\$3.54	\$29.04
Plumbers Pipe Fitters And Steamfitters	\$34.00	\$18.61	\$52.61
Radio Cellular And Tower Equipment Installers	\$28.59	\$1.96	\$30.55
Reinforcing Iron And Rebar Workers	\$48.58	\$0.00	\$48.58
Riggers	\$35.87	\$23.50	\$59.37
Screed/Wheelman	\$26.47	\$3.96	\$30.43
Sheet Metal Workers	\$26.75	\$6.43	\$33.18
Structural Iron And Steel Workers	\$29.75	\$7.22	\$36.97
Telecommunications Equipment Installers And Repairers - Except Line Installers	\$29.00	\$8.40	\$37.40
Telecommunications Line Installers And Repairers	\$24.00	\$4.13	\$28.13

Welders are classified as the trade to which welding is incidental (e.g. welding structural steel is Structural Iron and Steel Worker)

Apprentices – The minimum wage rates for registered apprentices are the rates recognized in the sponsorship agreement for registered apprentices working in the pertinent classification.

For any other specific trade on this project not listed above, contact the Bureau of Labor Standards for further clarification.

Title 26 §1310 requires that a clearly legible statement of all fair minimum wage and benefits rates to be paid the several classes of laborers, workers and mechanics employed on the construction on the public work must be kept posted in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site by each contractor and subcontractor subject to sections 1304 to 1313.

Appeal – Any person affected by the determination of these rates may appeal to the Commissioner of Labor by filing a written notice with the Commissioner stating the specific grounds of the objection within ten (10) days from the filing of these rates.

A true copy

Attest: Scott R. Cotnoir

Scott R. Cotnoir
Wage & Hour Director
Bureau of Labor Standards

Expiration Date: 12-31-2023

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - PREFERRED EMPLOYEES

Sec. 1303. Public Works; minimum wage

In the employment of laborers in the construction of public works, including state highways, by the State or by persons contracting for the construction, preference must first be given to citizens of the State who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates and, if they can not be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States. Every contract for public works construction must contain a provision for employing citizens of this State or the United States. The hourly wage and benefit rate paid to laborers employed in the construction of public works, including state highways, may not be less than the fair minimum rate as determined in accordance with section 1308. Any contractor who knowingly and willfully violates this section is subject to a fine of not less than \$250 per employee violation. Each day that any contractor employs a laborer at less than the wage and benefit minimum stipulated in this section constitutes a separate violation of this section. [1997, c. 757, §1 (amd).]

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 102 - BIDDING
(Pre-bid meeting)

An optional pre-bid meeting / field visit is scheduled for 8 a.m. Thursday, February 23. The date could change based on railroad operations.

Only one representative per bidder will be allowed to hi-rail to the field sites, as space is limited. We will meet at Maine Northern Railway's Fort Kent facility, off of Dube Street.
(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Hfe45m9PqmaiVTvz6>)

Riders shall RSVP by **Friday, February 17 at 12:00 p.m.** with both Mackenzie Kersbergen from MaineDOT and Jeff Pitcher from Maine Northern Railway.

- Mackenzie.a.kersbergen@maine.gov
- Pitcher.Jeffrey@NBMRailways.com

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
SECTION 104
Utilities

UTILITY COORDINATION

The contractor has primary responsibility for coordinating their work with the railroad after contract award. The contractor shall communicate directly with the railroad regarding any work necessary to maintain the contractor's schedule and prevent project construction delays. The contractor shall notify the resident of any issues.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLAN AND CONDUCT WORK ACCORDINGLY.

MEETING

A pre-utility meeting, as defined in Subsection 104.4.6 of the Standard Specifications **is not** required.

GENERAL INFORMATION

These Special Provisions outline the arrangements that have been made by the Department for work to be undertaken in conjunction with this project. The following tables identify all known railroad having facilities presently located within the project limits.

Utilities have been notified and shall be furnished a project booklet electronically.

Utility Overview/Contact Information			
Utility	Railroad	Contact Person	Contact Phone
Maine Northern Railways	X	Jeff Pitcher	461-4610 office
MaineDOT Railroad	X	Greg Gay	521-1766 office

Temporary utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be performed by the appropriate utility company in conjunction with the work by the Contractor. Should the contractor choose to have any poles temporarily relocated, all work shall be done at the Contractor's request and expense, with no additional cost or schedule impacts to the Department.

All adjustments are to be made by the respective utility unless otherwise specified herein.

Utility working days are Monday through Friday. Times are estimated on the basis of a single crew for each utility. Any times and dates mentioned are **estimates only** and dependent upon favorable weather, working conditions, and freedom from emergencies. The Contractor shall have no claim against the Department if they are exceeded.

The contractor shall give notification to the existing railroad companies **ten (10) working days** prior to beginning any work on this project.

AERIAL

Aerial utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be done by the utilities in conjunction with the work by the Contractor.

SUBSURFACE

Subsurface utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be done by the utilities in conjunction with the work by the Contractor.

RAILROAD

Maine Northern Railways (MNR):

Maine Northern Railways is the operator that travels along the rail, impacting the three (3) MaineDOT project locations. MNR needs to be notified **ten (10) working days** prior to activities occurring at any of the three (3) locations. This notification is to ensure that acceptable communication is occurring when working within the limits of the railroad right-of-way, and to allow for proper coordinating/scheduling of track protection personnel and/or track safety items. The contractor is required to always have track protection personnel and/or track safety items in-place, unless other arrangements have been made with MNR. No work activities or equipment staging shall occur; or create a hazard within the limits of the railroad right-of-way without proper track protection.

Two (2) of the locations are in Frenchville having coordinates 47.31436/-68.37976 and 47.30971/-68.37988. Now the other location is in Fort Kent having a coordinate 47.27231/-68.59275.

The contractor shall be responsible for all requirements as stated in the special provision entitled “Protection of Railroad Traffic and Structures (PRTS)” dated September 2022. This special provision is enclosed within this project booklet.

The rail activity consists of two (2) trains per day traveling at an approximate speed of 25 mph.

MaineDOT Railroad:

MaineDOT Railroad is the owner of the railroad that shall be impacting the project locations.

MAINTAINING UTILITY LOCATION MARKINGS

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the buried utility location markings following the initial locating by the appropriate utility or their designated representative.

UTILITY SIGNING

Any utility working within the construction limits of this project shall ensure that the traveling public is adequately protected at all times. All work areas shall be signed, lighted, and traffic flaggers employed as determined by field conditions. All traffic controls shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, as issued by the Federal Highway Administration.

**APPENDIX C:
PROTECTION OF RAILROAD TRAFFIC AND STRUCTURES
SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Part of the work required by the Contract will be performed within a railroad right of way and/or adjacent to the tracks, telephone, telegraph, signal and electric supply lines of a railroad or railroads. The Contractor agrees to perform all such work in compliance with all of the terms of this Special Provision and all safety rules, regulations, or standards applicable to the Railroad. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for all damages arising from his failure to comply with the requirements of this Special Provision. The Contractor shall be deemed to have included all costs in the unit prices of the Schedule of Prices and the Proposal.

2. AMOUNT OF RAILROAD WORK

The estimated amount of work to be done within 20 feet of the track of Maine Northern Railways is 100% of the contract.

3. NUMBER OF TRAINS, TRAIN SPEED, AND LOCATION

The Contractor is notified that a maximum speed of 25 mph will be considered as prevailing for the operation of trains of the Railroad for this project. The approximate number of trains is two per day (one each direction). The railroad reserves the right to operate at any time including during the week if necessary.

The project locations are listed below:

- (MP 245.25) in Fort Kent, WIN 28499.00 (47.27233611/-68.59291389)
- (MP 258.28) in Frenchville, WIN 28499.00 (47.30934167/-68.37950556)
- (MP 258.58) in Frenchville, WIN 28499.00 (47.31401944/-68.38035833)

4. PRIORITY OF RAILROAD OPERATIONS

The train movements of the Railroad, and its lessees, and licensees shall have absolute priority over the performance of the Construction Project within the railroad right of way. The Contractor hereby agrees that the hours and times of work within the Railroad right of way must be coordinated through the Railroad and that such hours and times are subject to change without prior notice to the Contractor, unless other prior arrangements have been made through the Railroad.

5. AUTHORITY OF RAILROAD TO STOP WORK

If the Contractor fails to comply with the safety terms of this Special Provision, or if the Chief Engineer of the Railroad determines that the Contractor is using unsafe practices that threaten the safety of rail traffic, rail workers, or the general public, the Railroad shall have the right to immediately order the Contractor to cease work and vacate the Railroad's property. The Railroad agrees to confirm any cessation of work in writing by delivering to the Department's Construction Manager a completed Stop Work Order form attached as Exhibit A within 24 hours of giving any such order.

6. ENTRY UPON RAILROAD PROPERTY

The Railroad hereby agrees to permit the Contractor, together with their subcontractors, suppliers, consultants and engineers (the "Contractor"), to enter upon the Railroad property for the purpose of performing the Construction Project, PROVIDED THAT the Contractor complies with all of the terms of this Special Provision and all safety requirements and directions of the Chief Engineer of the Railroad, or his authorized representative (the "Railroad's Chief Engineer").

7. NOTICE REQUIRED BEFORE ENTRY

The Contractor shall give written notice to the Railroad's Chief Engineer at least 60 calendar day(s) in advance of the time it proposes to do work within the limits of the Railroad right-of-way or perform operations that may create a Hazard as specified by this Special Provision. The Contractor shall give such notice regardless of whether the work may also be within the limits of a public highway.

8. HAZARDS

The Contractor shall assess to its own satisfaction hazards which may be caused by its operations. At a minimum, the Contractor agrees that the following shall constitute Hazards.

An operating track shall be considered fouled and subject to hazard when any object is brought nearer than 20 feet to the gauge line of the near rail of the track.

A signal line or communication line shall be considered fouled and subject to hazard when any object is brought nearer than 15 feet to any wire or cable.

An electric supply line shall be considered fouled and subject to hazard when any object is brought nearer than 15 feet to any wire of the line.

Cranes, trucks, power shovels or any other equipment shall be considered as fouling and subjecting to hazard a track, signal line, communication or electric supply line when working in such position that failure of equipment, with or without load, could foul the track, signal line, communication or electric supply line.

Railroad operation will be considered subject to hazard when explosives are used in the vicinity of railroad premises, or during the driving or pulling of sheeting for any footing adjacent to a track, or when erecting structural steel adjacent to a track, or when performing work under, across or adjacent to a track, or when operations involve swinging booms or chutes that could in any way come nearer than 20 feet to the gauge line of the near rail of the track, or when erection or removal of staging, false work or forms fouls a track or wire line.

None of the operations specified as a Hazard above shall be carried on during the approach or passing of a train or without permission from the Railroad's Chief Engineer and the presence of a railroad inspector/flagman, unless other prior arrangements have been made through the Railroad.

9. MINIMUM CLEARANCES

During the construction of staging, false work or forms, the Contractor shall at all times maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 23 feet above the top of high rail and a minimum side clearance of 20 feet from the gauge line of the near rail where track is tangent. Additional side clearance must be maintained where track is on a curve.

10. WORK PLAN SUBMITTAL AND APPROVAL

The Contractor shall submit in writing to the Railroad's Chief Engineer or duly authorized representative, and the Department's Railroad Property Manager or his appointed representative, at least 60 calendar day(s) in advance of the start of the project, an outline of his plan for work within the Railroad right of way including contemplated method(s) of construction. This plan must meet with the approval of the Railroad's Chief Engineer and the Department's Railroad Property Manager in every respect. If the Contractor contemplates the use of "on the track equipment", it should so state and obtain from the Railroad the conditions pertaining to such operations. All Railroad costs included in this operation will be borne by the Contractor. In a like manner, any of the Contractor's equipment or material on cars for this project shall be handled in conformance with existing traffic rules with all costs borne by the Contractor.

Prior to submitting their Proposal, the Contractor shall have ascertained from the Railroad and from the Department's Railroad Property Manager or his appointed representative, all information relating to its requirements and regulations and all costs in connection with compliance thereto.

11. EXCAVATIONS

Before excavation for footings adjacent to tracks and/or within the Railroad's right-of-way may commence, whether or not also within the limits of a public highway, plans and calculations for such excavations, prepared by a Professional Engineer authorized to practice in Maine, shall be submitted to the Railroad's Chief Engineer for review and approval. Unless other prior arrangements have been made, the Railroad's Chief Engineer shall have 30 calendar day(s) to perform such review and approval and issue a written permission to proceed with the excavation. No excavation shall proceed without such permission.

At a minimum, excavations must utilize proper bracing, shoring, sheeting or other support as determined by the Railroad's Chief Engineer, to support the tracks with railroad traffic. Open excavation shall be suitably planked over when construction operations are not in progress. No excavation work shall be performed by the Contractor within the limits of the Railroad right of way, whether or not also within the limits of a public highway, until the Contractor has ascertained from the Chief Engineer of the Railroad the location of any wires, conduits, pipes, cables or other railroad facilities below the surface of the ground. Damage to any such facilities caused by the failure of the Contractor to ascertain the location of such facilities or by failure to use due care to avoid injury to such facilities shall be at the expense of the Contractor.

12. EQUIPMENT

Equipment of the Contractor shall be in such condition so as to prevent failure that would cause delay in the operation of trains or damage to railroad facilities. Equipment shall not be placed or put in operation adjacent to a track without first obtaining permission of the Railroad. The Railroad agrees that such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13. RAILROAD SERVICES - GENERALLY

When work is to be performed within the Railroad's right-of-way, the Railroad shall provide the services, equipment and materials provided in this Special Provision including, but not limited to, engineering, flagging, inspection, signal protection and/or relocation, and restoration or replacement of the Railroad's track structure or ballast. Further, if the Railroad's Chief Engineer determines that the Contractor's operations do not comply with all of the safety requirements of this Special Provision and all safety requirements and directions of said Chief Engineer, the Railroad will employ the necessary qualified employees to protect its trains and other facilities. The Contractor shall pay to the Railroad the cost for performing all Railroad Services unless said costs are to be paid by the Department as specified in this Special Provision.

14. INSPECTION/FLAGGING

The Railroad shall furnish and assign all inspectors / flaggers for general inspection purposes of general protection of railroad property and operations during construction as the Railroad's Chief Engineer determines are necessary to preserve safety.

- (a) Responsibility for Cost. The Railroad will bear the cost of inspection/flagging.
- (b) Terms. The minimum hours per day for the Railroad employees engaged in inspection/flagging services shall be eight (8) hours.

The Contractor shall notify the Railroad's Chief Engineer and the Chief Engineer of the Department in writing 30 calendar day(s) before beginning, resuming or suspending work within (25 feet) of the track, so that an inspector may be provided or removed in accordance with the requirements of this Special Provision. An inspector may be removed upon 7 calendar day(s) notice. Failure to give notice of intent to suspend work shall be cause of charge to the Contractor the cost of inspection during the period when work is suspended.

- (c) Contractor. Contractor foreman will be designated as the MaineDOT Bridge Supervisor during construction. He shall sign the Daily Work Report that states: "All repairs and/or modifications were supervised by me, and all work was in conformance with the specifications in the design."

15. OTHER CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The restoring and resurfacing of tracks, if disturbed beyond the limits of slope stabilization and culvert installation, due to Contractor's operations, shall be at the expense of the Contractor.

Any other changes made, or services furnished by the Railroad as a result of the Contractor will be at the Contractor's expense.

16. EXTRA-CONTRACT SERVICES

Temporary and permanent changes of tracks and telephone, signal and electric supply lines made necessary by or to clear the permanent work of the Contractor as shown on the construction plans and included in the Railroad force account as collectable from the State will be made or caused to be made by the Railroad without expense to the Contractor.

17. INDEMNIFICATION

Where work is being performed over, under, across or adjacent to Railroad premises, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Railroad and the Maine Department of Transportation from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, claims, suits, demands, or liability for damages for personal injury including death and for damage to property, which may arise from or out of the operations conducted under his contract, occurring by reason of any act or omission of the Contractor, his agents, servants or employees, or by reason of any act or omission of any subcontractor, his agents, servants or employees.

18. INSURANCE

In addition to any other forms of insurance or bonds required under the terms of the Contract, the Contractor will be required to procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverages naming the Railroad as an insured.

- (a) Railroad Protective Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$5,000,000 per single occurrence and \$5,000,000 per aggregate total occurrences.
- (b) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance protecting against liability from bodily injury or property damage arising out of the Construction Project with limits of not less than \$10,000,000 per single occurrence and \$10,000,000 per aggregate total occurrences.
- (c) Workers Compensation and Occupational Disease Insurance, as required by law.

(d) Automobile Liability Insurance covering all motor vehicles used about or in connection with the Construction Project.

If any part of the work is sublet, these insurance coverages shall be provided by or on behalf of the subcontractors to cover their operations

Each policy shall carry an endorsement covering the “save harmless” clause in favor of the Railroad and the Maine Department of Transportation, as set forth in the paragraph, “Responsibility for Damage Claims”.

If blasting is to be done in the vicinity of the Railroad, the insurance policies shall include such coverage.

The policies shall be in force before any work is done on the project and shall remain in effect until all work required to be performed under the terms of the contract is satisfactorily completed as evidenced by the formal acceptance by the State and the Railroad.

Before any work is done on the project, the Department of Transportation and the Railroad's Chief Engineer shall be furnished certificates of each policy. Further, the original policy of the Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and the Railroad Protective Liability Insurance shall be furnished to the Railroad's Chief Engineer and a duplicate shall be furnished to the Department of Transportation.

The policy or policies of the Railroad’s protective public liability and property damage liability shall be written by a Company authorized to do business in the State of Maine, and shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Insurance Company and shall be countersigned by an authorized representative of the Company.

19. ROADWAY WORKER SAFETY REGULATION

Notice to all Contractors/Subcontractors and individuals must be aware of the Federal Roadway Worker Safety Regulation, CFR 49, Part 214(c). They may be required to comply with this regulation. Any requirements for them to comply will be discussed at the pre-construction utility meeting.

EXHIBIT A
ORIGINAL TO CONTRACTOR
MaineDOT/RAILROAD STOP WORK ORDER

Section A - Contractor	Town
	DOT Railroad Project #
Railroad Name	Location
	Notice #
DESCRIPTION OF SAFETY HAZARD/REASON FOR ORDER	
Standard Violated	RAC (Risk Assessment Code)
	N/R
Railroad Official (Flagger/Inspector) Name	Date
Signature	
SECTION B - ACTION TAKEN:	

cc: MDOT - R.E. or Inspector
MDOT - Utility Section
MDOT - Construction Division
Railroad - Chief Engineer

1. Risk Assessment. Each identified/validated hazard shall be assigned a Risk Assessment Code (RAC) by the Safety Office. The RAC represents the degree of risk associated with the deficiency and combines the elements of hazard severity and mishap probability. The RAC is derived as follows:

a. Hazard Severity. The hazard severity is an assessment of the worst potential consequence: Defined by degree of injury, occupational illness, or property damage, which is likely to occur as a result of a deficiency. Hazard severity categories shall be assigned by roman numeral according to the following criteria.

- (1) Category I - Catastrophic: The hazard may cause death or loss of a facility.
- (2) Category II - Critical: May cause severe injury, severe occupational illness, or major property damage.
- (3) Category III - Marginal: May cause minor injury, minor occupational illness, or minor property damage.
- (4) Category IV - Negligible: Probably would not affect personnel safety or health, but is nevertheless in violation of a NAVOSH standard.

b. Mishap Probability. The mishap probability is the probability that a hazard will result in a mishap, based on an assessment of such factors as location, exposure in terms of cycles or hours of operation, and affected population. Mishap probability shall be assigned an Arabic letter according to the following criteria:

- (1) Sub-category A - Likely to occur immediately or within a short period of time.
- (2) Sub-category B - Probably will occur in time.
- (3) Sub-category C - May occur in time.
- (4) Sub-category D - Unlikely to occur.

c. Risk Assessment Code. The RAC is an expression of risk which combines the elements of hazard severity and mishap probability. Using the matrix shown below, the RAC is expressed as a single Arabic number that can be used to help determine hazard abatement priorities.

	Mishap Probability					RAC
		A	B	C	D	1 - Critical
Hazard Severity	I	1	1	2	3	2 - Serious
	II	1	2	3	4	3 - Moderate
	III	2	3	4	5	4 - Minor
	IV	3	4	5	5	5 - Negligible

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 105
General Scope of Work
(Environmental Requirements)

- I. Work within the river (“In Stream Work,” see MaineDOT Standard Specifications 101.2 Definitions) requires special conditions to minimize impacts. The following special conditions shall apply to this project.
 1. In Stream Work applies to the St. John River at the following location coordinates:
 - a. Fort Kent: N 47.272905°, W -68.592371°
 - b. Frenchville: N 47.313939°, W -68.380555°
 2. In Stream Work shall not be allowed between the dates of November 1 and June 14, this is a time of year work restriction. In Stream Work shall be allowed between June 15 to October 31.
- II. Endangered species are present in the vicinity of the project area. The following special conditions shall apply to this project to minimize impacts to those species.
 1. The contractor shall hold a pre-construction meeting and invite the MaineDOT Environmental Office.
 2. The contractor shall inform the MaineDOT Environmental Office 2 weeks prior to starting work so that endangered species avoidance areas can be marked with flagging and snow fence for avoidance. All construction activity shall not impact the marked avoidance areas.
- III. Special Conditions:
 1. Conditions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) General Permit # NAE-2022-01994 shall apply to this project (see permit and conditions in contract documents).
 2. Conditions of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) land use permit #L-30012-L6-A-N, apply (see permits and conditions in contract documents).
 3. In Stream turbidity shall be visually monitored and all erosion controls shall be inspected daily, if any erosion control measures are ineffective or not properly functioning immediate action shall be taken to repair, replace, or reinforce as necessary.
 4. Boom supported floating silt fence can be used instead of a cofferdam to minimize sedimentation and turbidity during In Stream work.
 5. All exposed soils resulting from construction shall be properly seeded and mulched in order to achieve vegetative stability. Exposed soil shall be closed in weekly or ahead of a forecasted significant rain event. Permanent stabilization shall follow the SEWPCP and Special Provision 618.
 6. In order to minimize turbidity releases, the plan to sequence work should be reviewed and approved by the Resident and MaineDOT ENV field contact as part of the Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan.

IV. Approvals:

1. Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan (SEWPCP)
2. Permitted Resource Impacts, see MDEP NRPA land use permit #L-30012-L6-A-N
3. Permitted Resource Impacts (square feet), see Corps permit # NAE-2022-01994 for locations:

Wetland

Permanent: 0 s.f.

Temporary: 0 s.f.

Stream

Permanent RUS: 6,800 s.f.

Temporary RUS: 9,820 s.f.

V. Conditions for presence of standing or flowing water at the above-identified In Stream work locations:

1. If standing or flowing water is present at the above-identified In Stream work location, In Stream Work shall be conducted within a cofferdam or with a boom supported floating silt fence in adherence with the Contractor's approved SEWPCP for this project.

VI. No work shall be allowed that completely blocks a river, stream, or brook without providing downstream flow.

NOTE: Regulatory Review and Approval shall be required to modify the existing In Stream Work window. Requests for work window extensions shall be submitted to the MaineDOT Environmental Office. Approval of request for work window extensions are not guaranteed and may result in delays in construction schedule that shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

**Fort Kent - Frenchville
Maine Northern Railroad
Riverbank Slope Stabilization
WIN: 024899.00**

GENERAL NOTE

As the subject project involves Maine Northern Railroad, a historically active rail line, coal ash may be present on this project within the railroad bed and immediate adjacent areas. Coal ash is characteristically identified as being a fine-grained black material. Coal ash, if encountered, shall be reused on-site as fill material. If the coal ash cannot be reused on site, the Contractor is responsible for obtaining all approvals or permits, and any required analytical results for proper disposal at a licensed Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) facility.

During the duration of the project, the Contractor is responsible for proper disposal of any railroad ties encountered, and which cannot be reused on site. The Contractor is responsible to have unused ties disposed of as demolition waste at a landfill approved to accept demolition waste/debris. If the Contractor encounters other potential demolition debris and is not sure of proper disposal procedures, the Contractor shall notify the Resident. The Resident shall contact the Senior Geologist in Maine Department of Transportation Environmental Office (MaineDOT-ENV) at 207-624-3000 for clarification.

Further, if the Contractor encounters evidence of soil or groundwater contamination, the Contractor shall stop work in the impacted area, secure the excavation, and immediately notify the Resident. The Resident shall contact the Senior Geologist in MaineDOT-ENV at 207-624-3000 and the MDEP at 800-482-0777. Work may only continue with authorization from the Resident.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 107
PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS
(Contract Time)

The specified Contract Completion Date is **November 10, 2023.**

Non-Exclusive and Interruptible Access to Railroad Right-of-Way:

The Contractor will have the right of entrance to the Railroad right-of-way for Project fieldwork from **May 1, 2023 to November 10, 2023.**

Temporary rights of access shall also include non-exclusive and interruptible occupancy of the Railroad right-of-way to access the Project Site(s). The Contractor must confirm temporary work windows with the Railroad prior to scheduling the work. Temporary non-exclusive and interruptible work windows for access to the Project Site(s) should generally be anticipated as outlined in the following time segments:

MP 245.25, 258.28, and 258.58:

- **The Contractor should expect two trains/day (exact times vary from day to day):**
 - Seven days a week
 - By MP 258 at 7:30 a.m., returning between 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - By MP 245 at 6:15 a.m., returning between 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

MP 258

- The Contractor should expect another contractor to be working in the vicinity of the Project. At MP 253.87 in Frenchville, Bridge #7792 is being worked on as part of the FASTLANE Grant Contract #4 (WIN 023488.00). Hi-rail access for the contractor on that other project will be at MP 252.2, at the US Route 1 crossing.
- There will be 3 nonconsecutive days/times (during daylight hours) of uninterrupted track time for the project at MP 253.87
- These shall be coordinated between the two Contractors and the Railroad.
 - Contact:
Rick Floyd
Senior Project Manager
Koppers Railroad Structures
678-296-4715
floydrd@koppers.com

While additional periods of exclusive and non-exclusive track occupancy may be available, the Railroad makes no representations to the State of any such availability. The Contractor is hereby advised that the Railroad's operating schedule is subject to revision at any time. As such, the specified non-exclusive and interruptible occupancy intervals will be subject to revision.

The Railroad does not intend to interrupt any defined occupancy period during the Project. From time to time, however, it may be necessary to allow passage of train(s) through the work zone. The Contractor is encouraged to coordinate access time further with the Railroad once work has begun. The Contractor will receive verbal notice from the assigned Railroad flag person approximately one hour before a train's arrival. The Contractor shall allow passage and shall not be reimbursed for any incurred expense.

107.8 Supplemental Liquidated Damages

Add the following section:

Per-hour amount of Supplemental Liquidated Damages: **\$500/hour**, beginning 31 minutes after the expiration of the above specified exclusive and/or non-exclusive occupancy time segments.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 203
EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT
(Dredge Materials)

Description: Dredge Material (See MaineDOT Standard Specifications § 101.2 Definitions) is regulated as a Special Waste.

Work associated with the Fort Kent – Madawaska, Maine Northern Railroad – Riverbank Slope Stabilization project will require excavation of select Dredge Material from the St. John River (Class B Waterbody) at MP locations 245.25 and 258.58. It is estimated that approximately 448 cubic yards (CY) of dredge will be excavated from the area at MP 245.25 and 375 CY at MP 258.58. There is onsite Beneficial Use for all Dredge Material at these locations.

It is acknowledged that excavation of Dredge Material for this work may include some boulders. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has determined that sound boulders (rock 12-inches or more in diameter), that are free of adhering sediment or other contaminants, shall be deemed to be Inert Fill material and shall not be included in Dredge Material Quantities.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Management: The Contractor shall Beneficially Use all Dredge Material excavated at the identified Fort Kent – Madawaska, Maine Northern Railroad – Riverbank Slope Stabilization Project locations in areas adjacent to the dredged waterbody. No more than 500-cubic yards of Dredge Material may be excavated at the individual locations.

Method of Measurement: Excavation of Dredge Material will be measured for payment under related Contract items.

Basis of Payment: Payment for the Beneficial Use of Dredge Material will be incidental to the Contract Pay Items.

Payment shall be full compensation for dewatering, managing, transporting, and placement of Dredge Materials.

SPECIAL PROVISION
Section 615 – LOAM
(Loam-Compost Mix)

Supplement SECTION 615 – LOAM with the following:

615.01 Description: This work shall consist of furnishing and placing a 70% loam/30% compost mix to create a uniform fill layer as a planting layer over heavy riprap in close conformity with the thicknesses and locations called for on the Plans as directed by the Resident.

615.02 Materials: Loam Mix shall meet the Standard Specifications and the following requirements:

Compost shall be produced by the aerobic (biological) and biochemical decomposition of source separated organic materials. Compost shall be derived from a mixture of the following feedstock materials:

1. Green material consisting of chipped, shredded or ground vegetation, or clean processed recycled wood products (MaineDEP Type IA, IB)
2. Manure
3. Mixed food waste (MaineDEP Type 1B, IC)

Compost shall NOT be derived from mixed municipal solid waste or biosolids; and must be reasonably free of visible contaminants and shall not contain paint, petroleum products, pesticides, industrial residuals or any other chemical residues harmful to animal life or plant growth. Compost shall not possess objectionable odors. The compost shall be produced at a licensed facility as specified under the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection Ch. 410:

Composting Facilities regulated by Solid Waste Facilities: If exempt from State permitting requirements, the composting facility shall certify that it follows guidelines and procedures for production of compost meeting the environmental standards of Chapter 410.

Compost shall meet the following parameters:

Acidity range: 5.5 pH to 8.5 pH
Moisture content: 30-60 % wet weight basis
Organic content: 25-65 % dry weight basis
Particle Size:
100% passing 3-inch
90-100% passing 1-inch
65-100% passing ¾-inch
0-75% passing ¼-inch
Physical Contaminant: <1 % (dry weight basis)
Soluble Salts: 5.0 max m m h o s/cm
Carbon:Nitrogen Ratio 15-25:1 total
Nitrogen: <1.7%
Organic: N <1.5%

Total Phosphorous: <1.0%

Dewar Self-Heating Test Temp. rise (oC) < 10 10 - 20 > 20

Solvita Test Index value: 7-8 > 5.5 – 6

Compost shall conform to all applicable specification requirements prior to placement.

615.021 Submittal Requirements: The Contractor shall provide MaineDOT with a 1-gallon sample of both compost and loam, and further compost documentation from the compost supplier of:

1. The source(s) of compost
2. Laboratory results that show that the compost delivered to the project meets the compost parameters listed above. An independent Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Program certified laboratory shall perform the analysis.
3. Compost supplier references documenting that they are fully permitted by the MaineDEP to produce compost.

615.03 Placement: Loam/Compost Mix shall be placed in locations shown in the Plans and as directed by the Resident.

615.04 Measurement: Loam/Compost Mix will be measured by the cubic yard complete in place.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item

Pay Unit

615.086 Loam/Compost Mix

Cubic Yard [CY]

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 618 - SEEDING
(Special Seed Mix)

Supplement SECTION 618 - SEEDING with the following:

618.01 Description: This work shall consist of furnishing and installing Frenchville Special Seed Mix. The Contractor shall follow the installation specifications for Seeding Method Number 2 in the Department's Standard Specification (March 2020 Edition), but shall substitute Frenchville Special Seed Mix, 618.147 Proganics Soil Medium and a second application of Flexterra Flexible Hydromulch Growth Medium, as directed by the Resident.

618.02 Materials: Frenchville Special Seed Mix shall consist of the application of Special Seed Mix, Proganics Soil Medium, Flexterra Hydromulch Medium, lime or liquid lime, humic acid soil conditioner and fertilizer to loamed areas as directed by the Resident Engineer. Material shall meet the requirements of the following Sections of Division 700 – Materials:

Fertilizer	717.01
Humic Acid	717.011
Agricultural Lime Stone/Liquid Lime	717.02
Biotic Soil Hydromulch Media	717.05

- A. Frenchville Special Seed Mix shall be certified as to mixture, germination, purity and live seed. Each variety shall be from the current year's crop and shall meet the following standards:

Percent germination > 80%
Pure Live Seed > 85%
Percent Purity >85%
Weed seed <1%

618.021 Delivery, Storage, and Handling: Deliver materials in UV and weather-resistant factory-labeled packages. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Protect from damage, weather, excessive temperatures, and construction operations.

618.07 Sowing Seed – Hydraulic Method: This section specifies the Hydraulically-applied Proganics Biotic Soil Medium or equal, sprayed initially with 50% of the seed and additives, and a second application of 50% of the Special Seed Mix, Cover Crop Seed, and Flexterra Flexible Hydraulic Growth Medium as hydromulch or equal at the Specified rates.

Frenchville Seed Mix shall be composed of the following percentage seed mixed by weight measurement composed of the following:

20.9 %	Agrostis perennans	(Autumn Bentgrass)
.2	Apocynum cannabinum	(Indian Hemp)
.4	Aster macrophyllus	(Big Leaf Aster)
.1	Calamagrostis canadensis	(Canada Bluejoint)
.2	Clematis virginiana	(Virgin's Bower)
5.8	Cornus amomum	(Silky Dogwood)
.4	Desmodium canadense	(Showy Ticktrefoil)

.4	Desmodium paniculatum	(Panicled Ticktre)
11.1	Elymus canadensis	(Canada Wildrye)
11.1	Elymus virginicum	(Virginia Wildrye)
.4	Geum canadense	(White Avens)
.1	Oenothera biennis	(Evening Primrose)
.4	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	(Virginia Creeper)
1.5	Rosa carolina	(Pasture Rose)
.1	Sambucus canadensis	(Elderberry)
36.4	Schizachyrium scoparium	(Little Bluestem)
.1	Solidago bicolor	(White Goldenrod)
.1	Solidago juncea	(Early Goldenrod)
.1	Solidago nemoralis	(Gray Goldenrod)
.1	Solidago rugosa	(Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod)
10.1	Spartina pectinate	(Prairie Cordgrass)

Apply mix at the rate of 45 pounds per acre, 1 pound per Unit [1,000 sf], with 30 pounds per acre three-fourths pound per Unit [1,000 sq ft] of a cover crop: either oats (Spring) or grain rye (Fall).

618.03 Rates of Application: shall be per the **Standard Specifications** except for Proganics Soil Medium and Flexterra Growth Medium, which shall be applied at the rate of 3,500 pounds per acre, or 80 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. [1 Unit] each. Frenchville Special Seed Mix at the rate of one-half pound per unit with a cover crop at three-fourths pound per Unit [1,000 sq. ft.] of oats (April 15 - July 15) or grain Rye (Aug. 15 – Sept. 30).

618.04 Time of Initial Seeding: Seeding dates shall be:

Spring: April 15 to July 15
Fall: Aug. 15 to Sep. 30

Seed with Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium and Flexterra Hydromulch as directed in Special Provision 618.146 Seeding Hydromulch Growth Medium.

Maintenance and Acceptance shall be as set forth in the Standard Specification Section 618.10.

Basis of Payment will be paid for at the contract unit price per Unit (1,000 square feet) complete in place and accepted. Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
618.143 Special Seed Mix: Frenchville Special Seed Mix	UNIT [1,000 sq.ft.]

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 618 - SEEDING
(Seeding Hydromulch Medium)

Supplement SECTION 618 - SEEDING with the following:

618.01 Description: This work shall consist of furnishing and installing Seeding Method Number 2 (Highway Mix) per the Department's Standard Specifications (March 2020 Edition), but with the substitution of Proganics Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium and Flexterra Flexible Growth Medium. An initial application of Proganics Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium or approved equal shall be used as directed by the Resident, followed by two consecutive layers of seed following the methodology for Flexterra Flexible Growth Medium with Seed.

618.02 Materials: Special Seeding Frenchville Mix shall consist of the application of Special Seed Mix, lime or liquid lime, humic acid soil conditioner and fertilizer to loamed areas as directed by the Resident. Material shall meet the requirements of the following sections of the Standard Specifications, Division 700 – Materials:

Fertilizer	717.01
Humic Acid	717.011
Agricultural Lime Stone/Liquid Lime	717.02
Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium	717.05
Proganics	
Flexterra	

A dual application of Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium, such as Proganics Biotic Soil Conditioner or equal, and Flexterra Flexible Growth medium shall be used as directed by the Resident.

618.021 Delivery, Storage, and Handling: Deliver materials in UV and weather-resistant factory-labeled packages. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Protect from damage, weather, excessive temperatures, and construction operations.

618.03 Rates of Application: Materials shall be applied as set out in the Standard Specifications, except for Proganics Biotic Soil Hydromulch Medium, which shall be applied using a starting base layer and a 50 percent seed layer, followed by applications of Flexterra with seed at the rate of 3,500 pounds per acre / 80 pounds per unit [1,000 square feet].

618.04 Time of Initial Seeding: Frenchville seeding dates shall be:
April 15 - July 15 (Spring) and August 15 - September 30 (Fall).

For seeding with Proganics, start with a base layer with fertilizer and lime, then add 50 percent of seed and apply seed Proganics seed layer; then apply Flexterra with balance of seed with dual applications from different angles for a final finished product layer.

Strictly comply with manufacturer's mixing and installation instructions and recommendations. A mechanically-agitated mixing device is recommended.

Use approved hydro-spraying machine with fan-type nozzle to achieve best soil coverage. Apply from opposing directions to ensure 100 percent surface coverage.

Apply in a two-Step process as follows, to be completed in immediate succession such that the seed applied in Step 1 is not left unprotected, especially if precipitation is imminent:

- Step 1: apply an initial base layer of Proganics Soil Medium, then apply a second layer with fertilizer, lime, and 50 percent of seed with a remaining amount of Proganics.
- Step 2: mix balance of seed with Flexterra Medium and apply to a finished product layer of 80s lb /Unit.

618.10 Maintenance and Acceptance: Maintenance and acceptance of seeded areas shall be as set forth in Standard Specification Section 618.10.

618.11 Method of Measurement: Seeding shall be measured for payment as set forth in standard specification Section 618.11.

618.12 Basis of Payment: The Seeding Hydromulch Growth Medium will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit (1,000 square feet) complete in place and accepted. Payment for the Special Seed Mix will be made separately under Pay Item 618.143. All other materials will be considered incidental.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
618.146 HGM Biotic Soil Hydromulch Media	UNIT [1,000 square feet]

SPECIAL PROVISION 639
ENGINEERING FACILITIES
Type D Field Office

639.01 Description This work shall consist of providing, equipping and maintaining facilities and internet connection to be used solely by the Resident and other assigned Department representatives. Upon completion of the work, the equipment shall remain the property of the Contractor.

639.03 General The equipment of the type called for shall be provided before the start of work, and shall remain until work is completed and accepted, unless earlier removal is authorized. The location shall be approved by the Resident and should be adjacent to or virtually adjacent to the Project.

639.04 Field Offices The Contractor shall provide a wheelchair accessible portable toilet facility. The toilet facility shall be kept in sanitary condition and include hand sanitizing equipment. The toilet facility shall be for the exclusive use of State personnel. If so requested, the Contractor shall supply a lock to ensure exclusive use.

The Contractor also shall provide bottled water for the duration of the project.

639.091 Broadband Connection The Contractor shall supply a secure wireless broadband connection, capable of 802.11n or newer. The type of connection shall be contingent upon the availability of services and shall be compatible both with Windows and Apple operating systems and devices. The Contractor shall have the option to provide dynamic or static IP addresses through the service. The selected service will have a minimum download connection of 5.0 Mbps and 1.0 Mbps upload. The Contractor shall be responsible for the initial installation charges, as well and all reinstallation charges after suspended periods. Monthly service and maintenance charges shall be billed by the Internet Service Provider directly to the Contractor.

639.10 Method of Measurement Field office will be measured by the unit for each set-up provided, equipped and maintained satisfactorily.

639.11 Basis of Payment Field office shall be paid for at the contract unit price, which shall be full compensation for providing and equipping the field office, installing and maintaining a toilet facility, and providing bottled water and broadband connection.

Payment shall be made in two parts: one-half to be paid after the equipment supplied by the Contractor has been approved, and one-half to be paid at the completion of the work.

Pay Item

Pay Unit

639.21 Field Office, Type D

EACH

SPECIAL PROVISION

SECTION 648

BALLAST

648.01 Description This work shall consist of all materials, labor and equipment required for the project as shown on the Plans and described in this Specification. The work under this item shall conform to the applicable sections of the Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Standard Details (March 2020 editions), and the American Railway Engineering Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) Manual for Railway Engineering, 2016 and the following:

648.02 Materials Shall meet the requirements of Section 703.33 Stone Ballast.

648.03 Construction Requirements Ballast shall be placed in all excavated spaces that previously contained ballast. All shipping, handling and placement of ballast shall be in accordance with AREMA Chapter 1, Part 2 – Ballast, AREMA Chapter 16, Part 10, Section 10.3 – Ballast and the MaineDOT Standard Specifications, as applicable.

648.04 Method of Measurement Ballast will be measured for payment by the ton of material in place and delivered within the limits shown on the Plans.

648.05 Basis of Payment The accepted quantity of Ballast shall be full compensation for all materials, equipment, labor, and incidentals required to furnish and install the ballast in accordance with the Plans and this Specification. Payment will be made under:

Pay Item

Pay Unit

648.312 Ballast

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SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 652
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
(Work Zone Traffic Control)

652.1 Description The following paragraphs are added:

The Contractor shall provide the Resident with a Traffic Control Plan (TCP), in accordance with Subsection 105.7 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor shall not start work in the field until the Department approves the TCP. The Contractor shall provide a Traffic Control Supervisor who will be responsible for providing traffic control management in compliance with the contract and the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including supervision of personnel for the installation, inspection and maintenance of all traffic control devices. The Traffic Control Supervisor, or a qualified substitute, shall monitor traffic control details. Work Zone Traffic Control will also include construction-signing, channelization devices, temporary pavement markings and removal.

No traffic disruptions will be allowed before the TCP is reviewed and approved by the Department. The Contractor should allow 10 business days in the schedule for the Department to review and approve the first submission of the TCP, after the pre-construction traffic control meeting. If the initial TCP is rejected, the Contractor should allow five (5) business days in the schedule for the Department to review and approve the second submission of the TCP, after it is resubmitted.

In addition to other TCP requirements enumerated herein, the TCP shall show all construction signs, detour route signs, portable change message signs, and channelization devices

652.3.4 General Requirements The following paragraphs are added:

Abutter Access

The Contractor shall maintain unrestricted access for abutters to their driveways and homes.

Roadside Recovery Area. Unless the Resident approves otherwise, the Contractor shall avoid storing material or parking equipment within 10 feet of the edge of the established travel lanes. Equipment parked overnight within 25 feet of the edge of the travel lane shall be clearly marked by channelizing devices or other reflective devices.

652.7 Method of Measurement This entire Subsection is revised to read:

Work Zone Traffic Control, including the Contractor's Traffic Control Plan, Traffic Control Supervisor, furnishing, installation and maintenance of traffic control devices, will be measured as one lump sum for all work authorized and performed.

652.8 Basis of Payment This entire Subsection is revised to read:

Work Zone Traffic Control will be paid for at the contract lump sum price. Payment will be full compensation for the Traffic Control Plan, Traffic Control Supervisor, channelization devices including removing and resetting channelization devices (including construction signs, cones, drums, striping, pavement markings and pavement markers) and maintenance thereof, all work associated with road opening and road closing, and maintaining abutter access. Maintenance of signs includes: replacing devices damaged, lost, or stolen; and cleaning and moving as many times as necessary throughout the life of the contract, regardless whether the work areas are geographically separated or not separated.

The following related work will be paid for under their respective contract bid items:

1. Flaggers (Item 652.38)

Partial payments for Work Zone Traffic Control will be made as follows:

- a) After the Traffic Control Plan is submitted and approved, 15 percent of the amount bid for Work Zone Traffic Control will be paid.
- b) After project signs have been installed, 65 percent of the amount bid for Work Zone Traffic Control will be paid.
- c) Upon completion of all work, 100 percent of the amount bid for Work Zone Traffic Control will be paid.

There will be no payment for work done under this item after the expiration of contract time.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
652.39 Work Zone Traffic Control	Lump Sum

2020 STANDARD DETAIL UPDATES

Standard Details and Standard Detail updates are available at:
<http://maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/standarddetail/>

<u>Detail #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Revision Date</u>
502(19)	Bridge Drains	12/08/2021
507(20)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(21)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(22)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(23)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(27)	Steel Approach Railing	2/11/2021
526(01)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(01A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(01B)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(02)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(02A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(03)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(04)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(04A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(04B)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
603(10)	Concrete Pipe Ties	6/10/2021
605(01)	Underdrain	8/13/2021
606(17)	Midway Splice Guardrail Transition	6/10/2022
606(23)	Standard Bridge Transition – Type “1”	2/11/2021
606(24)	Standard Bridge Transition – Type “1A”	2/11/2021
608(02)	Detectable Warnings	6/10/2021
609(09)	Precast Concrete Vertical Curb	2/11/2021
627(07)	Crosswalk	2/22/2022
627(08)	Crosswalk	2/22/2022
643(11)	ATCC Cabinet	12/14/2020
801(11)	Pedestrian Ramp Notes	6/10/2021
801(12)	Pedestrian Ramp Requirements	8/13/2021
801(13)	Ramp Length Table	6/10/2021
801(14)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp	6/10/2021

801(15)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 1	6/10/2021
801(16)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2A	6/10/2021
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801(18)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2B	6/10/2021
801(19)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2B	6/10/2021
801(20)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 3	6/10/2021
801(21)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 3	6/10/2021
801(22)	Side Street Pedestrian Ramp	6/10/2021
801(23)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Esplanade	6/10/2021
801(24)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Esplanade	6/10/2021
801(25)	Island Crossings	6/10/2021
801(26)	Blended Transition	6/10/2021
801(27)	Pedestrian Ramp Adjacent to Driveway or Entrance	6/10/2021
802(05)	Roadway Culvert End Slope Treatment	1/03/2017

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS
(Corrections, Additions, & Revisions to Standard Specifications – March 2020)

SECTION 101
CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

101.2 Definitions

Holidays Amend this paragraph by adding “**Juneteenth**” between ‘Memorial Day’ and ‘Independence Day’.

SECTION 102
BIDDING

102.11 Bid Responsiveness Revise the paragraph that states
“The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.” So that it reads:

“The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.

- **Properly submitted electronic bids meet this requirement.**
- **Paper bids must include at least one signed copy of the Contract Agreement Offer & Award form.”**

SECTION 104
GENERAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

104.2.1 Furnishing of Right-of-Way Revise the last sentence in the first paragraph by removing “105.4.5 – Special Detours” and replacing it with “**105.4.5 – Maintenance of Existing Structures.**”.

SECTION 105
GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

105.10.2 Requirements Applicable to All Contracts Under section A, number 2, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, revise this Section by replacing the word “handicap” in two places with the word “disability” so it now reads:

“2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, State that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, or mental disability.”

SECTION 106
QUALITY

106.6 Acceptance Revise this Subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “Acceptance of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement will be based” with:

“Acceptance of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement will be based on Method A or C Statistical Acceptance, or Method B or D Acceptance as specified. The method of acceptance for each item is defined in Special Provision, Section 403, Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement. When items of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement are not so designated, Method A will be utilized whenever there are more than 1000 tons per Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement item, and Method B will be utilized when there are less than or equal to 1000 tons per Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement item.”

Revise Subsection “B” by removing it and replacing it with:

“B. Items not designated for Statistical Acceptance will utilize Method B or D Acceptance testing to validate the quality of the material incorporated into the Project. For material paid under Item 403.209 – Method D, or designated to be visually accepted, the Contractor shall provide the Department with a Certification Letter that indicates that the material supplied complies with the Specifications. Test results representative of the certified material shall be attached to the letter.

The Department will randomly sample and test the certified Material for properties noted in Table 1 of Section 502 - Structural Concrete or Table 14 of Section –401.21 Acceptance Method B & D. Material will be subject to rejection as noted in Structural Concrete Section 502.195 - Quality Assurance Method C Concrete or Hot Mix Asphalt, Section 401.2022 Pay Adjustment – Method B & D.”

106.7.1 Standard Deviation Method Revise 106.7.1, subsection H by removing the following from the first paragraph:

“Method B: $PF = [70 + (Quality\ Level * 0.33)] * 0.01$ ”

SECTION 107 TIME

107.3.1 General Amend this paragraph by adding “**Juneteenth**” between ‘Patriot’s Day’ and ‘the Friday after Thanksgiving’.

SECTION 108 PAYMENT

108.4.1 Price Adjustment for Hot Mix Asphalt Revise the first paragraph of this section by replacing the first sentence with the following:

“For each Contract, a price adjustment for performance graded binder will be made for the following pay items, when the total quantity of Hot Mix Asphalt included in these items is in excess of 500 tons, based on the estimated quantities of these items at the time of bid.”

Amend this section by adding “**Item 461.2101 Polymer Modified 9.5 mm**” to the list of Pay Items that are eligible for a price adjustment. Also add “**Item 461.2101 - 6.4%**” to the list of Asphalt percentages.

SECTION 110 INDEMNIFICATION, BONDING, AND INSURANCE

110.3.9 Administrative & General Provisions Amend this subsection by adding “**Automobile Liability**” under letter A) Additional Insured to the list of exceptions.

SECTION 206 STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION

206.01 Description – *Structural Earth Excavation, Below Grade* delete the entire sentence and replace with “**shall consist of the removal of excavation required for unknown or unanticipated subsurface condition. See 206.04 – Method of Measurement for pay limits.**”

206.04 Method of Measurement – Drainage and Minor Structures Paragraph 1, sentence 2, delete the remainder of the sentence beginning with “...provided the maximum allowable...”

And replace with: “**...in accordance with the following limits:**”

- **Vertical pay limits:**
 - **Below a plane parallel with and 12 inches below the bottom of the drainage or minor structure or**
 - **Below the excavation limits shown in the Bid Documents; whichever is greater.**
- **Horizontal pay limits – The maximum allowable horizontal dimensions shall not exceed those bounded by vertical surfaces 18 inches outside the base, or extreme limits of, the structure, and to the vertical neat lines of underdrain trenches, as shown in the Contract Documents.**

SECTION 401 HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENT

401.19 Contractor Quality Control Amend this Section by adding the following to the end: “**Failure to comply with the approved QCP will result in work suspension and pay reductions as outlined in Section 106.4.6. The Quality Control Plan Value shall be the total bid value for all items covered by the QCP as identified in Special Provision 403.**”

SECTION 502 STRUCTURAL CONCRETE

502.09 Forms and Falsework Amend this subsection by adding the subsection title “**502.10 Placing Concrete**” after section “D” Removal of Forms and False work” and after the paragraph beginning with “2. Forms and False work, including blocking...”. So that a new subsection starts and reads:

“502.10 Placing Concrete

A. **General** Concrete shall not be placed until forms”

502.1701 Quality Control, Method A and B Revise this Section so that the first paragraph and the first sentence of the second paragraph read:

“502.17 Quality Control The Contractor shall control the quality of the concrete through testing, inspection, and practices which shall be described in the QCP, sufficient to assure a product meeting the Contract requirements. The QCP shall meet the requirements of Section 106, Quality, and this specification. No work under this item shall proceed until the QCP is submitted to and approved by the Department. Failure to comply with the approved QCP will result in work suspension and pay reductions as outlined in Section 106.4.6. The Quality Control Plan Value shall be the total bid value for all cast-in-place items covered by the QCP, using the P value listed in Special Provision 502. If no P value is listed, a value of \$350, or bid value per cubic yard, whichever is less, shall be used.

502.1701 Quality Control, Method A and B The QCP shall address all elements that affect the quality of the structural concrete including, but not limited to, the following: “

Section 502.1701, Quality Control, Revise Table 4 of this Subsection by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with:

TABLE 4
METHOD A & B MINIMUM QUALITY CONTROL TESTING REQUIREMENTS *

TEST	TEST METHOD	SAMPLING LOCATION	FREQUENCY
Gradation	AASHTO T-27 & T-11	Stockpile	One set per proposed grading before production. One set every 100 yd ³ (Min. 1 set per month)
Organic Impurities	AASHTO T-21	Stockpile	Once per fine aggregate per year **
% Absorption	AASHTO T-84 & T-85	Stockpile	Once per aggregate per year
Specific Gravity	AASHTO T-84 & T-85	Stockpile	Once per aggregate per year
Total Moisture in Aggregate	AASHTO T-255	Stockpile	One set per day's production
Free Water and Aggregate Wt.	N/A		One per day's production
% Entrained Air	AASHTO T-152	On Project	On first two loads and every third load thereafter provided consistent results are achieved
Compressive Strength	AASHTO T-22	On Project	One set per subplot
Compressive Strength	AASHTO T-22 @ 7days	On Project	One set per subplot

* Additional QC testing will be required any time a process change occurs during a placement, including changes in type or dosage of admixture. Additional testing shall include, but is not limited to, entrained air testing.

**** If the color produced is a laboratory designation Plate III, then the fine aggregate shall be tested once per month.**

502.18, Method of Measurement, Revise Subsection 'F' by removing the word 'transverse' so that it reads: **"Saw cut grooving of concrete wearing surfaces, complete and accepted, will be measured for payment as one lump sum."**

502.19, Basis of Payment, Revise the third paragraph by removing the word 'transverse' so that it reads: **"Saw cut grooving of concrete wearing surfaces will be paid for at the Contract Lump Sum Price, which shall be payment for furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment, including depth gauges and all incidentals, to satisfactorily complete the work."**

(Also see 535.24 and 535.25 for related changes)

SECTION 503 REINFORCING STEEL

Section 503.07 Splicing Revise this section by removing the table and following footnote and replacing them with:

Minimum Lap Splice Length (inches)									
Bar Type	Bar Size								
	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11
Plain or Galvanized	16	20	24	29	38	47	59	72	85
Epoxy or Dual Coated	17	24	36	43	56	71	88	107	128
Stainless	19	24	30	36	47	59	73	89	107
Low-carbon Chromium	24	32	39	47	63	78	97	119	142

“The minimum lap splice lengths in the table above are based on the parameters below. When any of these parameters are altered, appropriate minimum lap splice lengths will be as shown on the Plans.

- Normal weight concrete
- Minimum 28-day concrete compressive strength from 4,000 psi to 10,000 psi
- Class B tension lap splice
- Minimum center-to-center spacing between bars of 6 inches
- Minimum clear cover of 2 inches
- Nominal reinforcing steel yield strengths
 - Low-carbon Chromium = 100 ksi
 - Stainless = 75 ksi
 - All others = 60 ksi
- Reinforcement with yield strengths greater than 75 ksi shall have beam transverse reinforcement and column ties provided over the required lap splice length in accordance with the current edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications

When lap splices are placed horizontally in an element where the concrete depth below the splice will be 12 inches, or more, the indicated lap splice lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.3.”

SECTION 506 SHOP APPLIED PROTECTIVE COATING – STEEL

506.13 Surface Preparation Amend this section by adding this paragraph to the end:

“Steel shall meet the requirements of SSPC SP8 Pickling prior to being immersed in the zinc tanks. Verification of the surface preparation shall be included in the QC documentation.”

SECTION 523 BEARINGS

523.051 Protective Coating Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “Anchor rods shall be galvanized...” and replacing with:

“Anchor rods shall be galvanized. When anchor rods are designated to secure bare unpainted steel or painted steel, a dielectric coating (epoxy or bituminous type coatings are acceptable) shall be applied to the anchor rod and/or adjacent steel to prevent contact between galvanized surfaces and painted or unpainted steel.”

523.22 Fabrication Amend this subsection by adding the following: **“Elastomeric Bearings shall be fabricated in accordance with AASHTO M251.”**

SECTION 526 CONCRETE BARRIER

Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

“526.01 Description This work shall consist of the furnishing, constructing, erecting, setting, resetting, and removal of concrete barrier and associated elements in accordance with these specifications, the Standard Details, and the lines and grades shown on the Plans or established by the Resident.

The types of concrete barrier are designated as follows:

Portable Concrete Barrier Type I Double faced removable barrier in accordance with the Standard Details.

Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II Double faced barrier as shown on the Plans.

Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIa Single faced barrier 32 inches high in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIb Single faced barrier 42 inches high in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

Permanent Concrete Transition Barrier Barrier of various heights joining steel bridge rail to steel guardrail in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

Permanent Texas Classic Rail Barrier Traffic rail or sidewalk rail, in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

526.02 Materials

a. **Concrete** Concrete for barriers, both permanent and portable, shall have a design strength of 5,000 psi.

For cast-in-place barrier: The concrete shall be Class LP, in accordance with Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete.

For precast barrier: The concrete shall meet the requirements of Standard Specification 712.061, Structural Precast Concrete Units, except that the stripping strength for precast barriers is 4,000 psi.

b. **Reinforcing Steel** Reinforcing steel shall meet the requirements of Section 503, Reinforcing Steel.

c. **Structural Steel** Plates and barrier connections shall meet the requirements specified in Standard Specification 504 - Structural Steel and shall be hot dip galvanized after fabrication in accordance with Standard Specification 506, Shop Applied Protective Coating – Steel

d. **Bolts** Bolts shall meet the requirements specified in Section 713.02, High Strength Bolts.

e. **Connecting Pins for Portable Concrete Barrier** Portable concrete barriers must be connected using a 1- inch diameter pin. The connecting pin must be smooth, not deformed, i.e., reinforcing bar may not be used, and shall meet the strength requirements of ASTM A449 steel. Materials with greater strength may be used with the approval of the Department.

f. **Anchor Pins for Portable Concrete Barrier** Anchoring to concrete or asphalt will be required when specified on the Plans. When required, portable concrete barriers must be anchored using a 1 ½ - inch diameter anchor pin. The anchor pin must be smooth, not deformed, i.e., reinforcing bar may not be used, and shall meet the strength requirements of ASTM A36 steel. Materials with greater strength may be used with the approval of the Department.

g. **Device Crashworthiness** MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Portable Concrete Barrier on the following schedule:

New Portable Concrete Barrier shall be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria.

Current Portable Concrete Barrier in useful serviceable condition that is successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.

Other current Portable Concrete Barrier that is deemed acceptable by the Department may be utilized on projects off the National Highway System through December 31, 2024.

526.03 Construction Requirements

Cast-in-place barriers shall be fabricated in accordance with Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete. Precast barriers shall be fabricated in accordance with Standard Specification 534, Precast Structural Concrete.

Concrete finish for permanent barrier shall be rubbed as defined in Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete, 502.13 D2 or an approved equal.

Portable concrete barrier shall be generally free from fins and porous areas and shall present a neat and uniform appearance.

Permanent barrier shall have a protective coating applied in accordance with Standard Specification Section 515, Protective Coating for Concrete Surfaces.

Reflective delineators for concrete median barrier shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 645, Highway Signing.

Preformed Joint Filler shall meet the requirements specified in Subsection 705.01, Preformed Expansion Joint Filler.

Permissible dimensional tolerances for all concrete barriers shall be as follows:

- a. Cross-sectional dimensions shall not vary from design dimensions by more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. The vertical centerline shall not be out of plumb by more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- b. Longitudinal dimensions shall not vary from the design dimensions by more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per 10 feet of barrier section and shall not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inches per section.
- c. Location of anchoring holes shall not vary by more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the dimensions shown in the concrete barrier details on the Plans.
- d. Surface straightness shall not vary more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch under a 10-foot straightedge.
- e. The barrier shall have no significant cracking. Significant cracking is defined as fractures or cracks passing through the section, or any continuous crack extending for a length of 12 inches or more, regardless of position in the section.

526.04 Method of Measurement Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II, IIIa, IIIb, Texas Classic Rail, and Precast Median Barrier will be measured for payment by lump sum, complete in place.

Portable concrete barrier, both anchored and unanchored will be measured for payment by lump sum. Lump sum measurement will include verification of the installation and removal of all portable concrete at the completion of the Contractor's operations.

The Contractor shall replace sections of portable concrete barrier, including anchored barrier damaged by the traveling public when directed by the Resident. Replacement

sections will be measured for payment in accordance with Standard Specification 109.7, Equitable Adjustments to Compensation and Time.

Transition barrier will be measured by each, complete in place.

526.05 Basis of Payment The accepted quantities of Concrete Barrier Type II, IIIa, IIIb, Texas Classic Rail, and Precast Median Barrier will be paid for at the Contract lump sum price for the type specified, complete in place.

The accepted quantities of Portable Concrete Barrier Type I, both anchored and unanchored will be paid for at the Contract lump sum price. Such payment shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, assembling, moving, resetting, transporting, temporarily storing, removing barrier, furnishing new parts as necessary, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Portable barrier shall become the property of the Contractor upon completion of the use of the barrier on the project and shall be removed from the project site by the Contractor.

Transition barrier will be paid for at the Contract price each, complete in place.

The accepted quantity of all types of concrete barrier, whether portable or permanent, will be paid for at the lump sum or per each price, as applicable, which payment shall be full compensation for all materials, including reinforcing steel, protective coating, reflective delineators, steel plates and hardware, equipment, labor and incidentals required, as necessary, to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
526.301	Portable Concrete Barrier, Type I	Lump Sum
526.304	Portable Concrete Barrier, Anchored Type I	Lump Sum
526.312	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II	Lump Sum
526.321	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIa	Lump Sum
526.323	Texas Classic Rail	Lump Sum
526.331	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIb	Lump Sum
526.34	Permanent Concrete Transition Barrier	Each
526.502	Precast Concrete Median Barrier	Lump Sum"

SECTION 527
ENERGY ABSORBING UNIT

527.02 Materials Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

“MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:

Portable Crash Cushions will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 3 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.

Work Zone Crash Cushions shall be selected from the Department’s Qualified Products List of Crash Cushions/Impact Attenuators or approved equal.”

SECTION 535 PRECAST, PRESTRESSED CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE

535.24, Installation of Slabs, Beams, and Girders Revise the 5th paragraph by replacing “6.0 and 9.0” to “5.0 and 8.0” so it reads: **“Ready mixed grout shall achieve a design compressive strength of 6,000 psi at 28 days, have an entrained air content of between 5.0 and 8.0 percent, be non-shrink, flowable, and contain a non-shrink additive listed on the Department QPL for expansive cements.”**

535.25, Installation of Precast/Prestressed Deck Panels Revise the 2nd paragraph by replacing “6.0 and 9.0” to “5.0 and 8.0” so it reads: **“Ready mixed grout shall achieve a design compressive strength of 6,000 psi at 28 days, have an entrained air content of between 5.0 and 8.0 percent, be non-shrink, flowable, and contain a non-shrink additive listed on the Department QPL for expansive cements.”**

SECTION 606 GUARDRAIL

Amend this section by replacing it with the following:

606.01 Description This work shall consist of furnishing and installing guardrail components in accordance with these specifications and in reasonably close conformity with the lines and grades shown on the plans or as established. Guardrail is designated as:

31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice

Galvanized steel w-beam, 8” wood or composite offset blocks, galvanized steel posts

Thrie Beam

Galvanized steel thrie beam, 8” wood or composite offset blocks, galvanized steel posts

Median guardrail shall consist of two beams of the above types, mounted on single posts.

Bridge mounted guardrail shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to install guardrail as shown on the plans. This work shall also include drilling for and installation of offset blocks if specified, and incidental hardware necessary for satisfactory completion of the work.

Remove and Reset and Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail shall consist of removing the existing designated guardrail and resetting in a new location as shown on the plans or directed by the Resident. Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail and Modify guardrail include the following guardrail modifications: Removing plate washers at all posts, except at anchorage assemblies as noted on the Standard Details, adding offset blocks, and other modifications as listed in the Construction Notes or General Notes. Modifications shall conform to the guardrail Standard Details.

Bridge Connection shall consist of the installation and attachment of beam guardrail to the existing bridge. This work shall consist of constructing a concrete end post or modifying an existing end post as required, furnishing, and installing a terminal connector, necessary hardware, and incidentals required to complete the work as shown on the plans. Bridge Transition shall consist of a bridge connection and furnishing and installing guardrail components as shown in the Standard Details.

606.02 Materials Materials shall meet the requirements specified in the following Sections of Division 700 - Materials:

Timber Preservative	708.05
Metal Beam Rail	710.04
Guardrail Posts	710.07
Guardrail Hardware	710.08

Guardrail components shall meet the applicable standards of "A Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware" prepared and approved by the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Cooperative Committee, Task Force 13 Report.

Posts for underdrain delineators shall be "U" channel steel, 8 ft long, 2 ½ lb/ft minimum and have 3/8-inch round holes, 1-inch center to center for a minimum distance of 2 ft from the top of the post.

Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Markers shall be mounted on all guardrails. A marker shall be mounted onto guardrail posts at the flared guardrail terminal end point and tangent point, both at the leading and trailing ends of each run of guardrail. The marker's flexible posts shall be gray with either silver-white or yellow reflectors (to match the edge line striping) at the tangents, red at leading ends, and green at trailing ends. Whenever the guardrail terminal is not flared, markers will only be required at the terminal end point. These shall be red or green as appropriate. Markers shall be installed on the protected side of guardrail posts unless otherwise approved by the Resident. Reflectorized flexible guardrail markers shall be from the Department's Qualified Products List of Delineators. The marker shall be gray, flexible, durable, and of a non-discoloring material to which 3-inch by 9-inch reflectors shall be applied, and capable of recovering from repeated impacts and meeting MASH 16 requirements. Reflective material shall meet the requirements of Section 719.01

for ASTM D 4956 Type III reflective sheeting. The marker shall be secured to the guardrail post with two fasteners, as shown in the Standard Details.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors shall be mounted on all “w” beam guardrail and shall be either the “butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels. “Butterfly” or linear delineation panels shall be installed at approximately 62.5 foot intervals on tangents (after every tenth post) and 31.25 feet on curves (after every fifth post), and shall be centered on the guardrail beam. On Divided highways, the left-hand delineators shall be yellow and the right-hand delineators shall be silver/ white. On two-way directional highways, the right-hand side will have silver / white reflectors and no reflectorized delineator used on the left. Delineators shall have reflective sheeting that meets or exceeds the requirements of Section 719.01.

“Butterfly” reflectors shall be fabricated from high-impact, ultraviolet & weather resistant thermoplastic. Aluminum, galvanized metal or other materials shall not be used. Reflective sheeting will be applied to only one side of the delineator facing the direction of traffic and shall be centered vertically on the guardrail beam as shown in the Standard Detail 606(7).

Linear delineation system panels shall be 1.5 inches wide by approximately 11 inches nominal length, with a minimum of 5 raised lateral ridges spaced at approximately 2.25 inches. The height of each ridge shall be 0.34 inches with a 45 degree profile and a 0.28 inches radius at the top. Sheeting shall be laminated to thin gauge aluminum with a pre-applied adhesive tape on the back. Panels shall not be installed over seams or bolt heads and shall be centered horizontally on the guardrail beam; linear delineation panels shall be attached to only one guardrail beam. The guardrail beam surface shall be cleaned and prepared according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Air temperature and guardrail surface temperature must be a minimum of 50 degrees F (10 C) with rising temperature at the time of installation.

Exact locations of the either the “butterfly” type or the linear delineation panels shall be approved by the Resident prior to installation.

Single wood post shall be of cedar, white oak, or tamarack, well-seasoned, straight, and sound and have been cut from live trees. The outer and inner bark shall be removed, and all knots trimmed flush with the surface of the post. Posts shall be uniform taper and free of kinks and bends.

Single steel post shall conform to the requirements of Section 710.07 b.

Single steel pipe post shall be galvanized, seamless steel pipe conforming to the requirements of ASTM A120, Schedule No. 40, Standard Weight.

Acceptable multiple mailbox assemblies shall be listed on the Department’s Qualified Products List and shall be MASH 16 tested and approved.

Flared and Tangent w-beam guardrail terminals and guardrail offset blocks shall be from the Department’s Qualified Products List. Flared terminals shall be installed with a 4 ft offset as shown in the Manufacturer’s installation instructions.

Anchorage assemblies used to anchor trailing ends, radius guardrail, or other ends not exposed to traffic shall meet the applicable standards of "A Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware" prepared and approved by the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Cooperative Committee, Task Force 13 Report, Drawing SEW02a.

Existing materials damaged or lost during adjusting, removing and resetting, or removing, modifying, and resetting, shall be replaced by the Contractor without additional compensation. Existing guardrail posts and guardrail beams found to be unfit for reuse shall be replaced when directed by the Resident.

606.03 Posts Posts for guardrail shall be set plumb in holes or they may be driven if suitable driving equipment is used to prevent battering and distorting the post. When posts are driven through pavement, the damaged area around the post shall be repaired with approved bituminous patching. Damage to lighting and signal conduit and conductors shall be repaired by the Contractor.

When set in holes, posts shall be on a stable foundation and the space around the posts, backfilled in layers with suitable material, thoroughly tamped.

The reflectorized flexible guardrail markers shall be set plumb with the reflective surface facing the oncoming traffic. Markers shall be installed on the protected side of guardrail posts. Markers, which become bent or otherwise damaged, shall be removed and replaced with new markers.

Single wood posts shall be set plumb in holes and backfilled in layers with suitable material, thoroughly tamped. The Resident will designate the elevation and shape of the top. The posts, that are not pressure treated, shall be painted two coats of good quality oil base exterior house paint.

Single steel posts shall be set plumb in holes as specified for single wood posts or they may be driven if suitable driving equipment is used to prevent battering and distorting the post.

Additional bolt holes required in existing posts shall be drilled or punched, but the size of the holes shall not exceed the dimensions given in the Standard Details. Metal around the holes shall be thoroughly cleaned and painted with two coats of approved aluminum rust resistant paint. Holes shall not be burned.

606.04 Rails Brackets and fittings shall be placed and fastened as shown on the plans. Rail beams shall be erected and aligned to provide a smooth, continuous barrier. Beams shall be lapped with the exposed end away from approaching traffic.

End assemblies shall be installed as shown on the plans and shall be securely attached to the rail section and end post.

All bolts shall be of sufficient length to extend beyond the nuts but not more than ½ inch. Nuts shall be drawn tight.

Additional bolt holes required in existing beams shall be drilled or punched, but the size of the holes shall not exceed the dimensions given in the Standard Details. Metal around the holes shall be

thoroughly cleaned and painted with two coats of approved aluminum rust resistant paint. Holes shall not be burned.

606.045 Offset Blocks The same offset block material is to be provided for the entire project unless otherwise specified.

606.05 Shoulder Widening At designated locations the existing shoulder of the roadway shall be widened as shown on the plans. All grading, paving, seeding, and other necessary work shall be in accordance with the Specifications for the type work being done.

606.06 Mail Box Post Single wood post shall be installed at the designated location for the support of the mailbox. The multiple mailbox assemblies shall be installed at the designated location in accordance with the Standard Details and as recommended by the Manufacturer. Attachment of the mailbox to the post will be the responsibility of the home or business owner.

606.07 Abraded Surfaces All galvanized surfaces of new guardrail and posts, which have been abraded so that the base metal is exposed, and the threaded portions of all fittings and fasteners and cut ends of bolts shall be cleaned and painted with two coats of approved rust resistant paint.

606.08 Method of Measurement Guardrail will be measured by the linear foot from center to center of end posts along the gradient of the rail except where end connections are made to masonry or steel structures, in which case measurement will be as shown on the plans. When connected to radius rail, measurement will be to the end of the last tangent beam.

Guardrail terminal, reflectorized flexible guardrail marker, terminal end, anchorage assembly, bridge transition, bridge connection, multiple mailbox post, and single post will be measured by each unit of the kind specified and installed.

Widened shoulder will be measured as a unit of grading within the limits shown on the plans.

Excavation in solid rock for placement of posts will be paid under force account unless otherwise indicated in the Bid Documents.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors ("butterfly" type or linear delineation system panels) when identified by pay item, will be measured for payment by each.

606.09 Basis of Payment The accepted quantities of guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for the type specified, complete in place. Reflectorized beam guardrail ("butterfly"-type) delineators will not be paid for directly but will be considered incidental to guardrail items. Reflectorized flexible guardrail marker, terminal end, anchorage assembly, bridge transition, bridge connection, multiple mailbox post, and single post will be paid for at the contract unit price each for the kind specified complete in place.

Guardrail terminals will be paid for at the contract price each, complete in place which price shall be full payment for furnishing and installing all components including the terminal section, posts, offset blocks, "w" beam, cable foundation posts, plates and for all incidentals necessary to complete the installation within the limits as shown on the Standard Details or the Manufacturer's installation

instructions. Pay limits for a flared terminal will be 37.5 feet. Pay limits for a tangent terminal will be 50 feet. Each guardrail terminal will be clearly marked with the Manufacturer's name and model number to facilitate any future needed repair. Such payment shall also be full compensation for furnishing all material, excavating, backfilling holes, assembling, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work, except that for excavation for posts or anchorages in solid ledge rock, payment will be made under 109.7.5 – Force Account. Type III Retroreflective Adhesive Sheeting shall be applied to the approach buffer end sections and sized to substantially cover the end section. On all roadways, the ends shall be marked with alternating black and retroreflective yellow stripes. The stripes shall be 3 in wide and sloped down at an angle of 45 degrees toward the side on which traffic is to pass the end section. Guardrail terminals shall also include a set of installation drawings supplied to the Resident.

Anchorage to bridge end posts will be part of the bridge work. Connections thereto will be considered included in the unit bid price for guardrail.

Guardrail to be placed on a radius of curvature of 150 ft or less will be paid for under the designated radius pay item for the type guardrail being placed.

Widened shoulder will be paid for at the contract unit price each complete in place and will be full compensation for furnishing and placing, grading and compaction of aggregate subbase and any required fill material.

Adjust guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for adjusting to grade. Payment shall also include adjusting guardrail terminals where required.

Modify guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for furnishing and installing offset blocks, additional posts, and other specified modifications; removing, modifying, installing, and adjusting to grade existing posts and beams; removing plate washers and backup plates, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work. Payment shall also include removing and resetting guardrail terminals where required.

Remove and Reset guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for removing, transporting, storing, reassembling all parts, necessary cutting, furnishing new parts when necessary, reinstalling at the new location, and all other incidentals necessary to complete the work. Payment shall also include removing and resetting guardrail terminals when required.

Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot and will be full compensation for the requirements listed in Modify guardrail and Remove and Reset guardrail.

Bridge Connections will be paid for at the contract unit price each. Payment shall include, attaching the connection to the endpost including furnishing and placing concrete and reinforcing steel necessary to construct new endposts if required, furnishing and installing the terminal connector, and all miscellaneous hardware, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Bridge Transitions will be paid for at the contract unit price each. Payment shall include furnishing and installing the thrie beam or “w”-beam terminal connector, doubled beam section, and transition section, where called for, posts, hardware, precast concrete transition curb, and any other necessary materials and labor, including the bridge connection as stated in the previous paragraph.

No payment will be made for guardrail removed, but not reset and all costs for such removal shall be considered incidental to the various contract pay items.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors (“butterfly” type and the linear delineation panels) will not be paid for directly but will be considered incidental to all new guardrail items. The Contractor shall furnish and install either the “butterfly” type or linear delineation panels, at its discretion, for new guardrail items.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors (either “butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels) will be paid for under the applicable pay items for installation in conjunction with Adjust, Modify, Remove and Reset, Remove Modify and Reset guardrail items. The accepted quantity of “butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels will be paid for at the contract unit price each for all work and materials furnished to install, complete in place, including all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
606.1301 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice – Single Faced	Linear Foot
606.1302 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice – Double Faced	Linear Foot
606.1303 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice, 15’ Radius and Less	Linear Foot
606.1304 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice, Over 15’ Radius	Linear Foot
606.1305 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice Flared Terminal	Each
606.1306 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice Tangent Terminal	Each
606.1307 Bridge Transition (Asymmetrical) – Type IA	Each
606.1721 Bridge Transition - Type I	Each
606.1722 Bridge Transition - Type II	Each
606.1731 Bridge Connection - Type I	Each
606.1732 Bridge Connection - Type II	Each
606.178 Guardrail Beam	Linear Foot
606.25 Terminal Connector	Each
606.257 Terminal Connector - Thrie Beam	Each
606.259 Anchorage Assembly	Each
606.265 Terminal End-Single Rail - Galvanized Steel	Each
606.266 Terminal End-Single Rail - Corrosion Resistant Steel	Each
606.275 Terminal End-Double Rail - Galvanized Steel	Each
606.276 Terminal End-Double Rail - Corrosion Resistant Steel	Each
606.352 Reflectorized Beam Guardrail Delineators (“Butterfly” type)	Each
606.3521 Linear Delineation System Panel	Each
606.353 Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Marker	Each
606.354 Remove and Reset Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Marker	Each

606.356	Underdrain Delineator Post	Each
606.358	Guardrail, Modify	Linear Foot
606.362	Guardrail, Adjust	Linear Foot
606.365	Guardrail, Remove, Modify, and Reset	Linear Foot
606.366	Guardrail, Remove and Reset	Linear Foot
606.367	Replace Unusable Existing Guardrail Posts	Each
606.3671	Replace Unusable Offset Blocks	Each
606.47	Single Wood Post	Each
606.48	Single Galvanized Steel Post	Each
606.50	Single Steel Pipe Post	Each
606.51	Multiple Mailbox Support	Each
606.568	Guardrail, Modify - Double Rail	Linear Foot
606.63	Thrie Beam Rail Beam	Linear Foot
606.64	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Double Rail	Linear Foot
606.65	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Single Rail	Linear Foot
606.66	Terminal End Thrie Beam	Each
606.70	Transition Section - Thrie Beam	Each
606.71	Guardrail Thrie Beam - 15 ft radius and less	Linear Foot
606.72	Guardrail Thrie Beam - over 15 ft radius	Linear Foot
606.73	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Single Rail Bridge Mounted	Linear Foot
606.74	Guardrail - Single Rail Bridge Mounted	Linear Foot
606.753	Widen Shoulder for Low Volume Guardrail End	Each
606.754	Widen Shoulder for Flared Guardrail Terminal	Each
606.78	Low Volume Guardrail End	Each
606.80	Buried-in-Slope Guardrail End	Each

SECTION 608 SIDEWALKS

Section 608.022 Detectable Warning Materials Standard Revise this section by removing the last sentence of this section beginning with “Concrete...” and replacing it with “**Concrete shall meet the requirements of Section 608.021, Sidewalk Materials, of this specification or may be a prepackaged concrete mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).**”

SECTION 609 CURB

609.02 Materials Revise the paragraph beginning “The Contractor shall submit a concrete mix...” so that it reads:

“The Contractor shall submit a concrete mix design for the Portland Cement Concrete to the Resident, with a minimum designed compressive strength of 3000 psi concrete fill.”

609.03 Vertical Stone Curb, Terminal Section and Transition Sections and Portland Cement Concrete Curb, Terminal Sections and Transition Sections Revise this section by underlining the section number and title so that it reads in the spec book as:

“609.03 Vertical Stone Curb, Terminal Section and Transition Sections and Portland Cement Concrete Curb, Terminal Sections and Transition Sections”

Revise the last paragraph beginning with “The Contractor may elect...” so that it reads:

“The Contractor may elect to substitute concrete to backfill Stone Curbing or Stone Edging at their option. If the concrete backfill option is elected, the Concrete Fill shall meet the requirements of 609.02. The Contractor shall submit a concrete design for the Portland Cement Concrete, with a minimum designated compressive strength of 3000 PSI meeting the requirements of Class S or Class Fill Concrete. The Contractor may elect to choose a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Department’s Qualified Products list (QPL). Concrete backfill shall be completed in conformance with a Department supplied concrete backfill detail.”

SECTION 610

STONE FILL, RIPRAP, STONE BLANKET, AND STONE DITCH PROTECTION

610.02 Materials Amend this subsection by adding the following to the end of the material list:
“Stone Ditch Protection 703.29”

SECTION 618

SEEDING

618.08 Mulching Revise this Section so that the third sentence reads: “Mulch for Seeding Method Number 1 shall only be cellulous fiber mulch Section 619.04 **(b)** or straw mulch Section 619.04 **(a)**.”

SECTION 619

MULCH

619.03 General Amend this Section by adding the following sentence to the end: **“Straw mulch shall be used in all wetland areas.”**

SECTION 626

FOUNDATIONS, CONDUIT, AND JUNCTION BOXES FOR HIGHWAY SIGNING, LIGHTING, AND SIGNALS

Section 626.021 Miscellaneous Materials Revise this section by removing the fourth paragraph beginning with “ All Concrete for concrete encasement...” and replace it with **“All concrete for concrete encasement of conduit shall be Class S or Class Fill concrete in accordance with the**

applicable requirements of Section 502 – Structural Concrete, or a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).”

Section 626.031 Conduit Revise the fifth paragraph beginning with “After the trench has been...” by removing the last sentence beginning with “Where concrete encasement...” and replacing it with **“Where concrete encasement is required around the conduit, the concrete shall meet Class S, Class Fill in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 502 – Structural Concrete, or a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).”**

626.034 Concrete Foundations Revise this Section by changing ‘626.037’ to ‘**626.036**’ in the Second Paragraph which begins with “Foundations shall consist of cast-in-place...”.

Revise the 10th paragraph beginning with “Before placing concrete, the required elbows...” by removing “...in accordance with **Standard Specification 633.**”

626.036 Precast Foundations Revise the last sentence of paragraph one so that it reads: **“Construction of precast foundations shall conform to the Standard Details and all requirements of 712.061.”**

SECTION 627 **PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

627.06 Application Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “ On other final pavement markings...” with the following:
“On other final pavement markings and on curb, where the paint is applied by hand painting or spraying, application shall be one uniform covering coat at least 16 mils thick. Before the paint has dried, the glass beads shall be applied by a pressure system that will force the glass beads onto the undried paint as uniformly as possible.

Painted lines and markings shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s published recommendations. These recommendations will be supplied to the Resident prior to installation.”

Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “ If the final reflectivity values are less...” with the following:

The final reflectivity will be acceptable if 90 percent or more of the painted pavement lines and markings meet the specified minimum value. If less than 90 percent of the painted pavement lines and markings meet the specified minimum final reflectivity values, the Contractor shall repaint those areas not meeting required reflectivity at no cost to the Department.

If, after repainting, analysis of the final reflectivity values results in the need for a second repainting, the Contractor will submit in writing a plan of action to meet the reflectivity

minimums prior to continuing any work. Once the plan has been reviewed and approved by the Department, the Contractor shall reapply at no cost to the Department.

SECTION 637 DUST CONTROL

Revise this section by removing it in its entirety.

SECTION 643 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

643.021 Materials Amend this subsection by adding the following at the end:

“MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:

Temporary Traffic Control Signals will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 4 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.”

643.09 Service Connection Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph that begins with “Traffic signal services shall have...”.

And by removing the paragraphs beginning with “ A service ground rod shall be installed...” and “A total of 4, 10’ service...” and replace them with **“A total of 4, 10’ service ground rods shall be installed and properly connected together on the outside of the cabinet foundation. One ground rod shall be located at each corner and shall be either flush or slightly below finished grade. The connection between the ground rod and the ground wire shall be an exothermic connection such as a Cadweld. The ground wire from the interconnected ground rods shall be routed through a conduit in the foundation and into the base of the cabinet”**.

SECTION 645 HIGHWAY SIGNING

Section 645.023 Sign Support Structures. Under letter “c.”, revise the fifth paragraph beginning with “In addition to the required details...” by removing the words **”and foundation”** from the 5th sentence.

Section 645.08 Method of Measurement. Revise the second paragraph beginning with “Bridge-type, cantilever and...” by removing the words **”including the foundation”** .

Section 645.09 Basis of Payment. Revise the third paragraph beginning with “The accepted bridge-type, cantilever and...” by removing the word **”foundation”** from the second sentence. Add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph **“Conduits, Junction Boxes, and Foundations will be paid for under Section 626.”**

SECTION 652 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Amend this Section by adding the following new subsection:

“652.2.6 Device Crashworthiness MainedOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:

Category 1 (Cones, Drums, Tubular Markers, Flexible Delineators, and similar devices that have little chance if causing windshield penetration, tire damage, or other significant effect on the control or trajectory of a vehicle) – All Category 1 devices will be manufacturer self-certified as MASH2016 by January 1, 2025. Current Category 1 devices in useful serviceable condition that are not self-certified as MASH2016 compliant may be utilized through December 31, 2024.

Category 2 (Barricades, Portable Sign Supports, Category 1 devices with attachments, and similar devices that are not expected to produce significant vehicular velocity change but may be otherwise hazardous) – All Category 2 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2025. Current Category 2 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2024.

Category 3 (Portable Concrete Barrier, Portable Crash Cushions, Truck Mounted Attenuators, Category 2 devices weighing more than 100 pounds, and similar devices that are expected to produce significant vehicular velocity change or other harmful reactions) – All Category 3 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 3 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029. (See Standard Specification 526 for additional Portable Concrete Barrier information).

Category 4 (Trailer Mounted Devices: Arrow Boards, Temporary Traffic Control Signals, Area Lighting, Portable Changeable Message Sign, and other similar devices.) – All Category 4 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 4 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.”

652.4 Flaggers Revise the first paragraph of this section so that it reads:

“The Contractor shall furnish flaggers as required by the TCP or as otherwise specified by the Resident. All flaggers must have successfully completed a flagger test approved by the Department and administered by a Department-approved Flagger-Certifier who is employing that flagger. All flaggers must carry an official certification card with them while flagging that has been issued by their employer.”

SECTION 681
PRECAST AGGREGATE-FILLED, CONCRETE BLOCK GRAVITY WALL

681.08 Basis of Payment Amend this section by adding the Item Number “**681.10**” in front of the item “Precast Aggregate-Filled Concrete Block Gravity Wall” at the end of the section.

SECTION 701
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE RELATED MATERIAL

701.01 Portland Cement and Portland Pozzolan Cement Amend the first sentence of Paragraph 3 by adding “**or Type 1L Portland Limestone cement**” so that it reads:

“A Type IP (MS) Portland-pozzolan cement (blended hydraulic cement with moderate sulfate resistance) or Type 1L Portland Limestone cement meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 240, may be used instead of Type II or where Type I Portland cement, meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 85, is allowed.”

SECTION 703
AGGREGATES

Add the following to Section 703 - Aggregates

703.01 Fine Aggregate for Concrete Fine aggregate for concrete shall consist of natural sand or, when approved by the Resident, other inert materials with similar characteristics or combinations thereof, having strong, durable particles. Fine aggregate from different sources of supply shall not be mixed or stored in the same pile nor used alternately in the same class of construction or mix without permission of the Resident.

All fine aggregate shall be free from injurious amounts of organic impurities. Should the fine aggregate, when subjected to the colorimetric test for organic impurities, AASHTO T 21, produce a color darker than the reference standard color solution (laboratory designation Plate III), the fine aggregate shall be rejected.

Fine aggregate shall have a sand equivalent value of not less than 75 when tested in accordance with AASHTO T 176.

Fine aggregate sources shall meet the Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) requirements of Section 703.0201.

The fineness modulus shall not be less than 2.26 or more than 3.14. If this value is exceeded, the fine aggregate will be rejected unless suitable adjustments are made in proportions of coarse and fine aggregate. The fineness modulus of fine aggregate shall be determined by adding the cumulative percentages of material by weight retained on the following sieves: Nos. 4, 8, 16, 30, 50, 100 and dividing by 100.

Fine aggregate, from an individual source when tested for absorption as specified in AASHTO T 84, shall show an absorption of not more than 2.3 percent.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves
$\frac{3}{8}$ inch	100
No. 4	95-100
No. 8	80-100
No. 16	50-85
No. 30	25-60
No. 50	10-30
No. 100	2-10
No. 200	0-5.0

703.02 Coarse Aggregate for Concrete Coarse aggregate for concrete shall consist of crushed stone or gravel having hard, strong, durable pieces, free from adherent coatings and of which the composite blend retained on the $\frac{3}{8}$ inch sieve shall contain no more than 15 percent, by weight of flat and elongated particles when performed in accordance with test method ASTM D 4791, Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate, using a dimensional ratio of 1:5.

The coarse aggregate from an individual source shall have an absorption no greater than 2.0 percent by weight determined in accordance with AASHTO T 85 modified for weight of sample.

The composite blend shall have a Micro-Deval value of 18.0 percent or less as determined by AASHTO T 327 or not exceed 40 percent loss as determined by AASHTO T 96.

Coarse aggregate sources shall meet the Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) requirements of Section 703.0201.

Coarse aggregate shall conform to the requirements of the following table for the size or sizes designated and shall be well graded between the limits specified.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves			
Grading	A	AA	S	LATEX
Aggregate Size	1 inch	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inch	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch
2 inch			100	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ inch	100		95-100	
1 inch	95-100	100	-	
$\frac{3}{4}$ inch	-	90-100	35-70	100
$\frac{1}{2}$ inch	25-60	-	-	90-100
$\frac{3}{8}$ inch	-	20-55	10-30	40-70
No. 4	0-10	0-10	0-5	0-15
No. 8	0-5	0-5	-	0-5
No. 16	-	-	-	-
No. 50	-	-	-	-
No. 200	0 - 1.5	0 - 1.5	0 - 1.5	0 - 1.5

703.0201 Alkali Silica Reactive Aggregates All coarse and fine aggregates proposed for use in concrete shall be tested for Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) potential under AASHTO T 303 (ASTM C 1260), Accelerated Detection of Potentially Deleterious Expansion of Mortar Bars Due to Alkali-Silica Reaction, prior to being accepted for use. Acceptance will be based on testing performed by an accredited independent lab submitted to the Department. Aggregate submittals will be required on a 5-year cycle, unless the source or character of the aggregate in question has changed within 5 years from the last test date.

As per AASHTO T 303 (ASTM C 1260): Use of a particular coarse or fine aggregate will be allowed with no restrictions when the mortar bars made with this aggregate expand less than or equal to 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting. Use of a particular coarse or fine aggregate will be classified as potentially reactive when the mortar bars made with this aggregate expand greater than 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting. Use of this aggregate will only be allowed with the use of cement-pozzolan blends and/or chemical admixtures that result in mortar bar expansion of less than 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting as tested under ASTM C 1567.

Acceptable pozzolans and chemical admixtures that may be used when an aggregate is classified as potentially reactive include, but are not limited to the following:

- Class F Coal Fly Ash meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 295
- Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (Grade 100 or 120) meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 302
- Densified Silica Fume meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 307
- Lithium-based admixtures
- Metakaolin

Pozzolans or chemical admixtures required to offset the effects of potentially reactive aggregates will be incorporated into the concrete at no additional cost to the Department.

703.05 Aggregate for Sand Leveling Aggregate for sand leveling shall be sand of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The aggregate shall meet the grading requirements of the following table.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves
3/8 inch	85-100
No. 200	0-5.0

703.06 Aggregate for Base and Subbase The following shall apply to Sections (a.) and (c.) below. The material shall have a Micro-Deval value of 25.0 or less as determined by AASHTO T 327. If the Micro-Deval value exceeds 25.0, the Washington State Degradation DOT Test Method T113, Method of Test for Determination of Degradation Value (January 2009 version) shall be performed, except that the test shall be performed on the portion of the sample that passes the 1/2 inch sieve and is retained on the No. 10 sieve. If the material has a Washington Degradation value of less than 15, the material shall be rejected.

The material used in Section (b.) below shall have a Micro-Deval value of 25.0 or less as determined by AASHTO T 327. If the Micro-Deval value exceeds 25.0 the material may be used if it does not exceed 25 percent loss on AASHTO T 96, Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine.

Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) shall not be used for or blended with aggregate base or subbase.

- a. Aggregate for base, Type A and B shall be crushed ledge or crushed gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The gradation of the part that passes a 3 inch sieve shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves	
	Type A	Type B
1/2 inch	45-70	35-75
1/4 inch	30-55	25-60
No. 40	0-20	0-25
No. 200	0-6.0	0-6.0

At least 50 percent by weight of the material retained on the No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as tested by AASHTO T 335.

Type A aggregate for base shall only contain particles of rock that will pass the 2 inch square mesh sieve.

Type B aggregate for base shall only contain particles of rock that will pass the 4 inch square mesh sieve.

- b. Aggregate for base, Type C shall be crushed ledge or crushed gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The material shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves
	Type C
4 inches	100
3 inches	90-100
2 inches	75-100
1 inch	50-80
½ inch	30-60
No. 4	15-40
No. 200	0-6.0

At least 50 percent by weight of the material coarser than the No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as tested by AASHTO T 335.

- c. Aggregate for subbase shall be sand or gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The gradation of the part that passes a 3 inch sieve shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves	
	Type D	Type E
½ in	35-80	
¼ inch	25-65	25-100
No. 40	0-30	0-50
No. 200	0-7.0	0-7.0

Type D aggregate for subbase gravel may contain up to 50 percent by weight Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA). When RCA is used, the portion of the resulting blend of gravel and RCA retained on a ½" square mesh sieve shall contain a total of no more than 5 percent by weight of other recycled materials such as brick, concrete masonry block, or asphalt pavement as determined by visual inspection.

RCA shall be substantially free of wood, metal, plaster, and gypsum board as defined in Note 9 in Section 7.4 of AASHTO M 319. RCA shall also be free of all substances that fall under the category of solid waste or hazardous materials.

Aggregate for subbase shall not contain particles of rock which will not pass the 6 inch square mesh sieve.

703.08 Recycled Asphalt Pavement Recycled asphalt pavement shall consist of salvaged asphalt materials from milled pavements or production waste that has been processed before use to meet the requirements of the job mix formula. It shall be free of winter sand, granular fill, construction debris, or other materials not generally considered asphalt pavement.

703.081 RAP for Asphalt Pavement Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) may be introduced into hot-mix asphalt pavement at percentages approved by the Department according to the MaineDOT Policies and Procedures for HMA Sampling and Testing.

If approved by the Department, the Contractor shall provide documentation stating the source, test results for average residual asphalt content, and stockpile gradations showing RAP materials have been sized to meet the maximum aggregate size requirements of each mix designation. The Department will obtain samples for verification and approval prior to its use.

The maximum allowable percent of RAP shall be determined by the asphalt content, the percent passing the 0.075 mm sieve, the ratio between the percent passing the 0.075 mm sieve and the asphalt content, and Coarse Micro-Deval loss values as tested by the Department.

The maximum percentage of RAP allowable shall be the lowest percentage as determined according to Table 4 below:

Classification	Maximum RAP Percentage Allowed	Asphalt content standard deviation	Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve standard deviation	Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve / asphalt content ratio	Residual aggregate M-D loss value
Class III	10%	≤ 1.0	N/A	≤ 4.0	≤ 18
Class II	20%	≤ 0.5	≤ 1.0	≤ 2.8	
Class I	30%	≤ 0.3	≤ 0.5	≤ 1.8	

Table 4: Maximum Percent RAP According to Test Results

The Department will monitor RAP asphalt content and gradation during production by testing samples from the stockpile at approximately 15,000 T intervals (in terms of mix production). The

allowable variance limits (from the numerical average values used for mix designs) for this testing are determined based upon the maximum allowable RAP percentage and are shown below in Table 5.

Table 5: RAP Verification Limits

Classification	Asphalt content (compared to aim)	Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve (compared to aim)
Class III	± 1.5	± 2.0
Class II	± 1.0	± 1.5
Class I	± 0.5	± 0.7

For specification purposes, RAP will be categorized as follows:

Class III – A maximum of 10.0 percent of Class III RAP may be used in any base, intermediate base, surface, or shim mixture. A maximum of 20.0 percent of Class III RAP may be used in hand-placed mixes for item 403.209.

Class II – A maximum of 20.0 percent Class II RAP in any base, binder, surface, or shim course.

Class I – A maximum of 20.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in any base, intermediate base, surface, or shim mixture without requiring a change to the specified asphalt binder. A maximum of 30.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in in any base or intermediate base mixture provided that a PG 58-28 or PG 58-34 asphalt binder is used. A maximum of 30.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in any surface or shim mixture provided that PG 58-34 asphalt binder is used. Mixtures exceeding 20.0 percent Class I RAP must be evaluated and approved by the Department.

The Contractor may use up to two different RAP sources in any one mix design. The total RAP percentage of the mix shall not exceed the maximum allowed for the highest classification RAP source used (i.e. if a Class I & Class III used, total RAP must not exceed 30.0%). The blended RAP material must meet all the requirements of the classification for which the RAP is entered (i.e. 10% Class III with 20% Class I, blend must meet Class I criteria). The Department may take belt cuts of the blended RAP to verify the material meets these requirements. If the Contractor elects to use more than one RAP source in a design, the Contractor shall provide an acceptable point of sampling blended RAP material from the feed belt.

In the event that RAP source or properties change, the Contractor shall notify the Department of the change and submit new documentation stating the new source or properties a minimum of 72 hours prior to the change to allow for obtaining new samples and approval.

SECTION 709 REINFORCING STEEL AND WELDED STEEL WIRE FABRIC

709.01 Reinforcing Steel Remove the second paragraph of Section 709.01 of the standard specification beginning with “Low-Carbon, Chromium,...” and replace with the following:

“ Low-carbon, chromium, reinforcing steel shall be deformed bars conforming to the requirements of ASTM A1035. Bars shall be Grade 100 and alloy Type CS unless otherwise specified on the Plans. “

SECTION 710 FENCE AND GUARDRAIL

710.06 Fence Posts and Braces Revise the first Paragraph so that it reads:

“Wood posts shall be of cedar, white oak, or tamarack or other AWP approved species, of the diameter or section and length shown on the plans.”

Remove the fourth paragraph which starts “ That portion of wood posts...”.

Revise the paragraph beginning with “Braces shall be of spruce, eastern hemlock ... so that it now reads:

“Braces shall be of spruce, eastern hemlock, Norway pine, pitch pine, or tamarack timbers or other AWP approved species, or spruce, cedar, tamarack or other AWP approved species round posts of sufficient length to make a diagonal brace between adjacent posts. All wood posts and braces shall be pressure-treated in accordance with AASHTO M 133 and AWP U1, UC4A Commodity Specification B: Posts. “

710.07 Guardrail Posts Revise this section so that the first sentence of section a. reads:

“a. Wood posts shall be of Norway pine, southern yellow pine, pitch pine, Douglas fir, red pine, white pine, or eastern hemlock or other AWP approved species.”

Revise the next paragraph so that it reads:

Wood posts and offset brackets shall be preservative treated in accordance with the requirements of AASHTO M 133 and AWP U1, UC4A Commodity Specification B: Posts.

710.08 Guardrail Hardware Revise this subsection by replacing “AASHTO M 298” with “ASTM B695”

SECTION 712 MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY MATERIAL

712.061 Structural Precast Units Amend this section by adding the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph of the Construction subsection:

“Facilities certified by NPCA or PCI shall provide to the Fabrication Engineer a copy of their annual audit to include deficiency reports and corrective actions.”

Revise this section by changing the letter “b” of ASTM C1611 of the Concrete Testing subsection so that it reads:

“b. Air content shall be 5.0% to 8.0%.”

SECTION 713 STRUCTURAL STEEL AND RELATED MATERIAL

Section 713.02 High Strength Bolts

Revise the second sentence of this subsection so that it reads “**Nuts shall meet the requirement of ASTM A563**”. Revise the third sentence of this subsection so that it reads “**Circular and beveled washers shall conform to the requirement of ASTM F436**”.

SECTION 718 TRAFFIC SIGNALS MATERIAL

718.03 Signal Mounting Amend the paragraph beginning with “All trunions, brackets and...” by adding “**For polycarbonate signal heads with more than 3 sections or requiring mounting extensions greater than 12 inches in length, reinforcing plates shall be used to reinforce the housings at the point of attachment.**” to the end of the paragraph.

718.08 Controller Cabinet Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “The cabinet shall be supplied with LED light panels...” on or about page 7-66 with “**The cabinet shall be supplied with white LED light panels which shall automatically illuminate via a door open switch whenever one of the four main cabinet doors are opened for the ground mount cabinet or two main doors for the side of pole cabinet. The ground mounted cabinet shall contain four LED light panels per side totaling eight panels for the cabinet; one panel each at the top and bottom portion of the front side and back side on the Control side and Power/Auxiliary side of the cabinet. Each light panel shall produce a minimum of 250 lumens for a total minimum lumen output of 2000 lumens with all eight panels illuminated. The minimum output per side would be 1000 lumens. The LED panels shall be protected by a clear shatterproof shield. The side of pole mounted cabinet shall contain four light panels; one at the top of the rack assembly and one at the bottom rack assembly on each side of the cabinet. A second door open status**

switch per door shall activate a controller input to log a report event that one of the doors was opened. All door open status switches shall be connected to the same controller input. For the ground mount cabinet, there shall be two switches on each of the four main doors. For the side-of-pole mount cabinet, there shall be two switches on each of the two main doors.”

Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “The cabinet shall be supplied with a generator panel ...” on or about page 7-68 with:

“The cabinet shall be supplied with a generator panel. The generator panel shall consist of a manual transfer switch and a twist-lock connector for generator hookup. The transfer switch knob and twist-lock connector shall be located inside a stainless steel enclosure with a separate lockable door accessed with a Corbin #2 key. The unit shall be mounted on the left, exterior of the control side wall of the ground mount cabinet a minimum of 36” above the surrounding grade and on the lower left side of the pole mounted cabinet. The generator transfer switch shall be a Reliance C30A1N Signa Series or approved equal. “

Revise this subsection by removing the following from the paragraph beginning with “The ground mounted cabinet shall be supplied and installed with an electric service meter socket trim and electrical service disconnect switch ...” on or about page 7-69: **“(removed: thus preventing that space from being used either by equipment supplied as part of the project, or future equipment that would be installed in the rack system. Joe indicated that he would add this language to the detail so it is covered.)”**.

Revise this subsection by replacing the following in the paragraph beginning with “The Contractor shall reconfigure the default user name...” on or around page 7-70; “MaineDOT IT” with **“MaineDOT Traffic Division”**.

In the paragraph beginning with “Tests shall be conducted by the contractor...” on or around page 7-73, amend this subsection by removing **“in the state of Maine and”** after “The facility shall be”.

Amend this Section by adding the following subsection:

718.13 Field Monitoring Unit (FMU) This item of work shall conform to this specification. This item shall consist of furnishing and installing a Field Monitoring Unit (FMU) and software, as well as all needed accessories required for a full and complete installation, including but not limited to power adapters, Ethernet cables, and interface cables, as described herein.

Where applicable, communications from MaineDOT’s cloud-based Central Management System (CMS) to the on-street traffic signal controllers shall be made through fiber optic interconnect cable connected back to existing internet connections and/or the Field Monitoring Unit (FMU). The Contractor shall furnish and install all materials necessary for a complete and operational fiber optic interconnection to all project intersections as shown on the plans. All connections to the CMS cloud-based system shall be via a secure VPN network.

The FMU shall be the only remote connection device used by isolated intersections to connect to the cloud-based system. All connections shall be encrypted VPN tunnels. The Contractor shall coordinate all configuration settings with MaineDOT IT and the Engineer.

The FMU central web based interface shall be a separate element from the CMS.

MATERIALS: The materials for this work shall conform to the following requirements:

1. The work under this item specifies the requirements for the FMU. The FMU shall operate independent of the brand/type of intersection controller deployed in the ATC traffic cabinet.
2. The FMU shall conform to the following requirements:
 - 2.1 The FMU shall function correctly between -34 degrees C and +74 degrees C.
 - 2.2 The FMU shall be provided with appropriately rated connectors that allows the FMU to be exchanged by unplugging connectors, without tools.
 - 2.3 The FMU shall monitor and log all ATC Controller and ATC cabinet faults and or alarms.
 - 2.4 The FMU shall be wired directly to the ATC cabinet.
 - 2.5 The FMU shall have an internal cellular modem running at 4G LTE.
 - 2.5.1 The Cellular modem shall be designed to be replaced / upgraded to 5G service when available.
 - 2.6 The FMU shall incorporate an integrated GPS and cell modem.
 - 2.7 The configuration of the FMU shall be accomplished by accessing the internal web server with a browser. It shall be possible to configure the FMU without any special software.
 - 2.8 The FMU shall be powered via a standard 120V input power.
 - 2.9 The FMU shall allow for the routing of the controller configuration packets to and from the controller (either by Ethernet or serial communications) for any type of controller utilized by the MaineDOT. In this way it shall be possible to configure the controller and utilize the controller specific software to interrogate the controller, and the FMU shall provide the communications pipe which allows this to be accomplished.
 - 2.10 The FMU shall, within the size limitations above, include a battery and battery charging/monitoring circuit, to allow the FMU to function correctly even when all power to the intersection has failed. The battery shall continue to power the FMU for a minimum of 5 hours after all power has failed to the intersection.
 - 2.11 The FMU shall incorporate an integrated GPS which will allow the FMU to geo-locate itself on the FMU management software map, without configuration.
 - 2.12 The FMU shall operate without requiring a static IP address. The only configuration required at the FMU is to enter the URL of where the FMU management software is hosted.

- 2.13 In the event that the cell service is interrupted or is not available, the FMU shall store any events that occur in internal memory and forward these events automatically to the FMU management software when the cell service is restored. In this way, a complete record of events at the device can be maintained even if cell service is interrupted for a period. The system will store 5000 events.
- 2.14 The FMU shall utilize HTTP and HTTPS protocols, and XML data structures, for communication with the FMU management software. In this way the data will be open for future expansion and competition. The use of secret proprietary protocols is not permitted.
- 2.15 The FMU shall include Ethernet communications via an Ethernet Port with RJ45 connector.
- 2.16 The FMU shall include weather proof antennas.

3. Map Display FMU Management Software

- 3.1 The FMU shall include a scrollable, zoomable map display, with the intersections and other monitored devices shown as representative icons on the map. The map shall include the ability to see the intersections using Google Streetview.
- 3.2 The alarm status of the intersection shall be clearly indicated on the icon on the map, so that the user can see at a glance which intersections are in alarm.
- 3.3 The map display shall also include a list of intersections, with the number and priority of alarms indicated on the list. Intersections in high priority alarm shall be moved to the top of the list, followed by medium priority, low priority and then finally by intersections not in alarm.
- 3.4 The icons shall change to be able to clearly indicate if an intersection is offline.
- 3.5 Clicking on the icon on the map shall expose a box with the current parameters of the intersection shown.
- 3.6 The default map display position and zoom shall be configurable by user, so that the user's view will default to show the intersections that the user is responsible for managing.
- 3.7 The map view shall have the ability to show Google traffic overlays on the map.

4. Intersection Detail Display FMU Management Software

- 4.1 It shall be possible to drill down, either from the map icon or from the list, to a device level detail for the intersection, which as a minimum shall display the following parameters:
- 4.1.1 The alarm status, with priority indicated, and a text description of the alarm (if an alarm is present for this device).
 - 4.1.2 The time since the last communication with the device
 - 4.1.3 The following parameters (real time now values, minimum for the day values, maximum for the day values, and average for the day values)
 - 4.1.3.1 The AC mains voltage (value)
 - 4.1.3.2 The battery back-up voltage (value)
 - 4.1.3.3 The cabinet temperature (value)
 - 4.1.3.4 The cabinet humidity (value)
 - 4.1.3.5 The presence of AC power (OK or Fail)
 - 4.1.3.6 The flashing status of the intersection (OK or Flashing)
 - 4.1.3.7 Stop Time status (OK or Stop Time Active)
 - 4.1.3.8 The cabinet door status (Open or Closed)
 - 4.1.3.9 The intersection fan status (Fan On or Fan off)
 - 4.1.4 It shall be possible to view graphs of each of the value parameters in graphical form, over the recent two-week period. This includes real time graphs of:
 - 4.1.4.1 The AC mains voltage
 - 4.1.4.2 The battery back-up voltage
 - 4.1.4.3 The cabinet temperature
 - 4.1.4.4 The cabinet humidity

5. Diagnostics and Log Display FMU Management Software

- 5.1 From the device level detail within the FMU management software, it shall be possible to drill down to get the raw data; the error logs; and the communications logs to allow a technician to fault-find problems.
- 5.2 It shall be possible to filter the logs by Device; by Device Type and/or by Group as well as between dates.
- 5.3 It shall be possible to print these selected logs to a local printer or a PDF file.

5.4 It shall be possible to export these logs to Excel on the local computer for further analysis.

6. Alarms FMU Management Software

- 6.1 The FMU management software shall have a comprehensive alarm generation capability
- 6.2 It shall be possible to configure alarms to be generated on any parameter becoming out of tolerance, including analog values, digital values and enumerated values.
- 6.3 Alarms shall be configurable to be of Low, High or Critical Priority.
- 6.4 The alarm priority shall be displayed throughout the FMU management software, on all displays, using color codes such as red-critical; yellow – high; and amber-low to indicate the priority of the alarm.
- 6.5 The current active alarms shall be accessible for view via an expandable window, to see which alarms are active and when the alarm occurred. The highest priority alarms shall rise to the top of the list.

7. Alerts FMU Management Software

- 7.1 The FMU management software shall have comprehensive alerting capability, to enable the response personnel to be notified when an abnormal situation has occurred.
- 7.2 It shall be possible to configure alerts to one or more personnel for each alarm. This will cause, as selected, an SMS and/or an email to be sent to the person when an alarm occurs.
- 7.3 The alert shall be configurable to optionally send via email and/or via SMS a message when an alarm clears.
- 7.4 The intention is that the FMU management software provides the alerts to the user in near real time. The SMS and email shall be issued within 30 seconds of the occurrence of event which results in an alert being issued.

8. Hosting and Connectivity and Service FMU / FMU Management Software

- 8.1 The contractor shall supply the FMU with the FMU manufacturers 10 year options for Connectivity and Service, as part of the purchase price. The Connectivity and Service agreement shall include at a minimum:
 - 8.1.1 Cellular Connectivity
 - 8.1.2 No cellular overage charges
 - 8.1.3 Extended warranty on the hardware for the period of the Connectivity and Service Agreement

- 8.1.4 Over-the-air software updates
- 8.1.5 Over-the-air security updates
- 8.1.6 Future Connected Vehicles Service

SECTION 720 STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS FOR HIGHWAY SIGNS, LUMINAIRES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS

720.12 Wood Sign Posts Revise the first sentence so that it reads:

Wood sign posts shall be rectangular, straight and sound timber, cut from live growing native spruce, red pine, hemlock, cedar trees or other AWPAs approved species, free from loose knots or other structurally weakening defects of importance, such as shake or holes or heart rot.

Revise the third paragraph that starts with “When pressure treated...” so that it reads:

All sign posts shall be pressure-treated in accordance with AASHTO M 133 and AWPAs Standard U1, UC4A, Commodity Specification A: Sawn Products.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

MAINE GENERAL PERMITS (GPs)
AUTHORIZATION LETTER AND SCREENING SUMMARY

DANIELLE TETREAU
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

CORPS PERMIT # NAE-2022-01994
CORPS GPs 7
STATE ID# WIN 24899.00 & 24819.00

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Place fill below the ordinary high-water mark of the Saint John River at two locations along Route 1 in Fort Kent and Frenchville, Maine in order to perform 535 feet of bank stabilization. This work will result in approximately 9,820 s.f. of temporary and 6,800 s.f. of permanent stream bed impact as shown on the attached eleven (11) sheets entitled "Slope Stabilization Locations," "Slope Stabilization," "Impact Plans," and "MNR Stability Evaluation."

LAT/LONG COORDINATES: 47.272905° N -68.592371° W USGS QUAD: Frenchville, ME

I. CORPS DETERMINATION:

Based on our review of the information you provided, we have determined that your project will have only minimal individual and cumulative impacts on waters and wetlands of the United States. **Your work is therefore authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Federal Permit, the Maine General Permits (GPs) which can be found at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit/>** Accordingly, we do not plan to take any further action on this project.

You must perform the activity authorized herein in compliance with all the terms and conditions of the GP [including any attached Additional Conditions and any conditions placed on the State 401 Water Quality Certification including any required mitigation]. Please review the enclosed GPs, including the GPs conditions beginning on page 5, to familiarize yourself with its contents. You are responsible for complying with all of the GPs requirements; therefore you should be certain that whoever does the work fully understands all of the conditions. You may wish to discuss the conditions of this authorization with your contractor to ensure the contractor can accomplish the work in a manner that conforms to all requirements.

If you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

Condition 45 of the GPs (page 19) provides one year for completion of work that has commenced or is under contract to commence prior to the expiration of the GPs on October 14, 2025. You will need to apply for reauthorization for any work within Corps jurisdiction that is not completed by October 14, 2026.

This authorization presumes the work shown on your plans noted above is in waters of the U.S. Should you desire to appeal our jurisdiction, please submit a request for an approved jurisdictional determination in writing to the undersigned.

No work may be started unless and until all other required local, State and Federal licenses and permits have been obtained. **This includes but is not limited to a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by the town if necessary.**

II. STATE ACTIONS: PENDING [], ISSUED [], DENIED [] DATE _____

APPLICATION TYPE: PBR: , TIER 1: , TIER 2: , TIER 3: , LURC: DMR LEASE: NA: X

III. FEDERAL ACTIONS:

JOINT PROCESSING MEETING: 25AUG2022 LEVEL OF REVIEW: SELF-VERIFICATION: PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION: X

AUTHORITY (Based on a review of plans and/or State/Federal applications): SEC 10 , 404 X 10/404 , 103

EXCLUSIONS: The exclusionary criteria identified in the general permit do not apply to this project.

FEDERAL RESOURCE AGENCY OBJECTIONS: EPA NO , USF&WS NO , NMFS NO

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact my staff at 978-318-8676 at our Augusta, Maine Project Office. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=136:4:0

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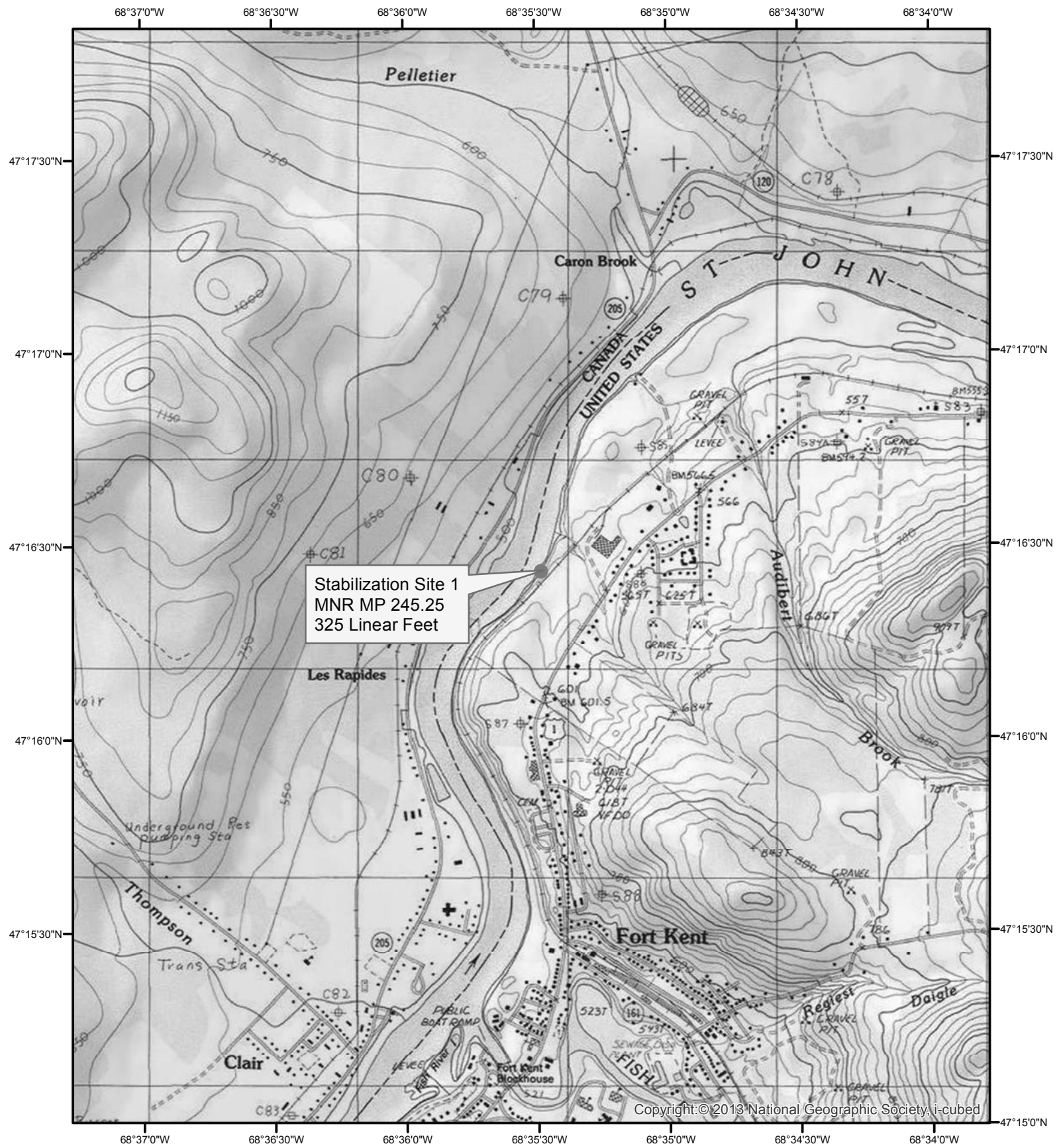
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**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. In-water work shall occur between June 15th and October 31st of any year.

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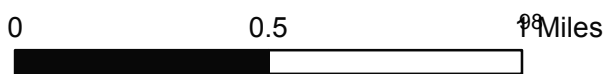


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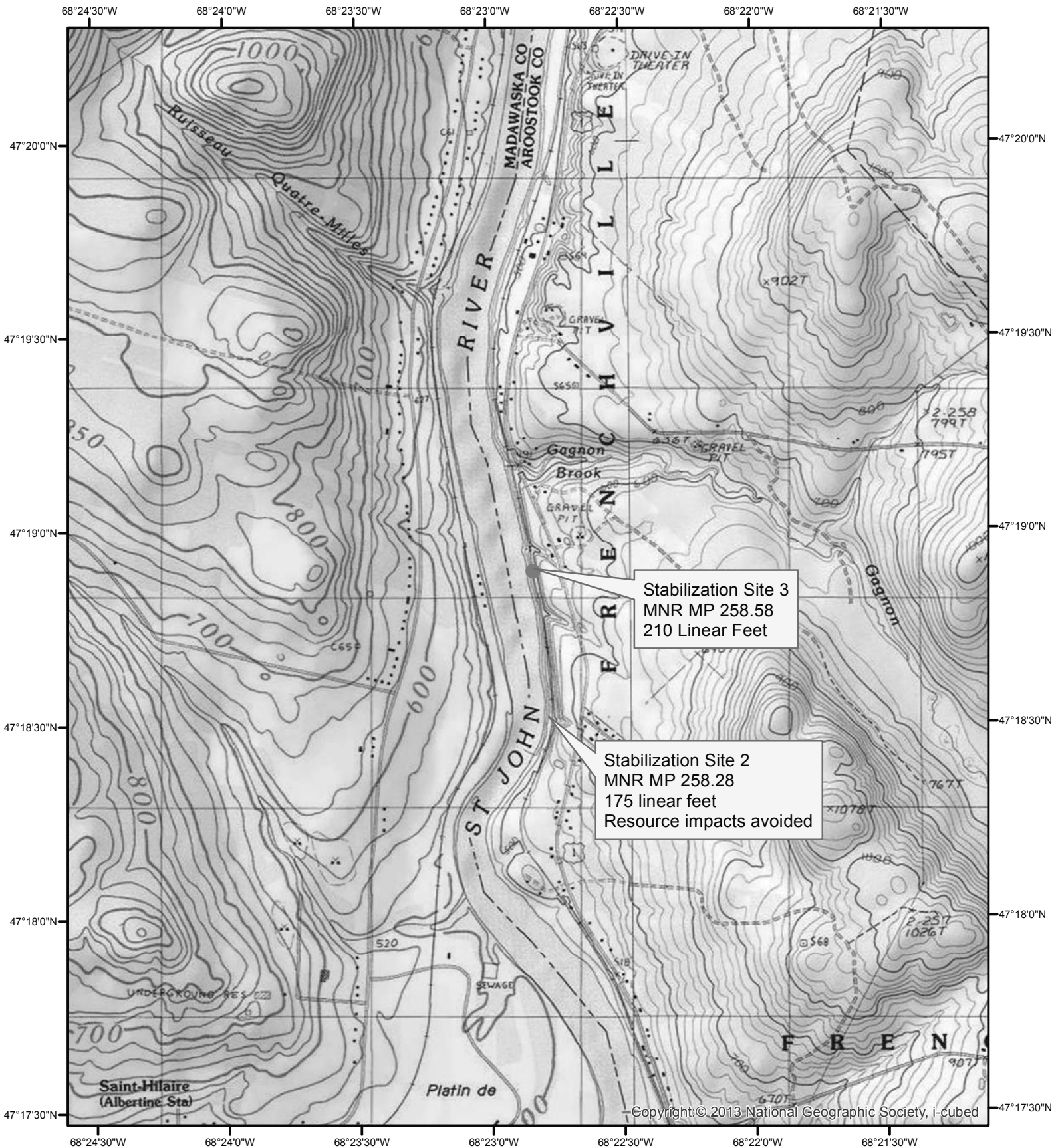
Slope Stabilization Locations
 MaineDOT WIN# 24899.00
 Fort Kent, ME (Aroostook County)



Project Coordinates (Center Point)
 Site 1: 47.272905°N, -68.592371°W



Project Location Map



Slope Stabilization
MaineDOT WIN# 24899.00
Frenchville, ME (Aroostook County)



Project Coordinates (Site 3)
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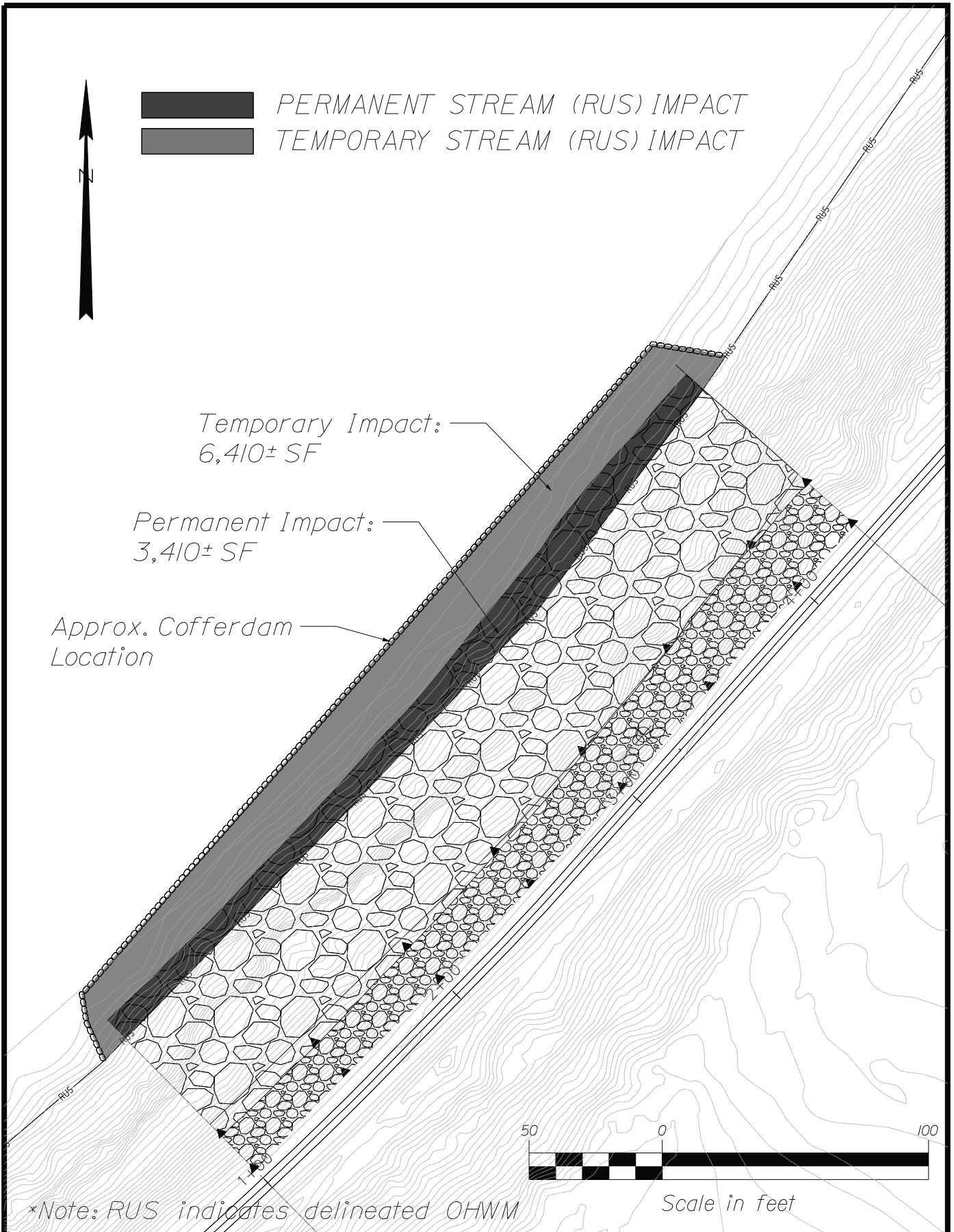


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TEMPORARY STREAM (RUS) IMPACT

Temporary Impact:
6,410± SF

Permanent Impact:
3,410± SF

Approx. Cofferdam
Location



*Note: RUS indicates delineated OHWM

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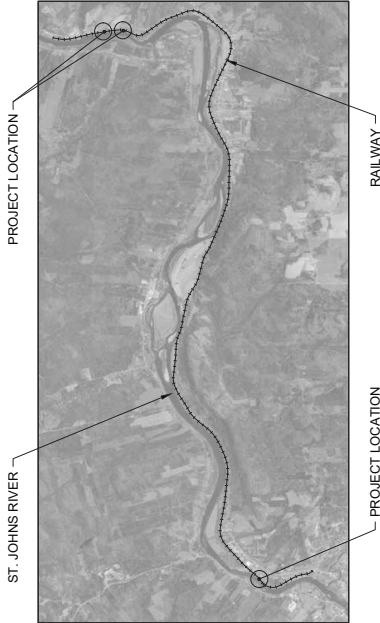
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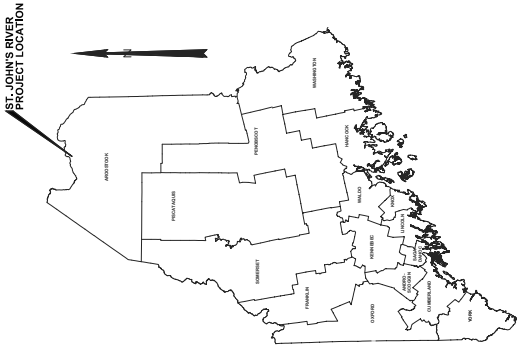
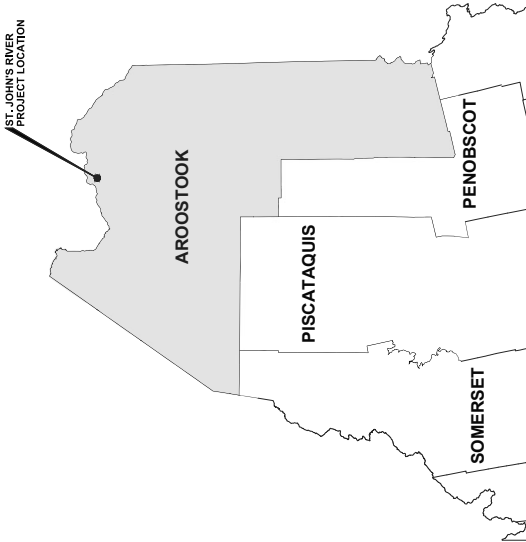
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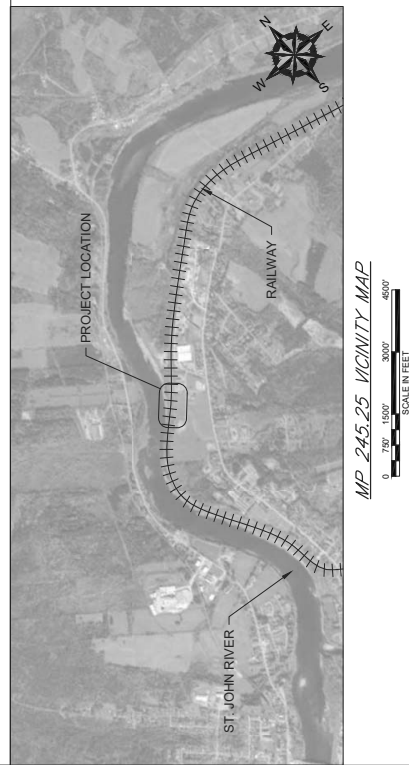
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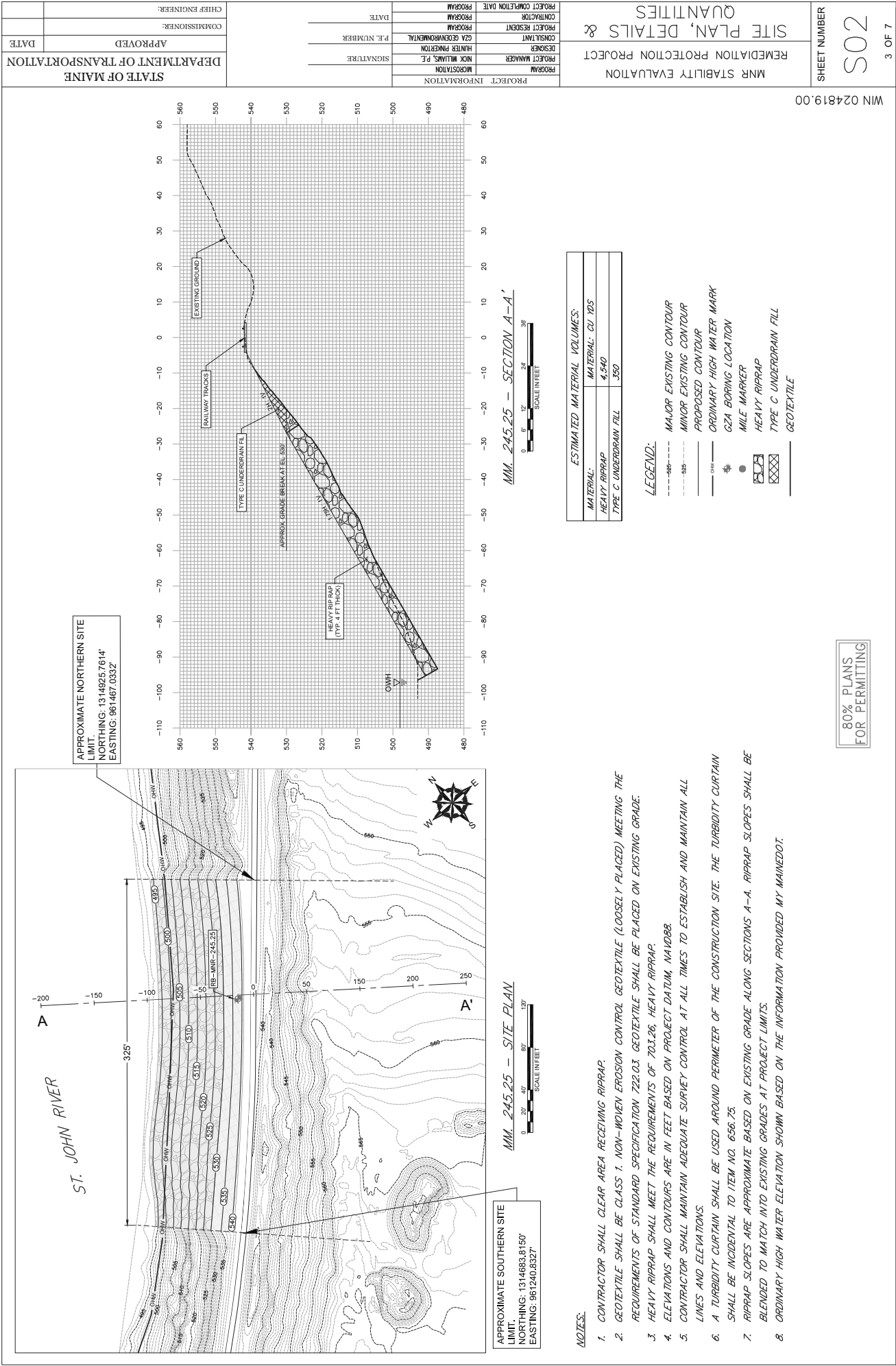


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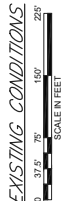




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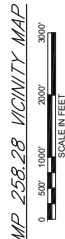


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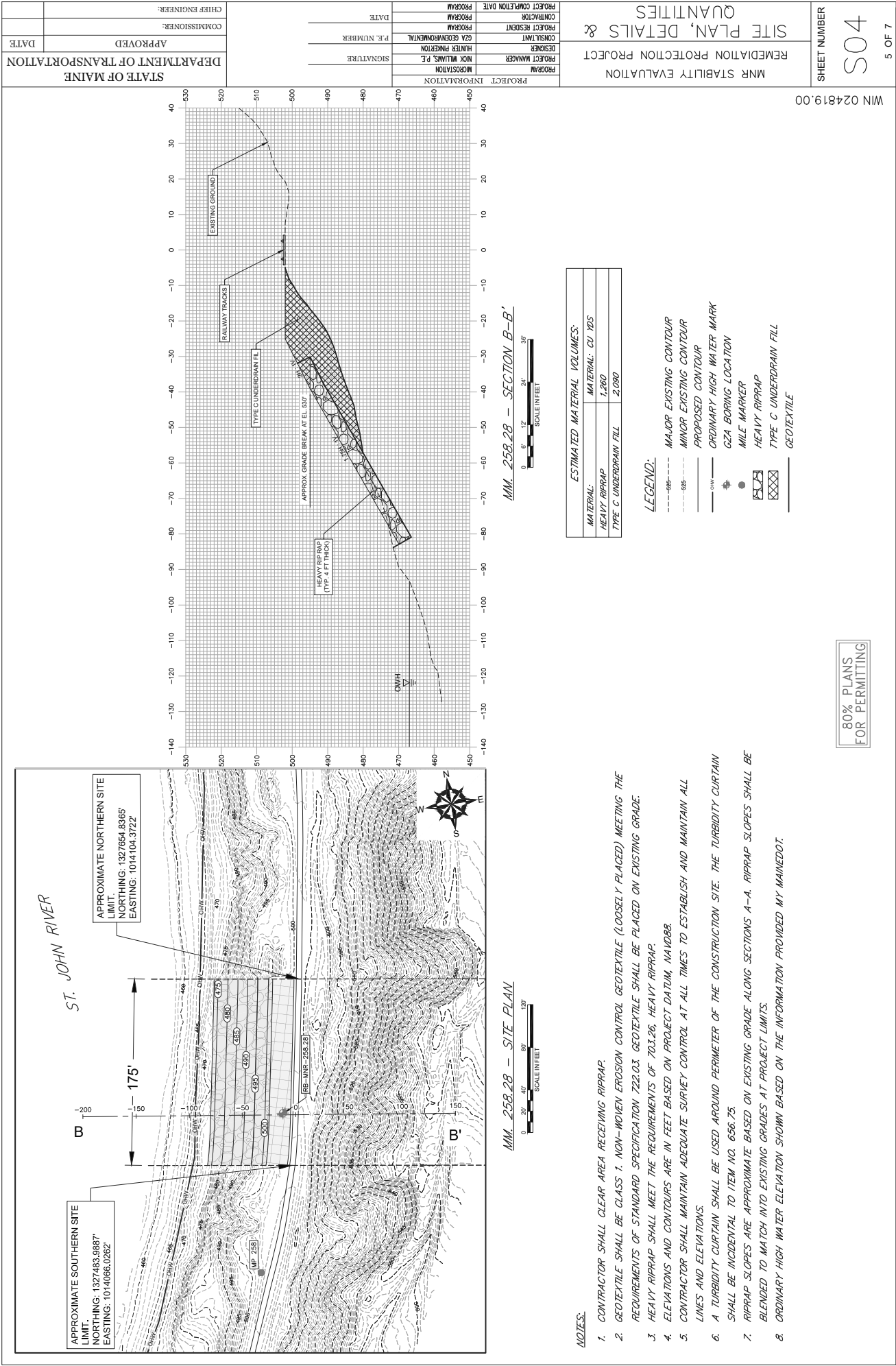
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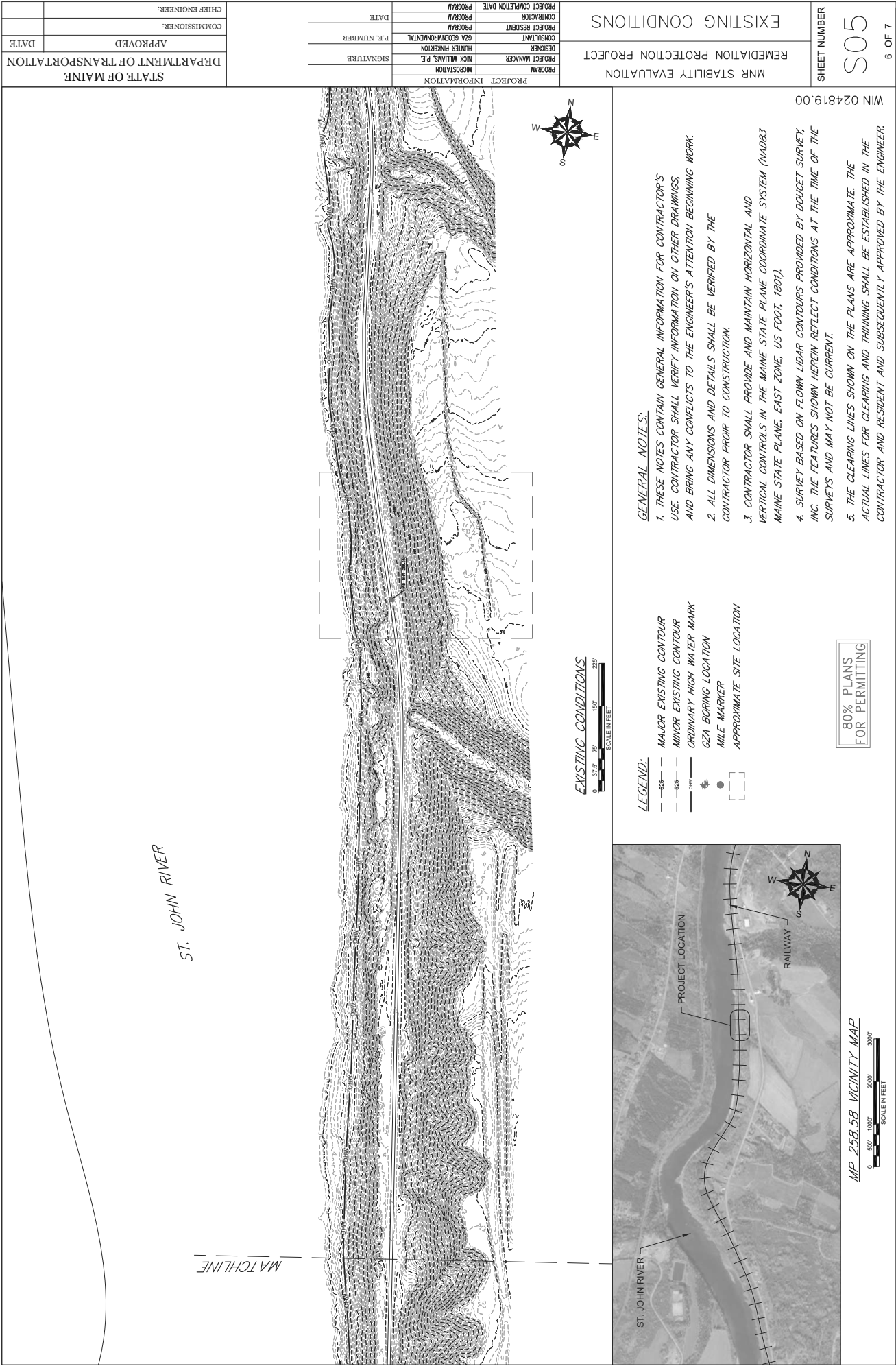
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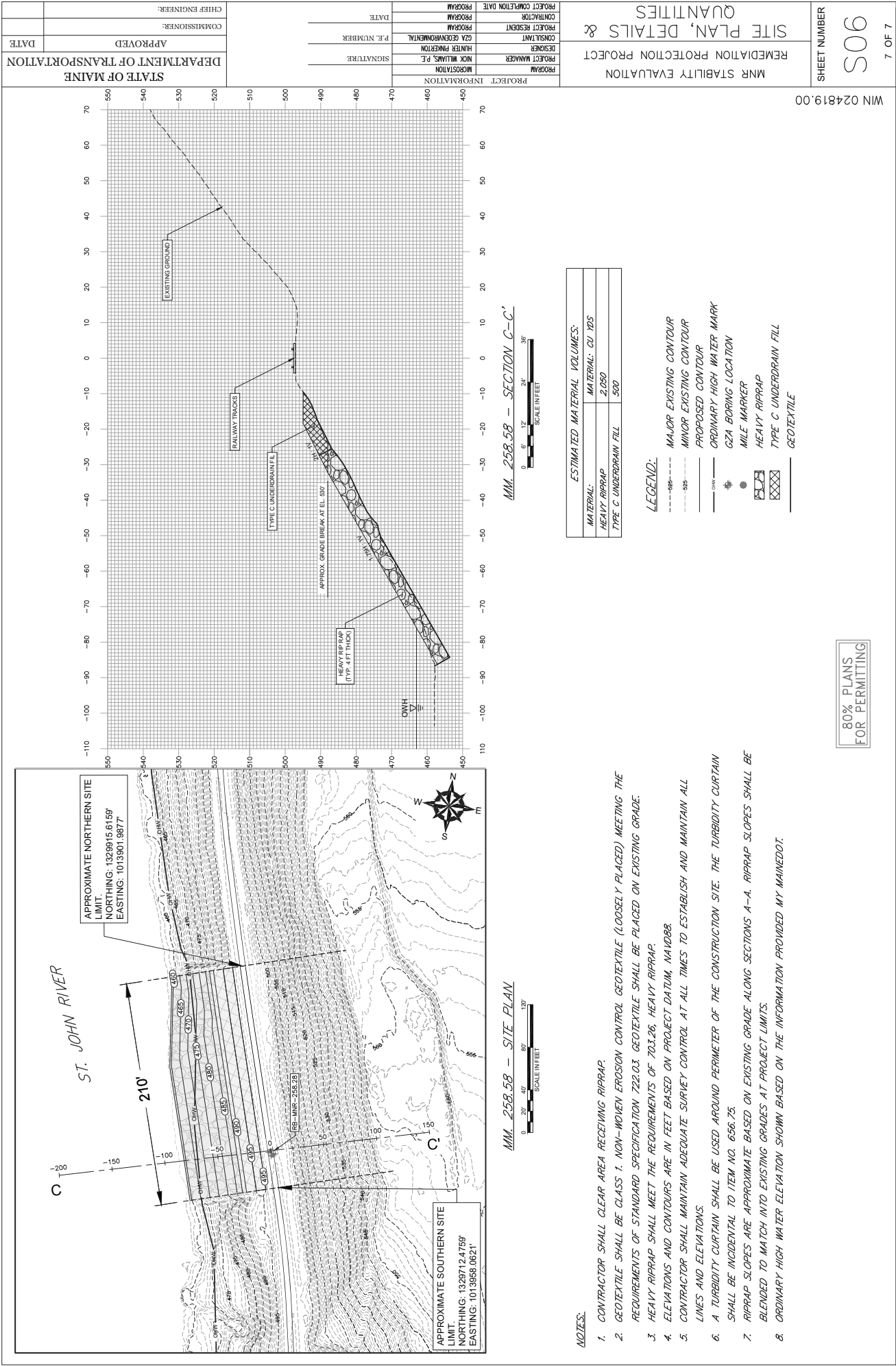
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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

Corps of Engineers Permit No: NAE-2022-01994

Name of Permittee: Maine Department of Transportation

Permit Issuance Date: October 14, 2020

Please sign this certification and return it to the following address upon completion of the activity and any mitigation required by the permit. You must submit this after the mitigation is complete, but not the mitigation monitoring, which requires separate submittals.

* MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District *
* Policy & Technical Support Branch *
* Regulatory Division *
* 696 Virginia Road *
* Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751 *

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above referenced permit, and any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Date

Printed Name

Date of Work Completion

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Telephone Number

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**GENERAL PERMIT
WORK-START NOTIFICATION FORM**
(Minimum Notice: Two weeks before work begins)

EMAIL TO: Jana.L.Jacobson@usace.army.mil

-or-

MAIL TO: Jana Jacobson
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
Maine Project Office
442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350
Augusta, Maine 04330

Corps of Engineers Permits (No. NAE-2022-01994) were issued to Maine Department of Transportation. The permits authorized the permittee to place fill below the ordinary high-water mark of the Saint John River at two locations along Route 1 in Fort Kent and Frenchville, Maine in order to perform 325 feet of bank stabilization. This work will result in approximately 9,820 s.f. of temporary and 6,800 s.f. of permanent stream bed impact

The people (e.g., contractor) listed below will do the work, and they understand the permit's conditions and limitations.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Person/Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____

Proposed Work Dates: Start: _____

Finish: _____

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

FOR USE BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Project Manager: JACOBSON Submittals Required: No

Inspection Recommendation: routine Maine General Permits compliance

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
GENERAL PERMITS FOR
THE STATE OF MAINE**

The New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) hereby issues 23 General Permits (GPs), listed below, for activities subject to Corps jurisdiction in waters of the United States within the boundaries of the State of Maine including tribal lands, and in adjacent ocean waters to the seaward limit of the outer continental shelf. These GPs are issued in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR 320 – 332 and specifically 33 CFR 325.2(e)(2). These GPs will protect the aquatic environment and the public interest while effectively authorizing activities that have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.

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I. CORPS JURISDICTION

1. Permits are required from the Corps for the following work:

- a. The construction of any structure in, over, or under any navigable water of the U.S. (see 33 CFR 328), the excavating or dredging from or depositing of material in such waters, or the accomplishment of any other work affecting the course, location, condition, or capacity of such waters. The Corps regulates these activities under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (see 33 CFR 322);
- b. The discharge of dredged or fill material and certain discharges associated with excavation into waters of the U.S. including wetlands. The Corps regulates these activities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (see 33 CFR 323); and
- c. The transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposal in the ocean. The Corps regulates these activities under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (see 33 CFR 324).

2. Related laws: Section 408 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 302 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and Section 7(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

II. GENERAL CRITERIA

1. In order for activities to qualify for these General Permits (GPs), they shall meet the GPs terms and eligibility criteria on pages 1-4, all applicable general conditions (GCs) in Section IV, and terms of the Maine General Permits in Section V. Any activity not specifically listed may still be eligible for authorization under these GPs; prospective permittees are advised to contact the Corps for specific eligibility determination.

2. Under these GPs, activities may qualify for the following:

- **SELF-VERIFICATION (SV):** Notification to the Corps is required at least two weeks before work commences; the Corps will acknowledge receipt and GP eligibility of the SV activity in writing.
- **PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN):** Notification to and written verification from the Corps is required. *No work under PCN may proceed until written verification from the Corps is received.*

The thresholds for activities eligible for SV and PCN are defined in the general conditions in Section IV and Maine General Permits in Section V.

3. Prospective permittees shall review:

- a. Section I to determine if the activity requires Corps authorization.
- b. Sections III , IV, and V to determine if the activity is eligible for authorization under these GPs, and specifically whether it is eligible for SV, or whether a PCN is required.

4. Prospective permittees are encouraged to contact the Corps with questions at any time (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Project Office, 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350, Augusta, Maine 04330, ph. 207-623-8367). Pre-application meetings, whether arranged by the Corps or requested by a prospective permittee, are encouraged to facilitate the review of projects. Pre-application meetings and/or site visits help streamline the authorization process by alerting the prospective permittee to potentially time-consuming factors that are likely to arise during the evaluation of their project (e.g. avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation requirements, historic properties, endangered species, essential fish habitat, vernal pools, and dredging of contaminated sediments).

5. Permittees shall ensure compliance with all applicable GCs in Section IV and GPs in Section V. Non-compliance with these GPs and GCs may subject the permittee to criminal, civil, or administrative criminal penalties, and/or an ordered restoration, and/or the permit may be modified, suspended or revoked by the Corps.

III. PROCEDURES

1. **State Approvals.** Applicants are responsible for applying for and obtaining any required state or local approvals. Federal and state jurisdiction and review criteria may differ in some instances. State permits may be required for specific projects regardless of the GP category.

In order for authorizations under these GPs to be valid, when any of the following state approvals or statutorily-required reviews is also required, the approvals shall be obtained prior to the commencement of work in Corps jurisdiction:

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit, including permit-by-rule (PBR) and general permit authorizations; Site Location of Development Act permit; Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act permit; and Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage, and Solid Waste Management Act license.
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry: Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) permit.
- Maine Department of Marine Resources: Aquaculture Leases and Licenses.
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Submerged Lands: Submerged Lands Lease.

2. **How to Obtain/Apply for Corps Authorization.**

a. **Self-Verification (SV):** Prospective permittees shall confirm that the activity meets all the applicable terms and conditions of SV. Consultation with the Corps and/or other relevant federal and state agencies may be necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable general conditions (GCs) and related federal laws such as the National Historic Preservation Act (GC 15), the Endangered Species Act (GC 16), the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (GC 17), and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (GC 13). Activities that are eligible for SV are authorized under these GPs provided the prospective permittee has:

- i. Confirmed that the activity meets all applicable terms and conditions of SV.
- ii. Provided notifications to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (the SHPO in the State of Maine is the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, or MHPC) and all five federally-recognized tribes in the State of Maine (Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, or THPOs) listed in Section VIII before submitting the SV to the Corps in order to be reviewed for the presence of historic, archeological, architectural, or tribal resources in the action area that the activity may affect (see GC 15). Prospective permittees are not required to wait for a response to their notifications before submitting the SV to the Corps.
- iii. At least two weeks before work is to commence, submitted to the Corps a Self-Verification Notification Form (SVNF, page 36) with all of the following attachments: location map, project plans, and an Official Species List of federally threatened and endangered species that may occur in the activity's action area and the email address of the person who generated the list (see GC 16).

NOTE: A copy of a state permit application form may be an acceptable surrogate for the SVNF itself; however, the applicant shall not rely on the state permitting agency to provide the Corps a copy of their state permit application.

b. **Pre-Construction Notification (PCN):** Notification to, and written verification from the Corps is required. For activities that do not qualify for SV or where otherwise required by the terms and conditions of the GPs, the prospective permittee shall submit a PCN and obtain written verification from the Corps before starting work in Corps jurisdiction. The Corps will coordinate review of all PCN activities with other federal and state agencies, as appropriate. The Corps will attempt to issue written verification of the PCN within 60 days of receiving a complete application.

All prospective permittees for PCN activities shall follow the instructions on found on pages 37 – 42, and in particular:

- i. Submit directly to the Corps application form *ENG Form 4345* (pages 40 – 42), or the surrogate state permit application form as noted above.

- ii. Provide project information outlined on pages 37 – 42 (Content of a Pre-Construction Notification).
- iii. Submit an Official Species List of federally threatened and endangered species that may occur in the activity's action area and the email address of the person who generated the list (GC 16).
- iv. Provide notifications to the SHPO (MHPC) and all five THPOs in the State of Maine listed in Section VIII before submitting the PCN to the Corps in order to be reviewed for the presence of historic, archeological, architectural, or tribal resources in the action area that the activity may affect (see GC 15). The PCN shall include documentation that MHPC and all of the THPOs were notified (a copy of the prospective permittee's cover letter or emails to MHPC and the THPOs is acceptable). Prospective permittees are not required to wait for a response to their notifications before submitting a PCN to the Corps.

c. Individual Permit (IP): Projects that are not eligible for these GPs require an IP (33 CFR 325.5(b)) and prospective permittees shall submit an application directly to the Corps. These GPs do not affect the Corps IP review process or activities exempt from Corps regulation. For general information regarding IPs prospective permittees are encouraged to contact the Corps. ***In addition, the Corps retains discretionary authority on a case-by-case basis to elevate GP-eligible activities to an IP based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest (33 CFR 320.4(a)). Whenever the Corps notifies a prospective permittee that an IP is required, no work in Corps jurisdiction may be conducted until the Corps issues the required authorization in writing indicating that the work may proceed.***

d. Emergency Situations: Contact the Corps immediately in the event of an emergency situation for information on the verification process. Emergency situations are limited to sudden, unexpected occurrences that could potentially result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process an application under standard procedures. Emergency work is subject to the same terms and conditions of these GPs as non-emergency work, and similarly, must qualify for authorization under these GPs; otherwise an IP is required. The Corps will work with all applicable agencies to expedite verification according to established procedures in emergency situations.

IV. GENERAL CONDITIONS

An activity is authorized under the General Permits (GPs) only if that activity and the permittee satisfy all of the applicable GPs terms and following general conditions (GCs):

1. Federal Jurisdiction.
2. Minimal Direct, Secondary and Cumulative Effects.
3. Other Permits.
4. Water Quality and Coastal Zone Management.
5. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains.
6. Discretionary Authority.
7. Single and Complete Project.
8. Use of Multiple General Permits.
9. Mitigation (Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensatory Mitigation).
10. Corps Projects and Property.
11. Navigation.
12. National Lands.
13. Wild and Scenic Rivers.
14. St. John/St. Croix Rivers.
15. Historic Properties.
16. Federal Threatened and Endangered Species.
17. Essential Fish Habitat.
18. Aquatic Life Movements and Management of Water Flows.
19. Spawning, Breeding, and Migratory Areas.
20. Vernal Pools.
21. Restoration of Special Aquatic Sites (Including Wetland Areas).
22. Invasive and Other Unacceptable Species.
23. Soil Erosion, Sediment, and Turbidity Controls.
24. Time-of-Year Work Windows/Restrictions.
25. Pile Driving and Pile Removal in Navigable Waters.
26. Temporary Fill.
27. Heavy Equipment in Wetlands or Mudflats.
28. Bank and Shoreline Stabilization Including Living Shorelines.
29. Stream Work and Crossings, and Wetland Crossings.
30. Utility Line Installation and Removal.
31. Storage of Seasonal Structures.
32. Aquaculture.
33. Permit(s)/Authorization Letter On-Site.
34. Inspections.
35. Maintenance.
36. Federal Liability.
37. Property Rights.
38. Previously Authorized Activities.
39. Transfer of GP Verifications.
40. Modification, Suspension, and Revocation.
41. Special Conditions.
42. False or Incomplete Information.
43. Abandonment.
44. Enforcement Cases.
45. Duration of Authorization.

1. Federal Jurisdiction.

a. Applicability of these GPs shall be evaluated with reference to federal jurisdictional boundaries (e.g. mean high water mark, high tide line, ordinary high water mark, and wetland boundary). Activities shall be evaluated with reference to “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act (33 CFR 328) and “navigable waters of the U.S.” under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 CFR 329). Prospective permittees are responsible for ensuring that the boundaries used satisfy the federal criteria defined at 33 CFR 328 – 229. These sections prescribe the policy, practice and procedures to be used in determining the extent of the Corps jurisdiction. Note: Waters of the U.S. includes all waters pursuant to 33 CFR 328.3(a), and in adjacent wetlands as that term is defined in 33 CFR 328.3(c).

b. Permittees shall identify on project plans wetlands, other special aquatic sites (SAS) including vegetated shallows (or submerged aquatic vegetation, SAV) and mudflats, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial and intermittent streams on the project site. Wetlands shall be delineated in accordance with the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and the most recent regional supplement pertaining to the State of Maine. GP-eligible activities may utilize wetland determinations conducted by State of Maine staff in-lieu of a wetland delineation. For activities located in Essential Fish Habitat (GC 17), permittees shall also identify on project plans natural rocky habitats and shellfish areas in order to satisfy the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

2. Minimal Direct, Secondary and Cumulative Effects. To be eligible and subsequently authorized by these GPs, an activity shall result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative effects on the aquatic environment as determined by the Corps in accordance with the criteria listed within these GPs and GCs. This may require project modifications involving avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to ensure that the net adverse effects of an activity are no more than minimal.

3. Other Permits. Permittees shall obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations as required by law. Permittees are responsible for applying for and obtaining all required State of Maine or local approvals including a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by the town/city. Work that is not regulated by the State of Maine, but is subject to Corps jurisdiction, may still be eligible for authorization under these GPs.

4. Water Quality and Coastal Zone Management.

a. Permittees shall satisfy any conditions imposed by the State of Maine and EPA, where applicable, in their Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for these GPs, or in any Individual Section 401 WQC. See Section VIII for state-specific contact info and to determine if any action is required to obtain a 401 WQC. The Corps may require additional water quality management measures to ensure that the authorized activity does not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards. All projects authorized by these GPs shall be designed, constructed and operated to minimize or eliminate the discharge of pollutants.

b. Permittees shall satisfy any additional conditions imposed by the State of Maine in their Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act of 1972 consistency concurrences for these GPs, or in any Individual CZM consistency concurrences. The Corps may require additional measures to ensure that the authorized activity is consistent with state coastal zone management requirements.

5. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains. The activity shall comply with applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved State of Maine or municipal floodplain management requirements. Permittees should contact FEMA and/or the State of Maine Floodplain Management Program regarding floodplain management requirements (see Section VIII for Federal and state-specific contact info).

6. Discretionary Authority. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms and conditions of these GPs, the Corps retains discretionary authority to require a PCN or IP review based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest (see 33 CFR 320.4(a)). This authority is invoked on a case-by-case basis whenever the Corps determines that the potential consequences of the proposal warrant a higher level of review based on the concerns stated above. This authority may be invoked for projects that may contribute to cumulative environmental impacts that are more than minimal or if there is a special resource or concern associated with a particular project.

7. Single and Complete Project. The term “single and complete project” is defined at 33 CFR 330.2(i) as the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers. These GPs shall not be used for piecemeal work and shall be applied to single and complete projects and as such, the same GP shall not be used more than once for the same single and complete project.

a. For non-linear projects, a single and complete project shall have independent utility. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.

b. Unless the Corps determines the activity has independent utility, all components of a single project and/or all planned phases of a multi-phased project (e.g., subdivisions should include all work such as roads, utilities, and lot development) shall be treated together as constituting one single and complete project. If any component of a single and complete project requires a PCN, the entire single and complete project shall be reviewed under PCN.

c. For linear projects such as power lines or pipelines with multiple crossings, a “single and complete project” is all crossings of a single water of the U.S. (i.e. single waterbody) at a specific location. For linear projects crossing a single waterbody several times at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project. However, individual channels in a braided stream or river, or individual arms of a large, irregularly-shaped wetland or lake, etc., are not separate waterbodies, and crossings of such features cannot be considered separately.

8. Use of Multiple General Permits. The use of more than one GP for a single and complete project is prohibited, except when the acreage loss of waters of the U.S. authorized by the GPs does not exceed the acreage limit of the GPs with the highest specified acreage limit. For example, if a road crossing over waters is constructed under GP 10, with an associated utility line crossing authorized by GP 9, if the maximum acreage loss of waters of the U.S. for the total project is ≥ 3 acres it shall be evaluated as an IP.

9. Mitigation (Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensatory Mitigation).

a. Activities shall be designed and constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the U.S. to the maximum extent practicable to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are no more than minimal.

b. Compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S., including direct, secondary and temporal loss, will generally be required for permanent impacts that exceed the SV limits (SV limits are detailed in Section V), and may be required for temporary impacts that exceed the SV limits, to offset unavoidable impacts which remain after all appropriate and practicable avoidance and minimization has been achieved and to ensure that the adverse effects to the aquatic environment are no more than minimal. Proactive restoration projects or temporary impact work with no secondary effects may generally be excluded from this requirement.

c. Mitigation proposals shall follow the guidelines found in the Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule April 10, 2008; 33 CFR 332 (which can be found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation under “Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, 33 CFR 332 (Compensatory Mitigation Rule)”) and any other regulation. Permittees considering the use of a monetary payment *in-lieu* of permittee-responsible mitigation as compensation for unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S. in the State of Maine may utilize the Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (MNRCP). Information regarding this compensatory program can be found at: www.mnrcp.org For unavoidable jurisdictional impacts affecting federally-endangered Atlantic salmon and/or its critical habitat, permittees may be required to compensate for the impacts by utilizing the Maine Atlantic Salmon Restoration and Conservation Program. Information regarding this *in-lieu-fee* compensatory program can be found at: www.maine.gov/dmr/science-research/searun/programs/ilffacts.html

10. Corps Projects and Property.

a. Corps projects and property can be found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works

b. In addition to any authorization under these GPs, prospective permittees shall contact the Corps Real Estate Division at (978) 318-8585 for work occurring on or potentially affecting Corps properties and/or Corps-controlled easements to initiate reviews and determine what real estate instruments are necessary to perform work. Permittees may not commence work on Corps properties and/or Corps-controlled easements until they

have received any required Corps real estate documents evidencing site-specific permission to work.

c. Any proposed temporary or permanent modification or use of a Federal project (including but not limited to a levee, dike, floodwall, channel, anchorage, breakwater, seawall, bulkhead, jetty, wharf, pier, or other work built or maintained but not necessarily owned by the United States), which may obstruct or impair the usefulness of the Federal project in any manner, is not eligible for SV and requires review and approval by the Corps pursuant to 33 USC 408 (Section 408).

d. A PCN is required for all work in, over, under, or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Corps Federal Navigation Project (FNP) and may require permission under Section 408.

e. Any structure or work that extends closer to the horizontal limits of any FNP than a distance of three times the project's authorized depth shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense prior to any future Corps dredging or the performance of periodic hydrographic surveys.

f. Where a Section 408 permission is applicable, written verification for the PCN will not be issued prior to the decision on the Section 408 permission request.

11. Navigation

a. There shall be no unreasonable interference with general navigation by the existence or use of the activity authorized herein, and no attempt shall be made by the permittee to prevent the full and free use by the public of all navigable waters at or adjacent to the activity authorized herein.

b. Work in, over, under, or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of an FNP shall specifically comply with GC 10.

c. Any safety lights and/or signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, State of Maine or municipality, through regulations or otherwise, shall be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities in navigable waters of the U.S.

d. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the U.S. require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the U.S. No claim shall be made against the U.S. on account of any such removal or alteration.

12. National Lands. Activities that impinge upon the value of any National Lands or Federal Properties including but not limited to a National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, or any area administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or U.S. Forest Service are not eligible for SV and require PCN.

13. Wild and Scenic Rivers.

a. The following activities in designated rivers of the National Wild and Scenic River (NWSR) System, or in a river designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system, require a PCN unless the National Park Service has determined in writing to the prospective permittee that the proposed work will not adversely affect the NWSR designation or study status:

- i. Activities that occur in NWSR segments, in and 0.25 miles up or downstream of NWSR segments, or in tributaries within 0.25 miles of NWSR segments.
- ii. Activities that occur in wetlands within 0.25 miles of NWSR segments.
- iii. Activities that have the potential to alter free-flowing characteristics in NWSR segments.

b. As of October 14, 2020, National Wild and Scenic Rivers and congressional study rivers in Maine include: the Allagash River beginning at Telos Dam continuing to Allagash checkpoint at Eliza Hole Rapids, approximately 3 miles upstream of the confluence with the St. John River (length = 92.5 miles); and 11.25 miles of the York River, in the State of Maine, from its headwaters at York Pond to the mouth of the river at York Harbor, plus tributaries (the York River is currently under study).

14. St. John/St. Croix Rivers. A PCN is required for any work within the Saint John and Saint Croix River basins that requires approval of the International Joint Commission. In addition, a PCN is required if any temporary or permanent use, obstruction or diversion of international boundary waters could affect the natural flow or levels of waters on the Canadian side of the line; or if any construction or maintenance of remedial works,

protective works, dams, or other obstructions in waters downstream from boundary waters could raise the natural level of water on the Canadian side of the boundary.

15. Historic Properties.

a. No undertaking shall cause effects (as defined at 33 CFR 325 Appendix C and 36 CFR 800) on properties listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unknown historic properties within the permit area, unless the Corps or another federal action agency has satisfied the consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The majority of historic properties are not listed on the National Register of Historic Places and may require identification and evaluation by qualified historic preservation and/or archeological consultants in coordination with the Corps and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (the SHPO in the State of Maine is the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, MHPC) and/or the five federally-recognized tribes in the State of Maine (Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, or THPOs). The MHPC, the THPOs, and the National Register of Historic Places can assist with locating information on:

- i. Previously identified historic properties; and
- ii. Areas with potential for the presence of historic resources, which may require identification and evaluation by qualified historic preservation and/or archeological consultants in consultation with the Corps and MHPC and/or the THPO(s).

b. For activities eligible for these GPs, permittees shall ensure that the activity will not cause effects as stated above in 15(a). In order to comply with this condition, both SV and PCN prospective permittees shall notify MHPC and all five THPOs for their identification of historic properties. MHPC and the THPOs will generally respond within 30 days of receiving the notification if they believe that the activity may have an adverse effect to historic properties. A PCN is required if an activity may have an adverse effect to historic properties. The PCN shall be submitted as soon as possible if a proposed activity may cause effects as stated above in 15(a) a to ensure that the Corps is aware of any potential effects of the proposed activity on any historic property to ensure all Section 106 requirements are met.

c. All PCNs shall:

- i. Show notification to MHPC and all five THPOs for their identification of historic properties;
- ii. State which historic properties may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties; and
- iii. Include any available documentation from MHPC or the THPO(s) indicating that there are or are not historic properties affected.

d. The requirements to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA may be satisfied by a Programmatic Agreement (PA) or Programmatic Consultation (PC) with the Corps, New England District or another federal agency. New England District PAs and PCs are found at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory

e. If the permittee discovers any previously unknown historic, cultural or archeological remains and artifacts while accomplishing the activity authorized by these permits, the permittee shall immediately notify the district engineer of what was found, and avoid construction activities that may affect the remains and artifacts until the required coordination has been completed. The district engineer will initiate the Federal, Tribal and state coordination required to determine if the items or remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

f. Federal agencies should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA. Federal permittees shall provide the Corps with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements.

g. Federal and non-federal applicants should coordinate with the Corps before conducting any onsite archeological work (reconnaissance, surveys, recovery, etc.) requested by MHPC or the THPOs, as the Corps will determine the Permit Area for the consideration of historic properties based on 33 CFR 325 Appendix C. This is to ensure that work done is in accordance with Corps requirements.

16. Federal Threatened and Endangered Species.

- a. No activity is authorized by these GPs which:
 - i. Is likely to directly or indirectly jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will directly or indirectly destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat or proposed critical habitat of such species;
 - ii. “May affect” a listed species or critical habitat, unless Section 7 consultation addressing the effects of the proposed activity has been completed;
 - iii. Is “likely to adversely affect” a listed species or critical habitat unless Section 7 consultation has been completed by the Corps or another lead action agency in coordination with the Corps under the provisions of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) or Programmatic Consultation (PC); or
 - iv. Violates the ESA.
- b. All prospective permittees shall attach to their SVN or PCN an Official Species List obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) found at: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac> and provide the email address of the person who generated the list.
- c. For proposed activities in tidal waters, prospective permittees should also refer to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries’ Section 7 Mapper for federally-listed species found at: <https://noaa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>
- d. A PCN is required if a threatened or endangered species, a species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered, or designated or proposed critical habitat (all hereinafter referred to as “listed species or habitat”), as identified under the ESA, may be affected by the proposed work. An activity may remain eligible for SV if the only listed species affected is the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and only after Section 7 consultation has been completed by the Corps under the 4(d) Rule Streamlined Consultation.
- e. Federal agencies shall follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of the ESA while ensuring that the Corps and any other federal action agencies are included in the consultation process.
- f. Non-federal representatives designated by the Corps to conduct informal consultation or prepare a biological assessment shall follow the requirements in the designation document(s) and the ESA. Non-federal representatives shall also provide the Corps with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The Corps will review the documentation and determine whether it is sufficient to address ESA compliance for the GP activity, or whether additional ESA consultation is necessary.
- g. The requirements to comply with Section 7 of the ESA may be satisfied by a Programmatic Agreement (PA) or Programmatic Consultation (PC) with the Corps, New England District or another federal agency. New England District PAs and PCs are found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory

17. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

- a. PCN activities in tidal waters and the following rivers and streams, including all tributaries to the extent that they are currently or were historically accessible for salmon migration, shall be reviewed for the potential to adversely affect EFH (activities meeting SV criteria have been determined to result in no more than minimal adverse effects to EFH and therefore need no additional review):

Androscoggin River	Aroostook River	Boyden River	Dennys River
Ducktrap River	East Machias River	Hobart Stream	Kennebec River
Machias River	Narraguagus River	Orland River	Passagassawaukeag River
Patten Stream	Penobscot River	Pleasant River	Presumpscot River
Saco River	Sheepscot River	St. Croix River	Tunk Stream
Union River			

- b. Prospective permittees may be required to describe and identify potential adverse effects to EFH and should refer to the NOAA Fisheries’ EFH Mapper found at:

www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/map/essential-fish-habitat-mapper

- c. The requirements to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act may be satisfied by a Programmatic Agreement (PA) or Programmatic Consultation (PC) with the Corps, New England District or another federal agency. New England District PAs and PCs are found at:

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory

18. Aquatic Life Movements and Management of Water Flows.

a. No activity may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. Unless otherwise stated, activities permanently impounding water in a stream require a PCN to ensure impacts to aquatic life species are avoided and minimized. All permanent and temporary crossings of waterbodies and wetlands shall be:

- i. Suitably spanned, bridged, culverted, or otherwise designed and constructed to maintain low flows to sustain the movement of those aquatic species; and
- ii. Properly aligned and constructed to prevent bank erosion or streambed scour both adjacent to and inside the crossing.

b. To avoid adverse impacts on aquatic organisms, the low flow channel/thalweg shall remain unobstructed during periods of low flow, except when it is necessary to perform the authorized work.

c. For work in tidal waters, in-stream controls (e.g. cofferdams) should be installed in such a way as to not obstruct fish passage.

d. To the maximum extent practicable, the preconstruction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization, storm water management activities, and temporary and permanent road crossings, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows. The activity shall not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows, unless the primary purpose of the activity is to impound water or manage high flows. The activity may alter the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g. stream restoration or relocation activities).

e. Activities that temporarily or permanently adversely impact upstream or downstream flood conditions require a PCN.

19. Spawning, Breeding, and Migratory Areas.

a. Jurisdictional activities in waters of the U.S. such as certain excavations, discharges of dredged or fill material, and/or suspended sediment producing activities that provide value as fish migratory areas, fish and shellfish spawning or nursery areas, or amphibian and migratory bird breeding areas, during spawning or breeding seasons shall be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

b. Jurisdictional activities in waters of the U.S. that provide value as breeding areas for migratory birds must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. The permittee is responsible for ensuring their action complies with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The permittee is responsible for contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Maine Field Office (see Section VIII for contact info) to determine applicable measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds or eagles, including whether "incidental take" permits are necessary and available under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for a particular activity.

20. Vernal Pools.

a. A PCN is required if a discharge of dredged or fill material is proposed within a vernal pool depression located within waters of the U.S.

b. GC 20(a) above does not apply to projects that are within a municipality that meets the provisions of a Corps-approved vernal pool Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) and are otherwise eligible for SV, and the applicant meets the requirements to utilize the vernal pool SAMP.

21. Restoration of Special Aquatic Sites (Including Wetland Areas).

a. In areas of authorized temporary disturbance, if trees are cut they shall be cut at or above ground level and not uprooted in order to prevent disruption to the wetland soil structure and to allow stump sprouts to revegetate the work area, unless otherwise authorized.

b. The introduction or spread of invasive plant species in disturbed areas shall be controlled. If construction mats are to be used in areas of invasive plant species, they shall be thoroughly cleaned before re-use.

c. Wetland areas where permanent disturbance is not authorized shall be restored to their original condition and elevation. Original condition means protection and/or removal of existing soil and vegetation, and replacement back to the original location such that the original soil layering and vegetation schemes are

approximately the same, unless otherwise authorized. Restoration shall typically commence no later than the completion of construction.

d. Upon completion of construction, all areas of authorized disturbed wetland area shall be stabilized with a wetland seed mix containing only plant species native to New England and shall not contain any species listed in the “Invasive and Other Unacceptable Plant Species” Appendix K in the “New England District Compensatory Mitigation Guidance” found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation

22. Invasive and Other Unacceptable Species.

a. The introduction or spread of invasive or other unacceptable plant or animal species on the project site or areas adjacent to the project site caused by the site work shall be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. For example, construction mats and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and free of vegetation and soil before and after use. The introduction or spread of invasive plant or animal species on the project site caused by the site work shall be controlled.

b. No cultivars, invasive or other unacceptable plant species may be used for any mitigation, bioengineering, vegetative bank stabilization or any other work authorized by these GPs. However, non-native species and cultivars may be used when it is appropriate and specified in a written verification, such as using *Secale cereale* (Annual Rye) to quickly stabilize a site. All PCNs shall justify the use of non-native species or cultivars.

c. For the purposes of these GPs, plant species that are considered invasive and unacceptable are provided in Appendix K “Invasive and Other Unacceptable Plant Species” of the most recent “New England District Compensatory Mitigation Guidance” and is found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation The June 2009 “U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Invasive Species Policy” provides policy, goals and objectives and is located at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Invasive-Species If an Invasive Species Control/Management Plan has been prepared it should be included with any SV or PCN.

23. Soil Erosion, Sediment, and Turbidity Controls.

a. Adequate sedimentation and erosion control management measures, practices and devices, such as phased construction, installation of sediment control barriers (i.e. silt fence, vegetated filter strips, geotextilesilt fences, erosion control mixes, hay bales or other devices) downhill of all exposed areas, retention of existing vegetated buffers, application of temporary mulching during construction, and permanent seeding and stabilization shall be installed and properly maintained to reduce erosion and retain sediment on-site during and after construction. They shall be capable of preventing erosion; of collecting sediment, suspended and floating materials; and of filtering fine sediment.

b. Temporary sediment control barriers shall be removed upon completion of work, but not until all disturbed areas are permanently stabilized. The sediment collected by these sediment barriers shall be removed and placed at an upland location and stabilized to prevent its later erosion into a waterway or wetland.

c. All exposed soil and other fills shall be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.

24. Time-of-Year Work (TOY) Windows/Restrictions. In-water work shall be conducted during the following TOY work windows (work allowed) under SV and any in-water work proposed during the following TOY restrictions (no work) shall be reviewed under PCN (and shall contain written justification for deviation from the work allowed windows). The term “in-water work” does not include conditions where the work site is “in-the-dry” (e.g. intertidal areas exposed at low tide). The term also does not include work contained in a cofferdam so long as the cofferdam was installed and subsequently removed within the work allowed window.

	<u>TOY Restriction (no work)</u>	<u>TOY Work Window (work allowed)</u>
Non-tidal waters	Oct. 1 st to Jul. 14 th	Jul. 15 th to Sep. 30 th
Tidal waters	Apr. 10 th to Nov. 7 th	Nov. 8 th to Apr. 9 th

Alternate work windows proposed under PCN will generally be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and/or Maine Department of Marine Resources and resulting written verifications may include species-specific work allowed windows.

25. Pile Driving and Pile Removal in Navigable Waters.

- a. Derelict, degraded, or abandoned piles and sheet piles in the project area shall be removed in their entirety as practicable and properly disposed of in an upland location and not in wetlands. In areas of fine-grained substrates, piles/sheets shall be removed by direct, vibratory, or clamshell pull method in order to minimize potential turbidity and sedimentation impacts. If removal is not practicable, said piles/sheets shall be cut off or driven to a depth of at least one foot below substrate.
- b. Work involving pile installation and/or removal should adhere to one of the five methods below:
 - i. “In-the-dry”, or
 - ii. In-water between Nov. 8th to Apr. 9th, or
 - iii. Drilled and pinned to ledge, or
 - iv. Vibratory hammers used to install any size and quantity of wood, concrete, or steel, or impact hammers limited to one hammer and <50 piles installed/day with the following: wood piles of any diameter, concrete piles ≤18-inches diameter, steel piles ≤12-inches diameter if: (1) the hammer is ≤3,000 pounds and a wood cushion or equivalent is used between the hammer and steel pile, or (2) a soft start is used. Soft starts require an initial set of three strikes from the impact hammer at 40% energy, followed by a 1-minute waiting period between subsequent three-strike sets. The soft-start procedure shall be conducted any time hammering ceases for more than 30 minutes.

26. Temporary Fill.

- a. Temporary fills, including but not limited to construction mats and corduroy roads shall be entirely removed as soon as they are no longer needed to construct the authorized work. Temporary fill shall be placed in its original location or disposed of at an upland site and suitably contained to prevent its subsequent erosion into waters of the U.S.
- b. All temporary fill and disturbed soils shall be stabilized to prevent its eroding into waters of the U.S. where it is not authorized. Work shall include phased or staged development to ensure only areas under active development are exposed and to allow for stabilization practices as soon as practicable. Temporary fill shall be placed in a manner that will prevent it from being eroded by expected high flows.
- c. Unconfined temporary fill authorized for discharge into waters of the U.S. shall consist of material that minimizes impacts to water quality (e.g. washed stone, stone, etc.).
- d. Appropriate measures shall be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Materials shall be placed in a location and manner that does not adversely impact surface or subsurface water flow into or out of the wetland. Temporary fill authorized for discharge into wetlands shall be placed on geotextile fabric or other appropriate material laid on the pre-construction wetland grade where practicable to minimize impacts and to facilitate restoration to the original grade. Construction mats are excluded from this requirement.
- e. Construction debris and/or deteriorated materials shall not be placed or otherwise located in waters of the U.S.

27. Heavy Equipment in Wetlands or Mudflats. Operating heavy equipment (drill rigs, fixed cranes, etc.) within wetlands shall be minimized, and to the maximum extent practicable such equipment shall not be stored, maintained or repaired in wetlands. Where construction requires heavy equipment operation in wetlands, the equipment shall: a) have low ground pressure (typically <3 psi); b) be placed on swamp/construction/timber mats (herein referred to as “mats”) that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation; or c) be operated on adequately dry or frozen wetlands such that shear pressure does not cause subsidence of the wetlands immediately beneath equipment and upheaval of adjacent wetlands. Mats are to be placed in the wetland from the upland or from equipment positioned on mats if already working within a wetland. Other support structures that are capable of safely supporting equipment may be used with written Corps authorization. Similarly, the permittee may request written authorization from the Corps to waive use of mats during frozen or dry conditions. Construction mats should be managed in accordance with construction mat best management practices (BMPs) found at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit

28. Bank and Shoreline Stabilization Including Living Shorelines.

a. Projects involving construction of or repair, replacement, and maintenance of bank or shoreline stabilization structures including living shorelines within Corps jurisdiction shall be designed to minimize environmental effects, effects to neighboring properties, scour, etc. to the maximum extent practicable.

b. Prospective permittees shall design and construct these stabilization projects using this sequential avoidance and minimization process: avoidance of aquatic resource impacts, diversion of overland flow, vegetative stabilization, living shorelines, stone-sloped surfaces, and walls/bulkheads. New vertical walls/bulkheads shall only be used in situations where reflected wave energy can be tolerated. Prospective permittees proposing new vertical walls/bulkheads shall provide written justification demonstrating why other methods of stabilization are not practicable and how the surrounding area would be affected by the resulting reflected wave energy.

Additional conditions to meet SV eligibility criteria for *non-tidal* bank and shoreline stabilization activities:

- a. Fill shall be ≤ 500 linear feet in total length as measured below the plane of the ordinary high watermark (OHWM), includes total if more than one stream bank.
- b. Fill placed below the plane of the OHWM shall be ≤ 1 cubic yard per linear foot.
- c. Fill shall not be angled steeper than 1H:1V.
- d. No discharge of fill in special aquatic sites other than wetlands.
- e. Stone revetment shall be comprised of angular material.
- f. No material shall be of the type, or placed in any location, or in any manner, to impair surface water flow into or out of any water of the U.S.
- g. No material shall be placed in a manner that will be eroded by normal or expected high flows (properly anchored trees and treetops may be used in low energy areas).
- h. The activity shall not be a stream channelization activity.

Additional conditions to meet SV eligibility criteria for *tidal* bank and shoreline stabilization activities:

- a. All in-water work shall be conducted “in-the-dry”.
- b. Fill shall be ≤ 500 linear feet in total length as measured below the plane of the high tide line (HTL) and shall be ≤ 200 linear feet in total length as measured below the plane of the mean high water mark (MHW), includes total for more than one bank. Vertical structures shall be ≤ 200 linear feet in total length as measured below the plane of the MHW and shall be ≤ 18 inches waterward of the existing vertical face.
- c. Fill placed below the plane of the HTL shall be ≤ 1 cubic yard per linear foot.
- d. Stone revetment shall be comprised of angular material.
- e. Shall not impact special aquatic sites (SAS, incl. submerged aquatic vegetation, SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitats are ≤ 100 square feet, and impacts to intertidal and shellfish areas are $\leq 1,000$ square feet).
- f. No structures/fill shall be steeper than 1H:1V.
- g. No new groins, breakwaters, or jetties.

29. Stream Work and Crossings, and Wetland Crossings.

a. A PCN is required for all new and replacement crossings in navigable waters.

b. In order to effectively size and configure crossings in navigable waters, new and replacement crossings shall consider factors including but not limited to: local tidal elevations over the range of tidal heights, basin topography and bathymetry, existing and proposed road elevations. Flood risk tolerance, conditions of habitat and natural community types present, and sea level rise during the useful life of the crossing.

c. A PCN is required for activities that result in unavoidable impacts to wetlands in excess of SV thresholds.

d. In-stream work and crossings and wetland crossings shall adhere to all applicable GCs including but not limited to:

- i. GC 16 (Federally Threatened and Endangered Species)
- ii. GC 17 (Essential Fish Habitat)
- iii. GC 18 (Aquatic Life Movements and Management of Water Flows)

- iv. GC 23 (Soil Erosion, Sediment and Turbidity Controls)
- v. GC 24 (Time-of-Year Work Windows/Restrictions)
- vi. GC 26 (Temporary Fill)
- vii. GC 28 (Bank Stabilization)
- e. Slip Lining. Work resulting in a decreased width, height, or diameter of an existing crossing (e.g. slip lining and invert lining) is discouraged and requires PCN. Written justification shall be provided for this activity.
- f. Culvert Extensions. A PCN is required for any extension to an existing culvert.
- g. Scour protection or armoring of the inlet and/or outlet of a crossing shall not disrupt normal flow patterns or substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area (see GC 18).
- h. The permittee shall maintain the work authorized herein in good condition and in conformance with the terms and general conditions of this permit to facilitate aquatic life passage as stated in GC 18. Culverts that develop “hanging” inlets or outlets, result in bed washout, or a stream that doesn’t match the characteristics of the substrate in the natural stream channel such as mobility, slope, stability confinement will require maintenance or repair to comply with this GC (this does not apply to temporary stream crossings).

Additional conditions to meet SV eligibility criteria for Stream Work and Crossings:

- a. Crossings shall be designed and constructed using the techniques and principles outlined in Stream Simulation, Stream Smart, Habitat Connectivity Design.
- b. Crossings shall be designed to be at least 1.2 times bankfull width. Any footings, abutments, and/or abutment armoring shall also be at least 1.2 times bankfull width.
- c. Crossings shall have a natural bottom substrate under or within the structure matching the characteristics of the substrate in the natural stream channel. Crossings shall be designed and constructed with appropriate streambed forms and streambed characteristics so that water depths and velocities are comparable to those found in the adjacent natural channel at a variety of flows.
- d. Crossings shall include a bank on both sides of the stream matching the horizontal profile of the existing stream and banks in order to allow terrestrial passage for wildlife and to prevent undermining of the footings as applicable.
- e. Closed bottom culverts shall be embedded at least 25 percent of the maximum height of the culvert.
- f. No unconfined fill or excavation in flowing waters is allowed. In-stream construction work shall be conducted “in-the-dry” under no-flow conditions or by using cofferdams, temporary flume pipes, culverts, etc. Downstream flows shall be maintained during in-stream construction. It is recommended that project plans include pertinent details for working in-the-dry and maintaining downstream flows.
- g. Conditions (a) thru (e) immediately above do not apply to temporary stream crossings; however, in addition to conditions (f) immediately above, temporary stream crossings shall adhere to the following:
 - i. Be placed on geotextile fabric or other material where practicable to ensure restoration to the original grade. Soil may not be used to construct or stabilize these structures and rock shall be large enough to allow for easy removal without disrupting the streambed.
 - ii. Be designed and maintained to withstand and pass high flows. Water height shall be no higher than the top of the culvert’s inlet. A minimum culvert diameter of two feet is required to pass debris. Culverts shall be aligned to prevent bank erosion or streambed scour.
 - iii. Be equipped with energy dissipating devices installed downstream if necessary to prevent scour.
 - iv. Be designed and maintained to prevent soil from entering the waterbody.
 - v. Be removed upon the completion of work. Impacts to the streambed or banks requires restoration to their original condition using the methods in (a) above.

PCN Conditions for Stream Work and Crossings:

- a. Crossings are recommended to meet the conditions for SV; written justification shall be provided for any deviation from SV conditions.
- b. Crossings shall be designed using the least intrusive and environmentally damaging method following this sequential minimization process: 1) spans with no stream impacts, 2) spans with stream impacts, and 3) embedded culverts with Stream Simulation, Stream Smart, or Habitat Connectivity.

Additional Conditions for Wetland Crossings:

a. New and replacement wetland crossings that are permanent shall be constructed in such a manner as to preserve hydraulic and ecological connectivity, at its present level, between the wetlands on either side of the road. Crossing structures commonly include but are not limited to spans and culverts. To meet this condition, spans or culverts should be placed at least every 50 feet with an opening at least 2 feet high and 3 feet wide at ground level. Closed bottom culverts should be embedded at least 6 inches and should have a natural bottom substrate within the structure. Alternative crossing designs that preserve wetland hydraulic and ecological connectivity (e.g. "rock sandwiches") may also be considered.

b. Any work that results in flooding, or impacts to wetland drainage from the upgradient side of the wetland crossing does not qualify for SV.

c. In the case of non-compliance, the permittee shall take necessary measures to correct wetland damage due to lack of hydraulic and ecological connectivity.

30. Utility Line Installation and Removal.

a. Utility lines in jurisdictional waters should be installed subsurface and shall be maintained in such a way so that they remain subsurface. If it is necessary to discharge dredged or filled material to keep such utility lines buried or restore them to their original subsurface condition, a PCN and written verification from the Corps may be required (e.g., in the case of side casting into wetlands from utility trenches).

b. For subsurface utility lines the bottom and side slope cover associated with the initial installation under Federal Navigation Projects (FNPs) is a technical determination. The depth requirement varies based on geotechnical (composition of bottom materials and layering), hydraulic (current, or wave induced scour depth), navigation (propeller induced scour depth and ships' anchor penetration), maintenance dredging (penetration of barge spuds), construction factors (energy from blasting potentially transmitted to utility crossings), physical conditions (exposed open water conditions or sheltered/harbor conditions), and the proposed location of the utility crossing within any FNP or within navigable waters, including areas dredged by others. On a case-by-case basis, the Corps will determine the depth and cover requirements for each proposed utility crossing. Additional conditions to the GP will be attached to address pre and post installation requirements. In waterways that do not have existing FNPs, this depth should be taken as two feet below the existing bottom or maximum depth of proposed dredging, as applicable.

c. Aerial utility lines crossing navigable waters require PCN and shall meet minimum clearances per 33 CFR 322.5(i).

d. For horizontal directional drilling work, returns of drilling fluids to the surface (i.e., frac-outs) are not authorized and require restoration to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the terms and conditions of these GPs. The permittee and its contractor shall have onsite and shall implement the procedures detailed in a frac-out contingency plan for monitoring drilling operations and for the immediate containment, control and recovery/removal of drilling fluids released into the environment should a discharge of material occur during drilling operations.

e. For new installations within waters of the U.S., any abandoned or inactive utility lines should be removed and faulty lines (e.g., leaking hazardous substances, petroleum products, etc.) shall be removed or repaired to the extent practicable. A PCN is required if they are to remain in place, e.g., to protect sensitive areas or ensure safety.

f. No work shall drain a water of the U.S. by providing a conduit for water on or below the surface. Trench plugs installed along pipelines may be effective.

g. Trenches should be backfilled with native sediment immediately after completion of work.

h. Pre-construction elevations should be re-established. Any additional material needed to accomplish this should be of consistent type and grain-size as the existing substrate sediment.

i. Utility line activities in non-tidal waters adjacent to special aquatic sites, and all work in tidal waters should utilize horizontal directional drilling as practicable.

31. Storage of Seasonal Structures. Seasonal or recreational structures such as pier sections, floats, aquaculture structures, etc. that are removed from the waterway for a portion of the year shall be stored in an upland location and not in wetlands, tidal wetlands, their substrate, or on mudflats. These seasonal structures may be stored on the fixed, pile-supported portion of a structure that is waterward of the mean high water mark or the ordinary high water mark, e.g. the storage of a ramp or gangway on the pile-supported pier. Seasonal storage of structures in navigable waters, e.g., in a protected cove, requires prior Corps approval and local harbor master approval.

32. Aquaculture. Activities involving the cultivation of Atlantic salmon and other salmonids, or other federally-listed threatened or endangered species are not eligible for authorization under these GPs. All other aquaculture activities shall adhere to all applicable GCs including but not limited to:

- a. GC 3 (Other Permits) In particular, permittees shall maintain a current State of Maine Department of Marine Resources lease or license.
- b. GC 10 (Corps Projects and Property)
- c. GC 11 (Navigation)
- d. GC 16 (Federal Threatened and Endangered Species)
- e. GC 17 (Essential Fish Habitat)
- f. GC 18 (Aquatic Life Movements and Management of Water Flows)
- g. GC 31 (Storage of Seasonal Structures)

Additional conditions to meet SV eligibility criteria for Tidal Aquaculture:

- a. Shall not exceed 400 square feet in area.
- b. Shall receive signed approval from Harbor master or appropriate Town Official.
- c. Shall not include enclosures or impoundments.
- d. Shall not be located in or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a FNP.
- e. Shall not be located in or impinge upon the value of National Lands and Federal Properties including but not limited to National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges.
- f. Shall not impact special aquatic sites (SAS, incl. submerged aquatic vegetation, SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitats are ≤ 100 square feet, and impacts to intertidal and shellfish areas are $\leq 1,000$ square feet.
- g. No structures, cages, gear, or shell hash shall be located in/within 25 feet of SAV.
- h. All gear, except for mooring tackle, when not in use on the site shall be stored in an upland location above the mean high water mark and not on wetland (incl. salt marsh).

33. Permit(s)/Authorization Letter On-Site. The permittee shall ensure that a copy of the terms and conditions of these GPs and any accompanying authorization letter with attached plans are at the site of the work authorized by these GPs whenever work is being performed and that all construction personnel performing work which may affect waters of the U.S. are fully aware of the accompanying terms and conditions. The entire permit authorization shall be made a part of any and all contracts and subcontracts for work that affects areas of Corps jurisdiction at the site of the work authorized by these GPs. This shall be achieved by including the entire permit authorization in the specifications for work. The term "entire permit authorization" means all terms and conditions of the GPs, the GPs, and the authorization letter (including its drawings, plans, appendices and other attachments) and subsequent permit modifications as applicable. If the authorization letter is issued after the construction specifications, but before receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit authorization shall be included as an addendum to the specifications. If the authorization letter is issued after receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit authorization shall be included in the contract or subcontract. Although the permittee may assign various aspects of the work to different contractors or subcontractors, all contractors and subcontractors shall be obligated by contract to comply with all environmental protection provisions contained within the entire GP authorization, and no contract or subcontract shall require or allow unauthorized work in areas of Corps jurisdiction.

34. Inspections. The permittee shall allow the Corps to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to ensure that the work is eligible for authorization under these GPs, is being, or has been performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of these GPs. To facilitate these inspections, the permittee shall

complete and return to the Corps the Work-Start Notification Form and the Compliance Certification Form when either is provided with an authorization letter. The Corps may also require post-construction engineering drawings and/or photographs for completed work or post-dredging survey drawings for any dredging work to verify compliance.

35. Maintenance. The permittee shall maintain the activity authorized by these GPs in good condition and in conformance with the terms and condition of these permits. This does not include maintenance dredging, related disposal, or beach nourishment projects, which are subject to review thresholds for GP 5 on page 30, unless specified in written authorization from the Corps.

36. Federal Liability. In issuing these permits, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

- a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes;
- b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the U.S. in the public interest;
- c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit;
- d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work; or
- e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

37. Property Rights. Per 33 CFR 320.4(g)(6), these GPs do not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

38. Previously Authorized Activities.

- a. Projects that received prior authorization from the Corps (via Category 1 or 2) and that completed authorized work under the previous nationwide permits, programmatic permits, regional general permits or letters of permission, shall remain authorized in accordance with the original terms and conditions of those authorizations, including their terms, general conditions, expiration date, and any special conditions provided in a written verification.
- b. Activities authorized pursuant to 33 CFR Part 330.3 (“Activities occurring before certain dates”) are not affected by these GPs.
- c. Any work not commenced, not under contract to commence, nor completed that was originally authorized by the Corps under the GP in effect between October 13, 2015 and October 13, 2020 remains authorized subject to the terms and general conditions of this GP along with any special conditions included in written authorizations. Exception: if previously authorized work has not commenced or not under contract to commence and a new federally-listed threatened or endangered species may be affected, the Corps shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or NOAA Fisheries prior to re-authorizing the work under these GPs. Requests for re-authorization shall include an Official Species List per GC 16.

39. Transfer of GP Verifications. If the permittee sells the property associated with a GP verification, the permittee may transfer the GP verification to the new owner by submitting a letter to the Corps to validate the transfer. A copy of the GP verification shall be attached to the letter, the letter shall contain the name, address, phone number and email of the transferee (new owner), shall include the following statement and signature, and be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Project Office, 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350, Augusta, Maine 04330:

“When the structures or work authorized by these GPs are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of these GPs, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property.”

Transferee Printed Name

Transferee Signature Date

40. Modification, Suspension, and Revocation. These GPs and any individual authorization issued thereof may be either modified, suspended, or revoked, in whole or in part, pursuant to the policies and procedures of 33 CFR 325.7, and any such action shall not be the basis for any claim for damages against the U.S.

41. Special Conditions. The Corps may independently or in coordination with federal resource agencies impose special conditions on a project authorized pursuant to these GPs that are determined necessary to minimize adverse navigational and/or environmental effects, or based on any other factor of the public interest. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of the authorization, including special conditions, constitutes a permit violation and may subject the permittee to criminal, civil or administrative penalties and/or an ordered restoration.

42. False or Incomplete Information. If the Corps makes a determination regarding the eligibility of a project under these GPs and subsequently discovers that it has relied on false, incomplete or inaccurate information provided by the permittee, the Corps may determine that the GP authorization is not valid; modify, suspend or revoke the authorization; and the U.S. Government may institute legal proceedings.

43. Abandonment. If the permittee decides to abandon the activity authorized under these GPs, unless such abandonment is merely the transfer of property to a third party, he/she may be required to restore the area to the satisfaction of the Corps.

44. Enforcement cases. These GPs do not apply to any existing or proposed activity in Corps jurisdiction associated with an ongoing Corps or EPA enforcement action, until such time as the enforcement action is resolved or the Corps or EPA, as appropriate, determines that the activity may proceed independently without compromising the enforcement action.

45. Duration of Authorization.

a. These GPs expire on October 14, 2025 unless otherwise specifically indicated in an individual authorization letter. Activities authorized under these GPs that have either commenced or are under contract to commence in reliance upon this authorization will have an additional year from the expiration date to complete the work. The permittee must be able to document to the Corps' satisfaction that the activity commenced or was under contract to commence by the expiration date of these GPs. If work is not completed within the one year extended timeframe, the permittee must contact the Corps. The Corps may issue a new authorization, provided the activity meets the applicable terms and conditions of the Maine GPs that are in effect at the time.

b. Activities authorized under these GPs will remain authorized until these GPs expire, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(e)(2). Activities completed under the SV or PCN authorizations of these GPs will continue to be authorized after its expiration date.

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V. MAINE GENERAL PERMITS

An activity is authorized under General Permits 1 through 23 listed below only if that activity and the permittee satisfy all of the applicable GP terms and general conditions. Any activity not specifically listed may still be eligible for authorization under these GPs; prospective permittees are advised to contact the Corps for specific eligibility determination.

1. **Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance of Authorized Structures and Fills;**

Repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable structure, or fill and minor expansions thereof.

2. **Moorings**

New moorings and mooring fields, the relocation of previously authorized moorings, expansions, boundary reconfigurations or modifications of previously authorized mooring fields, conversion of mooring types (e.g. private to rental), and maintenance and replacement of moorings. Moored floats, lobster cars, rafts, and similar float structures are not included in this GP.

3. **Structures, Floats and Lifts**

New, expansions, reconfigurations or modifications of structures for navigational access in waters of the U.S. including but not limited to temporary/seasonal or permanent pile and crib-supported piers, floats, stairs, shore outhauls, and boat and float lifts/ways. Floats may include lobster cars, work floats, moored floats, swim floats, and shellfish upweller floats.

4. **Aids to Navigation, and Temporary Recreational Structures**

Aids to navigation and regulatory markers which are approved by and installed in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard (see 33 CFR, chapter I, subchapter C, part 66) and temporary buoys, markers, small floating docks, and similar structures placed for recreational use during specific events such as fireworks displays, water skiing competitions, and boat races or seasonal use.

5. **Dredging, Disposal of Dredged Material, Beach Nourishment, and Rock Removal and Relocation**

New, maintenance, and improvement dredging, including: a) Disposal of dredged material at a confined aquatic disposal, beach nourishment, near shore, designated open water or ocean water disposal site(s), provided the Corps finds the dredged material to be suitable for such disposal; (b) Beach nourishment not associated with dredging; (c) Rock removal and relocation for navigation.

6. **U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges and Causeways**

Discharges of dredged or fill material incidental to the construction and modification of bridges across navigable waters of the U.S., including cofferdams abutments, foundation seals, piers, approach fills, and temporary construction and access fills provided that the USCG authorizes the construction of the bridge structure under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 or other applicable laws.

7. **Bank and Shoreline Stabilization Including Living Shorelines**

Bank stabilization activities necessary for erosion protection along the banks of lakes, ponds, streams, and marine/tidal waters. Includes bulkheads, seawalls, riprap, revetments or slope protection & similar structures as well as vegetative planting, soil bioengineering or alternative techniques that are a combination of the two (i.e. living shorelines), specifically for the purpose of shoreline protection.

8. **Residential, Commercial and Institutional Developments, and Recreational Facilities**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S for the construction or expansion of: residences and residential subdivisions; commercial and institutional buildings or subdivisions; and recreational facilities; and attendant features including but not limited to roads, parking lots, garages, stormwater management facilities, yards, and utilities.

9. Utility Line Activities

Activities required for (a) the construction, maintenance, relocation, repair, & removal of utility lines, including outfall and intake structures, and the associated excavation, backfill, or bedding for utility lines; (b) the construction, maintenance or expansion of utility line substation facilities associated with a power/utility line in non-tidal waters; and (c) the construction and maintenance of foundations for overhead utility line towers, poles, and anchors provided the foundations are the minimum size necessary and separate footings for each tower leg (rather than a larger single pad) are used where feasible. This GP authorizes the construction of access roads to facilitate construction of the above activities provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project.

10. Linear Transportation Projects

Activities required for the construction, expansion, modification, or improvement of linear transportation projects (e.g., driveways, roads, highways, railways, trails, airport runways, and taxiways) and attendant features.

11. Mining Activities

Temporary or permanent discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. for mining activities.

12. Boat Ramps and Marine Railways

Temporary or permanent discharges of dredged or fill material, excavation and other work in waters of the U.S. required for the construction of temporary or permanent boat ramps and marine railways.

13. Land and Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities and Hydropower Projects

Structures and work and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. for the construction, expansion, modification or removal of: (a) land-based renewable energy production facilities (e.g. solar and wind) and their attendant features; (b) water-based wind or hydrokinetic renewable energy generation pilot projects and their attendant features; and (c) discharges of dredged or fill material associated with hydropower projects. Attendant features may include, but are not limited to, land-based collection and distribution facilities, control facilities, and parking lots.

14. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches and Mosquito Management

Discharges to modify the cross-sectional configuration of currently serviceable drainage ditches constructed in waters of the U.S., for the purpose of improving water quality by regrading the drainage ditch with gentler slopes, which can reduce erosion, increase growth of vegetation, and increase uptake of nutrients and other substances by vegetation. Also authorized are mosquito reduction activities.

15. Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances

Activities conducted in response to a discharge or release of oil and hazardous substances that are subject to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (40 CFR 300) including containment, cleanup, and mitigation efforts, provided activities are done under either (i) The Spill Prevent, Control & Countermeasure Plan required by 40 CFR 112.3; (ii) The direction or oversight of the Federal on-site coordinator designated by 40 CFR 300; or (iii) Any approved existing State, regional or local contingency plan provided that the Regional Response Team (if one exists in the area) concurs with the proposed response efforts or does not object to the response effort. Activities required for the cleanup of oil releases in waters of the U.S. from electrical equipment that are governed by EPA's polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) spill response regulations at 40 CFR 761. Booms placed in tidal waters. Use of temporary structures & fills for spill response training exercises.

16. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste

Specific activities to effect the containment, stabilization or removal of hazardous or toxic waste materials, including court ordered remedial action plans or related settlements which are performed, ordered or sponsored by a government agency with established legal or regulatory authority.

17. Scientific Measurement Devices

Scientific devices for measuring and recording scientific data, such as staff gauges, tide and current gauges, meteorological stations, water recording and biological observation devices, water quality testing and improvement devices, and similar structures.

18. Survey Activities

Survey activities such as soil borings, core sampling, seismic exploratory operations, plugging of seismic shot holes and other exploratory-type bore holes, exploratory trenching and historic resources surveys (but not recovery).

19. Agricultural Activities

Regulated discharges of dredged or fill material in non-tidal waters of the U.S. for agricultural activities, including the construction of building pads for farm buildings. Authorized activities include: (a) installation, placement, or construction of drainage tiles, ditches, or levees; mechanized land clearing; land leveling; the relocation of existing serviceable drainage ditches; and similar activities; (b) construction of farm ponds, excluding perennial streams, provided the farm pond is used solely for agricultural purposes; and (c) discharges of dredged or fill material to relocate existing serviceable drainage ditches constructed in non-tidal streams.

20. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices

Activities in waters of the U.S. associated with fish and wildlife harvesting devices including pound nets, crab and lobster traps, crab dredging, eel pots, duck blinds, and clam and oyster digging, fish aggregating devices, and small fish attraction devices such as open water fish concentrators (sea kites, etc.). This GP does not include aquaculture activities.

21. Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement Activities

Activities in waters of the U.S. associated with the restoration, enhancement and establishment of non-tidal and tidal wetlands and riparian areas, including invasive, non-native or nuisance species control; the restoration and enhancement of non-tidal streams and other non-tidal open waters; the relocation of non-tidal waters, including non-tidal streams & associated wetlands for reestablishment of a natural stream morphology and reconnection of the floodplain; the restoration and enhancement of shellfish, finfish and wildlife; and the rehabilitation or enhancement of tidal streams, tidal wetlands and tidal open waters; provided those activities result in net increases in aquatic resource functions and services. Also included are shellfish enhancement measures including but not limited to “brushing”, clam pots, boxes, and netting.

22. Stream and Wetland Work and Crossings

Activities required for the construction, expansion, modification, or improvement of linear transportation projects that cross waters of the U.S. (e.g., driveways, roads, highways, railways, trails, airport runways, and taxiways) and attendant features. Crossing structures include, but are not limited to temporary or permanent jurisdictional spans, bridges, culverts, and fords. Any stream channel modification is limited to the minimum necessary to construct or protect the project; such modifications must be in the immediate vicinity of the project.

23. Aquaculture

The installation of buoys, floats, racks, trays, nets, lines or other structures in waters of the U.S. for the containment and cultivation of fish, shellfish and seaweed/kelp. Also authorized are anchored upweller floats, small-scale shellfish hatchery seawater intake/discharge structures, and discharges of dredged or fill material associated with cultivation such as the placement of cultch or spatting-shell on bottom.

USER NOTE: *All Self-Verification and Pre-Construction Notification activities shall comply with all applicable terms (pages 1 - 4), General Conditions (pages 5 - 19), and additional terms below.*

GENERAL PERMITS FOR THE STATE OF MAINE		
A. INLAND WATERS AND WETLANDS	Inland Waters and Wetlands are defined as waters that are regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, including rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands, and <i>excludes Section 10 Navigable Waters of the U.S.</i> The jurisdictional boundaries are the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) in the absence of adjacent wetlands; beyond the OHWM to the limit of adjacent wetlands when adjacent wetlands are present; and the wetland limit when only wetlands are present. For the purposes of these GPs and designated activities, fill placed in the area between the mean high water mark (MHWM) and the high tide line (HTL), and in the bordering and contiguous wetlands to tidal waters are reviewed in the Navigable Waters section below beginning on page 28.	
	Activities not meeting the Self-Verification terms below require Pre-Construction Notification and activities not meeting the Pre-Construction Notification terms below require an application for an Individual Permit (IP).	
GENERAL PERMIT #	SELF-VERIFICATION (SV)	PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
1. Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance of Authorized Structures and Fills <i>(for stream crossings see GP 22)</i>	Repair, replacement, and maintenance of existing, currently serviceable, authorized fills with no expansion or change in use, provided: • Conditions of the original authorization apply. • Minor deviations in fill design allowed. • The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of those structures or fills destroyed or damaged by storms, floods, fire or other discrete events is authorized, provided the work is commenced, or is under contract to commence, within two years of the date of their destruction or damage. • Drawdown of impoundments for dam/levee repair does not exceed 18 months and one growing season (Apr-Sept).	Repair, replacement, and maintenance of existing authorized fills not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.
2. Moorings	Not Applicable – these activities in non-navigable inland waters do not require Corps authorization.	Not Applicable – these activities in non-navigable inland waters do not require Corps authorization.
3. Structures, Floats, and Lifts	Pile-supported structures, floats and lifts located in non-navigable inland waters do not require Corps authorization. Solid fill or crib-supported structures with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.	Fill activities associated with structures, floats, and lifts not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.
4. Aids to Navigation and Temporary Recreational Structures	Not Applicable – these activities in non-navigable inland waters do not require Corps authorization.	Not Applicable – these activities in non-navigable inland waters do not require Corps authorization.
5. Dredging, Disposal of Dredged Material, Beach Nourishment, and Rock Removal and Relocation	Those activities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • No stream channelization, relocation, or loss of streambed including impoundments or discharges of tailings into streams.	Those activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.

SELF-VERIFICATION (SV)	PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
6. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges and Causeways Not applicable in inland waters and wetlands; see B. Navigable Waters on page 31 below.	Not applicable in inland waters and wetlands; see B. Navigable Waters on page 31 below.
7. Bank and Shoreline Stabilization Including Living Shorelines (see also GC 28)	Bank and shoreline stabilization activities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • Fill is ≤500 LF in total length as measured below the plane of the OHWM, includes total if more than one stream bank. • Fill placed below the plane of the OHWM is ≤1 CY per linear foot. • There is no discharge in special aquatic sites other than wetlands. • Revetment is comprised of angular material. • In-stream work is limited to Jul. 15th to Sep. 30th • No structures angled steeper than 1H:1V.
8. Residential, Commercial and Institutional Developments, and Recreational Facilities	Those developments and facilities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. Fill area includes all temporary and permanent fill, and regulated discharges associated with excavation. Provided: • The historic fill and proposed fill area <15,000 SF specifically complies with GC 5 Single and Complete Projects. • No work in special aquatic sites other than wetlands. Those developments and facilities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. <i>Mechanical clearing of areas within Corps jurisdiction without grubbing or other soil disturbance > 3 acres as a secondary impact may still be eligible for PCN at the discretion of the Corps.</i>
9. Utility Line Activities (see also GC 30)	Utility line activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. <i>Mechanical clearing of areas within Corps jurisdiction without grubbing or other soil disturbance > 3 acres as a secondary impact may still be eligible for PCN at the discretion of the Corps.</i>

SELF-VERIFICATION (SV)	PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
10. Linear Transportation Projects <i>(for stream crossings refer to GP 22)</i>	Linear transportation activities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill (excl. mats), and associated secondary impacts, provided: • The historic fill and proposed fill area <15,000 SF specifically complies with GC 5 Single and Complete Projects. • There is no discharge in special aquatic sites other than wetlands. • Construction mats of any area necessary to conduct activities provided mats are removed as soon as work is completed and shall be in place no longer than one single growing season.
11. Mining Activities	Linear transportation activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. <i>Mechanical clearing of areas within Corps jurisdiction without grubbing or other soil disturbance >3 acres as a secondary impact may still be eligible for PCN at the discretion of the Corps.</i>
12. Boat Ramps	Mining activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.
13. Land and Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities and Hydropower Projects	Boat ramps not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. Those facilities and projects not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. <i>Mechanical clearing of areas within Corps jurisdiction without grubbing or other soil disturbance >3 acres as a secondary impact may still be eligible for PCN at the discretion of the Corps.</i>
14. Reshaping Existing Ditches and Mosquito Management	Those facilities and projects not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts. <i>Mechanical clearing of areas within Corps jurisdiction without grubbing or other soil disturbance >3 acres as a secondary impact may still be eligible for PCN at the discretion of the Corps.</i>
15. Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances	Not applicable in inland waters and wetlands; see B. Navigable Waters on page 33 below.
	Those response operations not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.

SELF-VERIFICATION (SV)	PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
16. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste	Those cleanup activities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • No stream channelization, relocation, or loss of streambed including impoundments. • The activity does not involve establishing new disposal sites or expanding existing sites used for the disposal of hazardous or toxic waste.
17. Scientific Measurements Devices	Those cleanup activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.
18. Survey Activities	Those devices not eligible for SV, provided: • No biological sampling devices. • Devices do not restrict or concentrate movement of aquatic organisms. • Upon completion of use, the devices and any associated fills shall be removed in their entirety.
19. Agricultural Activities	Those survey activities with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • Exploratory trenches are restored in accordance with GC 21. • No discharge of excavated material from test wells for oil and gas exploration (the plugging of such wells is authorized).
20. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement and Attraction Devices and Activities	Those agricultural activities subject to Corps jurisdiction with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • No stream channelization, relocation, or loss of streambed including impoundments.
21. Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement	Those activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.

SELF-VERIFICATION (SV)	PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
22. Stream and Wetland Work and Crossings (see also GC 29) Stream work and crossings with <15,000 SF of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts, provided: • No work in designated or proposed critical habitat for endangered species. • Crossings are designed and constructed using the techniques and principles outlined in Stream Simulation, Stream Smart, or Habitat Connectivity Design. • Crossings are designed to be 1.2 times bankfull width. • Crossings have a natural bottom substrate. • Crossings include a bank on both sides of the channel. • Closed bottom culverts are embedded at least 25% of the maximum width of the culvert. • In-stream work is limited to Jul. 15th to Sep. 30th • In-stream work is conducted “in-the-dry”. • No slip lining. • No culvert extensions. • No stream channelization, relocation, or loss of streambed including impoundments. Wetland work and crossings, provided: • No flooding or impacts to wetland drainage from the upgradient side of the crossing.	Stream and Wetland Work and Crossings not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.
23. Aquaculture (see also GC 32)	Aquaculture activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <3 acres of permanent and/or temporary inland waterway and/or wetland fill, and associated secondary impacts.

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B. NAVIGABLE WATERS	Navigable Waters of the U.S. are defined as those waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide in addition to the non-tidal portions of the following federally-designated waters in Maine (the Kennebec River to Moosehead Lake, the Penobscot River to the confluence of the East and West Branch at Medway and, Lake Umbagog within the State of Maine) (Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899). The jurisdictional limits are the mean high water mark (MHW) in tidal waters and the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) in non-tidal portions of the federally-designated navigable rivers. For the purposes of these GPs, fill placed in the area between the mean high water mark (MHW) and the high tide line (HTL), and in the bordering and contiguous wetlands to tidal waters are also reviewed in this Navigable Waters section. Activities not meeting the Self-Verification terms below require Pre-Construction Notification and activities not meeting the Pre-Construction Notification terms below require an application for an Individual Permit.				
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2. Moorings Private, non-commercial, non-rental, single-boat moorings, provided: • Authorized by the local harbormaster/town. • Not associated with any boating facility (e.g. marinas). • Not located within a Federal Navigational Project (other than in a Federal Anchorage) or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project. Moorings in a Federal Anchorage must not be associated with a boating facility and must not be for rent. • No interference with navigation. • Mooring is not located in SAS (incl. SAV) or intertidal areas. Minor relocation of previously authorized moorings, provided: • Authorized by the local harbormaster/town. • Relocation is not within a Federal Navigational Project (other than in a Federal Anchorage) or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project. • No interference with navigation. • Relocated mooring is not located in SAS (incl. SAV) or intertidal areas. <i>*SV Moorings above do not require a SV/NF.</i>	Moorings not eligible for SV and don't require an IP. This includes private moorings with no harbormaster or means of local approval or moorings associated with a boating facility (e.g. marina). <i>Locating new moorings in SAS (incl. SAV) shall be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. If SAS cannot be avoided, consideration shall be given to alternative mooring systems that prevents mooring chains from resting or dragging on the bottom substrate at all tides.</i> An IP is required for moorings located within the horizontal limits, or with moored vessels that extend into the horizontal limits of a Federal Navigation Project (other than in a Federal Anchorage).
3. Structures, Floats, and Lifts Reconfiguration of such existing authorized structures with all intertidal work conducted "in-the-dry" (see GC 24). Minor relocation of previously authorized floats provided: • Relocation is not into a Federal Navigation Project or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project (other than a Federal Anchorage). • No interference with navigation. • Not relocated in or within 25 feet of SAV. • Seasonal floats are stored above the MHHM and not on wetland (incl. salt marsh). New private, non-commercial ramp and float structures attached to land (no piers) or new floats provided: • Not located in or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project. • No interference with navigation. • No structure extends across >25% of the waterway width at mean low water. • Not located in or within 25 feet of SAV. • Ramp is <150 LF over salt marsh waterward of the MHHM and is ≥ 1:1 height:width ratio over salt marsh.	New structures, floats, and/or lifts including floatways/skidways, built to access waterway (both seasonal and permanent). Includes pile-supported, solid fill-supported, and crib-supported structures. Also includes expansions to existing authorized boating facilities (e.g. marinas). Provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF <i>*See GC 25 for pile driving and pile removal conditions.</i> Compliance with the following is recommended: • <i>Lowermost part of floats are ≥18 inches above the substrate during all tides.</i> • <i>Structures are ≥1:1 height:width ratio over salt marsh.</i> • <i>Structures and floats are not located in or within 25 feet of SAV.</i> • <i>Moored vessels are not positioned over SAV.</i> • <i>Structures attached to land are located ≥ 25 feet from the property line (The Corps may require a letter of no objection from the abutter if located within 25 feet of the property line.)</i>

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<i>Cont'd from page 29</i> - Ramp and floats attached to land are located ≥ 25 feet from the property line. - Seasonal ramp and floats are stored above the HTL and not on wetland (incl. salt marsh). Compliance with the following is recommended: <i>Lowermost part of floats is ≥ 18 inches above the substrate during all tides.</i>	<i>No structure extends across $> 25\%$ of the waterway width at mean low water.</i> <i>Not located within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Corps Federal Navigation Project.</i> An IP is required for structures, floats, and/or lifts including floatways/skidways, located in such that they and/or vessels docked or moored at them are within the horizontal limits of a Corps Federal Navigation Project. An IP is also required for structures and floats associated with a new or previously unauthorized boating facility (e.g. marinas).
4. Aids to Navigation and Temporary Recreational Structures Aids to navigation and regulatory markers which are approved by and installed in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard. (See 33 CFR 66, Chapter I, subchapter C). *These SV Aids do not require a SV/NF. Temporary buoys, markers, floats, etc. for recreational use during specific events, provided: - They are removed within 30 days after the specific event has concluded. - No interference with navigation. - No impact to SAV.	Aids and temporary structures not eligible for SV.
5. Dredging, Disposal of Dredged Material, Beach Nourishment, and Rock Removal and Relocation Maintenance dredging of $< 1,000$ CY for navigational purposes with upland disposal including return water from upland contained disposal area, provided: - Proper siltation controls are used. - No expansion of footprint. - No dredging in or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project. - Dredging operation is limited to Nov. 8th to Apr. 9th (it is recommended that in areas populated by winter flounder, dredging should cease by March 15th). - No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤ 100 SF, and impacts to intertidal area $\leq 1,000$ SF. - No dredging within 25 feet of SAV. - No dredging in or within 100 feet of shellfish areas. - No blasting. - No dredging in designated or proposed critical habitat for endangered species.	Maintenance dredging not eligible for SV and new dredging $< 25,000$ CY Includes return water from upland contained disposal areas. Disposal includes: - Upland. - Beach nourishment (above MHW line) of any area provided the dredging's primary purpose is navigation or the sand is from an upland source. - Open water & confined aquatic disposal if Corps finds the material suitable. Beach nourishment associated with dredging when the primary purpose is not navigation requires at least a PCN. Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV $< 1,000$ SF and Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS $< 4,300$ SF

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6. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges and Causeways Discharges of dredged or fill material associated with U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges and Causeways, provided: • In-water work is conducted “in-the-dry” (see GC 24). • Discharge of dredged or fill material <15,000 SF • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal area ≤1,000 SF Compliance with the following is recommended: • <i>Discharge of dredged or fill material should not occur within 100 feet of SAV or within 25 feet of natural rocky habitat or other SAS.</i> <i>Note: new causeways and approach fills are not eligible for SV.</i>	Discharges of dredged or fill material associated with U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges and Causeways not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
7. Bank and Shoreline Stabilization Including Living Shorelines (see also GC 28) Bank and shoreline stabilization activities, provided: • In-water work is conducted “in-the-dry” (see GC 24). • Fill is ≤500 LF in total length as measured below the plane of the HTL and is ≤200 LF in total length as measured below the plane of the MHWM or OHWM (includes total for more than one bank). Replacement vertical structures are ≤200 LF in total length as measured below the plane of the MHWM or OHWM and are ≤18 inches waterward of existing face. • Fill placed below HTL is ≤1 CY per linear foot. • Stone revetment is comprised of angular material. • No fills angled steeper than 1H:1V. • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF • No new groins, breakwaters, or jetties.	Bank and shoreline stabilization activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts, provided: • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
8. Residential, Commercial and Institutional Developments, and Recreational Facilities Not Eligible	Residential, commercial and institutional developments and recreational facilities, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts, provided: • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF Conversions of previously authorized pile-supported buildings over navigable waters to residences, offices, or other non-water dependent uses require PCN. Floating house boats or businesses on floats require PCN.

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9. Utility Line Activities (see also GC 30)	Repair, replacement, or maintenance of previously authorized, currently serviceable utilities with no expansion or change in use, provided: • Conditions of the original authorization apply. • In-water work limited to Nov. 8th to Apr. 9th. • Trenching or filling confined to existing footprint and <100 LF; trenches shall be backfilled immediately. • Jet-plow, fluidization, or other direct burial methods confined to existing footprint and <200 LF • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF • No work in designated or proposed critical habitat for endangered species. New work in, over, or under navigable waters including new outfalls and any intake structure work requires PCN. Aerial utility lines over navigable waters requires PCN.
10. Linear Transportation Projects (for stream crossings refer to GPs 6 and 22)	Not Eligible
11. Mining Activities	Not Eligible
12. Boat Ramps and Marine Railways	Those utility activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF Linear transportation projects, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF Not Eligible Those ramps and railways not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts, provided: • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF No new boat ramps or marine railways. In-water work is conducted “in-the-dry” (see GC 24). No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF Boat ramp and marine railway work not eligible for maintenance (i.e. not currently serviceable) may be replaced “in-kind” with minor deviations provided: • Work is confined to the intertidal zone. • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF

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13. Land and Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities and Hydropower Projects	Not Eligible	Work associated with those facilities and projects, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF For each single and complete project, no more than 10 generation units (e.g., wind turbines or hydrokinetic devices) may be authorized. No new impoundments.
14. Reshaping Existing Ditches and Mosquito Management	≤500 LF of drainage ditch will be modified. The reshaping of the ditch cannot increase drainage capacity beyond the original as-built capacity nor can it expand the area drained by the ditch as originally constructed (i.e., the capacity of the ditch shall be the same as originally constructed and it cannot drain additional wetlands or other waters of the U.S.). No new ditches or relocation of drainage ditches constructed in waters of the U.S.; the location of the centerline of the reshaped drainage ditch shall be approximately the same as the location of the centerline of the original drainage ditch. No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF	Those activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
15. Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances	The SVNf or a surrogate state reporting form may be submitted after-the-fact for spill response activities. This GP also authorizes the use of temporary structures and fills in waters of the U.S. for spill response training exercises (<i>SVNf is required prior to the activity</i>), provided: • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, impacts to intertidal or shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF, and impacts to tidal resources <0.5 acre	Those response operations not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
16. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste	Only booms placed for hazardous and toxic waste containment and absorption and prevention are eligible for SV. <i>A SVNf is not required for these eligible containment booms.</i>	Cleanup activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF An IP is required for the establishment of new disposal sites or expanding existing sites used for the disposal of hazardous or toxic waste.

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17. Scientific Measurements Devices Those scientific measurements devices, provided: • Devices do not restrict or concentrate movement of aquatic organisms. • No interference with navigation. • No blasting. • No biological sampling devices. • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, impacts to intertidal areas ≤1,000 SF, and impacts to tidal resources ≤0.5 acre • Upon completion of use, the devices and any associated structures or fills are removed in their entirety.	Those scientific measurements devices not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
18. Survey Activities Those survey activities, provided: • No blasting. • No interference with navigation. • No seismic exploratory operations. • No oil and gas exploration. • No trenching or other silt-producing activities. • No fill for roads or construction pads. • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, impacts to intertidal areas ≤1,000 SF, and impacts to tidal resources <0.5 acre • No blasting. • No biological sampling devices. <i>A SVN/ is not required for required sediment sampling for Corps-regulated dredge proposals.</i>	Those survey activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
19. Agricultural Activities Not Eligible	Not Eligible
20. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement and Attraction Devices and Activities <i>(for aquaculture refer to GP 23)</i> Those devices and activities, provided: • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, impacts to intertidal areas ≤1,000 SF, and impacts to tidal resources ≤0.5 acre • No interference with navigation. • No artificial reefs or enclosures • No impoundments or semi-impoundments for the culture or holding of motile species such as lobster, or the use of covered oyster trays or clam racks. • Structures and shell hash should not be located within 25 feet of SAV. • All gear, except for mooring tackle, when not in use on the site is stored in an upland location above the MHHM and not on wetland (incl. salt marsh). <i>A SVN/ is not required for these eligible devices and activities.</i>	Those devices and activities not eligible for SV, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF Impoundments or semi-impoundments of waters of the U.S. for the culture or holding of motile species such as lobster and new fish weirs with an impounded area <0.5 acre

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21. Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement	Those activities, provided: • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, impacts to intertidal areas ≤1,000 SF, and impacts to tidal resources <0.5 acre • No thin layer deposition for salt marsh restoration. • SAS planting and transplanting is <100 SF • No artificial or living reefs. • The activity is authorized in writing by a local, state, or non-Corps federal environmental agency. Water impoundments require PCN. • No conversion of i) a stream to wetland or vice versa, wetland to a pond or uplands, and ii) one wetland type to another. • No dam removal.	Those activities not eligible for SV provided those activities are proactive and result in net increases in aquatic resource functions and services.
22. Stream and Wetland Work and Crossings (see also GC 29) (see GP 6 for bridges & causeways)	Not Eligible	Those crossings of tidal navigable water not including bridges and causeways, provided: • <1 acre temporary or permanent impacts, fill, excavation, and/or secondary impacts. • Temporary and/or permanent fill or excavation in SAV <1,000 SF • Permanent fill or excavation in other SAS <4,300 SF
23. Aquaculture* (see also GC 32)	Shellfish and marine algae installations that do not exceed 400 SF in area, provided: • Signed approval from Harbormaster or appropriate Town Official. • No enclosures or impoundments. • Not located in or within a distance of three times the authorized depth of a Federal Navigation Project. • Not located in or impinge upon the value of any National Lands or Federal Properties. • No impacts to SAS (incl. SAV), impacts to natural rocky habitat ≤100 SF, and impacts to intertidal and shellfish areas ≤1,000 SF • No structures, cages, gear, or shell hash located in/within 25 feet of SAV. • All gear, except for mooring tackle, when not in use on the site is stored in an upland location above the MHWM and not on wetland (incl. salt marsh).	Shellfish, finfish, and marine algae aquaculture (with the exception of Atlantic salmon and any other salmonid, or other federally-listed endangered or threatened species), or other aquaculture facilities with no more than minimal individual and cumulative impacts to environmental resources or navigation. This is inclusive but not limited to cages, nets, bags, racks, long lines, fences, posts, poles, predator screening, etc. *State of Maine Aquaculture guidelines are provided at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html



Section VI: Self-Verification Notification Form
(for all tidal and non-tidal projects in Maine subject to Corps jurisdiction)

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At least two weeks before work commences, complete all fields (write “none” if applicable) below or use the fillable form found at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit/ The two-week lead time is not required for emergency situations. **Send this form, an Official Species List, and project plans to the following email address: cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil**

Maine Project Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350
Augusta, Maine 04330

State Permit #: _____
Date of State Permit: _____
State Project Manager: _____

Permittee: _____
Address, City, State, Zip: _____
Email, Phone: _____

Agent: _____
Address, City, State, Zip: _____
Email, Phone: _____

Contractor: _____
Address, City, State, Zip: _____
Email, Phone: _____

Project Name: _____
Address, City, State, Zip: _____
Lat °N, Long °W: _____ Tax Map/Lot: _____
Waterway Name: _____
Description of Work: _____

Proposed Starting Date: _____ Proposed Finish Date: _____
Area of wetland impact (SF): Permanent: _____ Temporary: _____
Area of waterway impact (SF): Permanent: _____ Temporary: _____

Work will be done under the following Section V General Permits (circle all that apply):

I. Inland Waters and wetlands: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
II. Navigable Waters: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Have MHPC and all five federally-recognized tribes in Maine been notified of the proposed work? _____ Yes _____ No

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms, eligibility criteria, and general conditions for Self-Verification under the Maine General Permit.

Permittee Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Section VII: Content of a Pre-Construction Notification

In addition to the following required information, the applicant must provide additional information as the Corps deems essential to make a public interest determination including, where applicable, a determination of compliance with the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines or ocean dumping criteria. Such additional information may include environmental data and information on alternate methods and sites as may be necessary for the preparation of the required environmental documentation. For a more comprehensive checklist, go to www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory >> Forms >> Application and Plan Guideline Checklist. Please check with the Corps for project-specific requirements.

Information required for all projects:

- ☐ DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED (email PCN to cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil)
- ☐ Completed Corps application form (ENG Form 4345 attached below or found electronically at www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Obtain-a-Permit) or appropriate state application form. Forms may need to be supplemented to include the information noted below.
- ☐ Proof of notification to MHPC and all five federally-recognized tribes (see Section VIII for contact info).
- ☐ Official Species List for any federally-listed endangered or threatened species and email address of the person who generated the list.
- ☐ Drawings, sketches, or plans (detailed engineering plans and specifications are not required) that are legible, reproducible (color is encouraged, but features must be distinguishable in black and white), no larger than 8.5"x11", with bar scale (plans overlaid on aerial photos are discouraged). Wetland area impact sheets shall have the highest resolution possible to show work within Corps jurisdiction (do not just reduce project overview or cut large-scale plan into quadrant sheets). Provide locus map and a plan overview of the entire property with a key index to the individual impact sheets. A locus map be on a section of color USGS topographic map.
- ☐ Include:
 - ☐ All direct, secondary, permanent and temporary effects the project would cause, including the anticipated amount of impacts to waters of the U.S. expected to result from the activity, in acres, linear feet, or other appropriate unit of measure.
 - ☐ Any historic permanent fill associated with each single and complete project.
 - ☐ Cross-section views of all wetland and waterway fill areas and wetland replication areas.
 - ☐ Document on project plans wetlands, other special aquatic sites (SAS) including vegetated shallows (or submerged aquatic vegetation, SAV) and mudflats, natural rocky habitat, shellfish areas, vernal pools, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial, and intermittent streams on the project site (GC1).
 - ☐ MLW line, MHW mark, and HTL elevations in tidal waters. Show OHWM elevation in lakes and non-tidal streams.
 - ☐ **Existing and proposed conditions.**
- ☐ Volume, type, and source of fill material to be discharged into waters and wetlands, including the area(s) (in square feet or acres) of fill in wetlands, below OHWM in inland waters and below the HTL in coastal waters.
- ☐ If applicable, a restoration plan showing how all temporary fills and structures will be removed and the area restored to pre-project conditions (see GC 21).

Information that may be required:

- Photographs of wetland/waterway to be impacted. Photos at low tide are preferred for work in tidal waters.
- For drawings, sketches, or plans:
 - The vertical datum for all coastal projects and projects in towns bordering coastal waters shall be in U.S. survey feet and referenced to MLLW and include current tidal epoch, with a reference chart showing conversion factor to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. Do not use local datum. See www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory >> Forms and Publications >> Vertical Datum - FEMA (Jul 2007);
 - The horizontal state plane coordinates shall be shown on plan and elevation views and shall be in the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) State Plane Coordinate System in U.S. survey feet.
- For the construction of a filled area or pile or float-supported platform, the use of, and specific structures to be erected on, the fill or platform.
- For the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing of it in ocean waters, the source of the material; the purpose of the discharge, a description of the type, composition and quantity of the material; the method of transportation and disposal of the material; and the location of the disposal site.
- For the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., include a statement describing how impacts to waters of the U.S. are to be avoided and minimized. Include either a statement describing how impacts to waters of the U.S. are to be compensated for or a statement explaining why compensatory mitigation should not be required for the proposed impacts.
- Purpose and need for the proposed activity;
- Limits and coordinates of any Federal Navigation Project in the vicinity of the project area.
- Limits and coordinates of any proposed mooring field, reconfiguration zone or aquaculture activity. Provide coordinates for all corners;
- Schedule of construction/activity;
- Names and addresses of adjoining property owners;
- Location and dimensions of adjacent structures;
- Alternatives analysis;
- Wetland delineation data sheets;
- List of authorizations required by other federal, interstate, state, or local agencies for the work, including all approvals received or denials already made.
- Identification and description of potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (see GC 17).
- Identification of potential discharges of pollutants to waters, including potential impacts to impaired waters, in the project area.
- Invasive Species Control Plan (see GC 22). For sample control plans, see www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Invasive-Species
- Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) maps. Contact the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (Section VIII) or online at www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/conservation/action_plan.html

Information for dredging projects that may be required:

- Sediment testing, including physical (e.g., grain-size analysis), chemical and biological testing. For projects proposing open water disposal, applicants must contact the Corps as early as possible regarding sampling and testing protocols. Sampling and testing of sediments without such contact should not occur and if done, would be at the applicant's risk.
- The area in square feet and volume of material to be dredged below mean high water.
- Existing and proposed water depths.
- Type of dredging equipment to be used.
- Nature of material (e.g., silty sand).
- Any existing sediment grain size and bulk sediment chemistry data for the proposed or any nearby projects.
- Information on the location and nature of municipal or industrial discharges and occurrence of any contaminant spills in or near the project area.
- Shellfish survey.
- Location of the disposal site (include locus sheet).
- Identification and description of any potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat.
- Delineation of submerged aquatic vegetation (e.g., eelgrass beds).

Information for tidal crossing projects that may be required:

- A graphic longitudinal elevation profile plot of the tidal stream channel thalweg, both up and downstream of the proposed project site. Thalweg elevations shall extend from the crossing to beyond the zone of scour, channel widening, or other channel alteration resulting from the present or pre-existing crossings. The profile plot should include labeled elevations for the:
 - crossing invert and top of the inlet and outlet
 - roadbed crown
 - lowest and highest recorded tides at the site
 - reference datums, such as MLLW, MHHW, and astronomical high tide
 - hydraulic controls and nearest crossings that could influence or be influenced by the proposed crossing
- A graphic plot of continuous tidal water levels recorded up and downstream, simultaneously, of the proposed crossing for an entire lunar cycle. The water level plot should include labeled elevations for the:
 - crossing invert and crossing top at the inlet and outlet
 - roadbed crown
 - reference datums, such as MLLW, MHHW, and astronomical high tide
- A map showing projected extents of maximum flooding within the area influenced by the crossing under current conditions and as a result of sea level rise. The present minimum sea level rise scenario suggested for planning purposes by the Maine Climate Council Scientific and Technical Subcommittee is the Intermediate Scenario, which projects an increase of 3.0-4.6 feet by 2100.

Information for aquaculture projects that may be required:

- Maine Aquaculture guidelines and joint Corps/Maine DMR applications may be found at:
www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.htm
- In addition to the information required above, applications should also include:
 - Results of coordination with Harbor Master and U.S. Coast Guard
 - Whether canopy predator nets are being used.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT				
Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned. System of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) and may be accessed at the following website: http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570115/a1145b-ce.aspx				
(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)				
1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE	
(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)				
5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address -		8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address -		
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: Address- City - State - Zip - Country -		9. AGENT'S ADDRESS: Address- City - State - Zip - Country -		
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax		10. AGENTS PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax		
STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION				
11. I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.				
_____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		_____ DATE		
NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY				
12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions)				
13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable)		14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable)		
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT		Address		
Latitude: N Longitude: W		City - State- Zip-		
16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions)				
State Tax Parcel ID		Municipality		
Section -		Township -		Range -

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards
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22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres
or
Linear Feet

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? ☐ Yes ☐ No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).

a. Address-

City - State - Zip -

b. Address-

City - State - Zip -

c. Address-

City - State - Zip -

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED

* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

DATE

The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

Section VIII: Agency Contacts

1. Federal

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Augusta, Maine 04330
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
5 Post Office Square
Suite 100 (OEP05-2)
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912
(617) 918-1589

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Maine Field Office
P.O. Box A
East Orland, Maine 04431
(207) 469-7300; (207) 902-1588 (fax)
(Federal endangered species)

National Marine Fisheries Service
Maine Field Office
17 Godfrey Drive, Suite 1
Orono, Maine 04473
(207) 866-7379; (207) 866-7342 (fax)
(Federal endangered species)

FEMA Region 1
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division
99 High Street 6th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
(floodplains)

Federal Emergency Management Agency
99 High Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
(877) 336-2734
(Floodplain Management)

National Marine Fisheries Service
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930
(978) 281-9102; (978) 281-9301 (fax)
(Federal endangered species & EFH)

National Park Service
North Atlantic Region
15 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
(617) 223-5203
(Wild and Scenic Rivers)

Commander (dpb)
First Coast Guard District
One South Street - Battery Building
New York, New York 10004-1466
(212) 668-7021; (212) 668-7967 (fax)
(bridge permits)

2. State of Maine

a. Department of Environmental Protection *(State permits & Water Quality Certifications)*

Augusta Regional Office
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 287-7688

Southern Maine Regional Office
312 Canco Road
Portland, Maine 04103
(201) 822-6300

Eastern Maine Regional Office
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, Maine 04401
(207) 941-4570

Northern Maine Regional Office
1235 Central Drive
Presque Isle, Maine 04769
(207) 764-0477

b. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

i. Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) (*State permits & Water Quality Certifications for the unorganized areas of the State*)

Augusta Office
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(207) 287-2631; (207) 287-7439 (fax)

Downeast Regional Office
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Greenville Regional Office
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Greenville, Maine 04441
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Ashland Regional Office
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Ashland, Maine 04732-3600
(207) 435-7963; (207) 435-7184 (fax)

Western Region Office
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East Wilton, Maine 04992
(207) 670-7492; (207) 287-7439 (fax)

Eastern Region Office
191 Main Street
East Millinocket, Maine 04430
(207) 399-2176; (207) 746-2243 (fax)

ii. Maine Coastal Program

21 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 707-2324; (207) 624-6024 (fax)
(*CZM consistency determinations*)

iii. Division of Parks and Public Lands

22 State House Station
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(207) 287-3061; (207) 287-6170 (fax)
(*submerged lands leases*)

iv. Maine Floodplain Management Program

17 Elkins Lane
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 287-8063
(*floodplains*)

c. Department of Marine Resources

21 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 633-9500; (207) 624-6024 (fax)
(*aquaculture leases/licenses*)

3. Historic Properties

a. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

Kirk F. Mohny, Director
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
65 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0065
(207) 287-2132; (207) 287-2335 (fax)

b. Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs)

Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
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Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
Pleasant Point Reservation
P.O. Box 343
Perry, Maine 04667
(207) 853-2600; (207) 853-6039 (fax)
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Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
Indian Township Reservation
P.O. Box 301
Princeton, Maine 04668
(207) 796-2301; (207) 796-5256 (fax)
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Aroostook Band of Micmacs
7 Northern Road
Presque Isle, Maine 04769
(207) 764-1972; (207) 764-7667 (fax)
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Penobscot Nation
Cultural and Historic Preservation Dept.
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Indian Island, Maine 04468
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Section IX: Definitions

Action Area: The “Endangered Species Consultation Handbook – Procedures for Conducting Consultation and Conference Activities Under Section 7 of the ESA,” defines action area as “all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action. [50 CFR 402.02].”

Agricultural Activities: The Clean Water Act exempts certain discharges associated with normal farming, ranching, and forestry activities such as plowing, cultivating, minor drainage, and harvesting for the production of food, fiber, and forest products, or upland soil and water conservation practices (Section 404(f)(1)(A)). Prospective permittees are strongly advised to contact the Corps for a determination of whether their activity is exempt or requires a permit.

Attendant Features: Occurring with or as a result of; accompanying.

Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement: The Corps will decide if a project qualifies and must determine in consultation with federal and state agencies that the net effects are beneficial. The Corps may refer to Nationwide Permit 27 published in the January 6, 2017 Federal Register. Activities authorized here may include, but are not limited to: the removal of accumulated sediments; the installation, removal, and maintenance of small water control structures, dikes, and berms; the installation of current deflectors; the enhancement, restoration, or establishment of riffle and pool stream structure; the placement of in-stream habitat structures; modifications of the stream bed and/or banks to restore or establish stream meanders; the backfilling of artificial channels and drainage ditches; the removal of existing drainage structures; the construction of small nesting islands in inland waters; the construction of open water areas; the construction of native shellfish species habitat over unvegetated bottom for the purpose of habitat protection or restoration in tidal waters; shellfish seeding; activities needed to reestablish vegetation, including plowing or disking for seed bed preparation and the planting of appropriate wetland species; mechanized land clearing to remove non-native invasive, exotic, or nuisance vegetation; and other related activities. Only native plant species shall be planted at the site.

Biodegradable: A material that decomposes into elements found in nature within a reasonably short period of time and will not leave a residue of plastic or a petroleum derivative in the environment after degradation. Examples of biodegradable materials include jute, sisal, cotton, straw, burlap, coconut husk fiber (coir) or excelsior. In contrast, degradable plastics break down into plastic fragments that remain in the environment after degradation.

Boating facilities: These provide, rent or sell mooring space, such as marinas, yacht clubs, boat yards, dockominiums, town facilities, land/home owners, etc. Not classified as boating facilities are piers shared between two abutting properties or town mooring fields that charge an equitable user fee based on the actual costs incurred.

Bordering and Contiguous Wetlands: A bordering wetland is immediately next to its adjacent waterbody and may lie at, or below, the ordinary high water mark (mean high water mark in navigable waters) of that waterbody and is directly influenced by its hydrologic regime. Contiguous wetlands extend landward from their adjacent waterbody to a point where a natural or manmade discontinuity exists. Contiguous wetlands include bordering wetlands as well as wetlands that are situated immediately above the ordinary high water mark and above the normal hydrologic influence of their adjacent waterbody.

Brushing: The placement of tree boughs, wooden lath structure, or small-mesh fencing on mudflats, or any bottom disturbance (e.g., disking, plowing, raking, etc.), to enhance recruitment of shellfish.

Buffer Zone: The buffer zone of an FNP is equal to three times the authorized depth of the FNP.

Construction mats: Constructions, swamp and timber mats (herein referred to as “construction mats”) are generic terms used to describe structures that distribute equipment weight to prevent wetland damage while facilitating passage and providing work platforms for workers and equipment. They are comprised of sheets or mats made from a variety of materials in various sizes. A timber mat consists of large timbers bolted or cabled together. Corduroy roads, which are not considered to be construction mats, are cut trees and/or saplings with the

crowns and branches removed, and the trunks lined up next to one another. Corduroy roads are typically installed as permanent structures. Like construction mats, they are considered as fill whether they are installed temporarily or permanently.

Cumulative effects: See “Direct, secondary, and cumulative effects.”

Currently Serviceable: Useable as-is or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to essential require reconstruction.

Direct, secondary, and cumulative effects:

Direct Effects: The loss of aquatic ecosystem within the footprint of the discharge of dredged or fill material. Direct effects are caused by the action and occur at the same time and place.

Secondary Effects: These are effects on an aquatic ecosystem that are associated with a discharge of dredged or fill materials, but do not result from the actual placement of the dredged or fill material. Information about secondary effects on aquatic ecosystems shall be considered prior to the time final Section 404 action is taken by permitting authorities. Some examples of secondary effects on an aquatic ecosystem are a) aquatic areas drained, flooded, fragmented, or mechanically cleared, b) fluctuating water levels in all impoundment and downstream associated with the operation of a dam, c) septic tank leaching and surface runoff from residential or commercial developments on fill, and d) leachate and runoff from a sanitary landfill located in waters of the U.S. See 40 CFR 230.11(h).

Cumulative Effects: The changes in an aquatic ecosystem that are attributable to the collective effect of a number of individual 1) discharges of dredged or fill material, or 2) structures. Although the impact of a particular discharge may constitute a minor change in itself, the cumulative effect of numerous such piecemeal changes can result in a major impairment of the water resources and interfere with the productivity and water quality of existing aquatic ecosystems. See 40 CFR 230(g).

Dredging:

Maintenance Dredging: Includes areas and depths previously authorized by the Corps and dredged.

The Corps may require proof of authorization. Maintenance dredging typically refers to the routine removal of accumulated sediment from channel beds to maintain the design depths of navigation channels, harbors, marinas, boat launches and port facilities. Routine maintenance dredging is conducted regularly for navigational purposes (typically at least once every ten years) and does not include any expansion of the previously dredged area or depth. The Corps may review a maintenance dredging activity as new dredging if sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the colonization of SAS, shellfish, etc. The main characteristics of maintenance dredging projects are variable quantities of material; soft, uncompacted soil; contaminant content possible; thin layers of material; occurring in navigation channels and harbors; repetitive activity

New Dredging: Dredging of an area or to a depth that has never been authorized by the Corps or dredged.

Dredged material & discharge of dredged material: These are defined at 323.2(c) and (d). The term dredged material means material that is excavated or dredged from waters of the U.S.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): This is broadly defined to include those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity.

Fill material & discharge of fill material: These are defined at 323.2(e) and (f). The term fill material is defined as material placed in waters of the U.S. where the material has the effect of either replacing any portion of a water of the U.S. with dry land or changing the bottom elevation of any portion of a water of the U.S.

Fill area: Fill area includes all temporary and permanent fill (including mats), and regulated discharges associated with excavation.

Federal navigation projects (FNPs): These areas are maintained by the Corps; authorized, constructed and maintained on the premise that they will be accessible and available to all on equal terms; and are comprised of Federal Anchorages, Federal Channels and Federal Turning Basins. The buffer zone is equal to three times the authorized depth of a FNP. More information on the following FNPs is provided at www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/navigation.aspx >> Navigation Projects.

Flume: An open artificial water channel, in the form of a gravity chute that leads water from a diversion dam or weir completely aside a natural flow. A flume can be used to measure the rate of flow.

Frac out: During normal drilling operations, drilling fluid travels up the borehole into a pit. When the borehole becomes obstructed or the pressure becomes too great inside the borehole, the ground fractures and fluid escapes to the surface.

Habitat Connectivity Design: projects designed and constructed for consistency with natural stream dimensions, profiles, and dynamics, in accordance with the following technical references: U.S. Forest Service guide (Forest Service Stream-Simulation Working Group 2008), augmented by documents published by the states of Washington (Barnard et al. 2013), Vermont (Bates and Kirn 2009) and California (Love and Bates 2009).

Independent utility: A test to determine what constitutes a single and complete non-linear project in the Corps regulatory program. A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.

Individual Permit: A Department of the Army authorization that is issued following a case-by-case evaluation of a specific structure or work in accordance with the procedures of 33 CFR 322, or a specific project involving the proposed discharge(s) in accordance with the procedures of 33 CFR 323, and in accordance with the procedures of 33 CFR 325 and a determination that the proposed discharge is in the public interest pursuant to 33 CFR 320.

Living Shoreline: Living shorelines stabilize banks and shores in coastal waters along shores with small fetch and gentle slopes that are subject to low-to mid-energy waves. A living shoreline has a footprint that is made up mostly of native material. It incorporates vegetation or other living, natural “soft” elements alone or in combination with some type of harder shoreline structure (e.g., oyster or mussel reefs or rock sills) for added protection and stability. Living shorelines shall maintain the natural continuity of the land-water interface, and retain or enhance shoreline ecological processes. Living shorelines must have a substantial biological component, either tidal or lacustrine fringe wetlands or oyster or mussel reef structures.

Maintenance:

a. The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable structure or fill, or of any currently serviceable structure or fill authorized by 33 CFR 330.3 – “Activities occurring before certain dates,” provided that the structure or fill is not to be put to uses differing from those uses specified or contemplated for it in the original permit or the most recently authorized modification.

- Minor deviations in the structure’s configuration or filled area, including those due to changes in materials, construction techniques, or current construction codes or safety standards that are necessary to make repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are authorized.
- Currently serviceable means useable as is or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to essentially require reconstruction.
- No seaward expansion for bulkheads or any other fill activity is considered SV maintenance.
- Only structures or fills that were previously authorized and are in compliance with the terms and condition of the original authorization can be maintained as a non-regulated activity under 33 CFR 323.4(a)(2), or in accordance with the SV or PCN thresholds in Section V.

b. The state’s maintenance provisions may differ from the Corps and may require reporting and written authorization from the state.

c. Contact the Corps to determine whether stream crossing replacements require a PCN.

d. Exempted Maintenance. In accordance with 33 CFR 323.4(a)(2), any discharge of dredged or fill material that may result from any of the following activities is not prohibited by or otherwise subject to regulation under Section 404 of the CWA: “Maintenance, including emergency reconstruction of recently damaged parts, of currently serviceable structures such as dikes, dams, levees, groins, riprap, breakwaters, causeways, bridge abutments or approaches, and transportation structures. Maintenance does not include any modification that changes the character, scope, or size of the original fill design.”

The following definition is also applicable:

Minor deviations: Deviations in the structure's configuration or filled area, including those due to changes in materials, construction techniques, or current construction codes or safety standards, which are necessary to make repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are permitted, provided the adverse environmental effects resulting from such repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are minimal.

Marina reconfiguration zone: A Corps-authorized area in which permittees may rearrange pile-supported structures and floats without additional authorizations. A reconfiguration zone does not grant exclusive privileges to an area or an increase in structure or float area.

Natural Rocky Habitats: Natural rocky habitats are intertidal and subtidal substrates composed of pebble-gravel, cobble, boulder, or rock ledge and outcrops. Manufactured stone (e.g. cut or engineered rip-rap) is not considered a natural rocky habitat. Natural rocky habitats are either found as pavement (consolidated pebble-gravel, cobble, or boulder areas) or as a mixture with fines (i.e. clay and sand) and other substrates.

Navigable waters of the U.S.: See Waters of the U.S. below.

Overall project: See "single and complete linear project" below.

Practicable: Available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

Permanent impacts: Permanent impacts means waters of the U.S. that are permanently affected by filling, flooding, excavation, or drainage because of the regulated activity. Permanent impacts include permanent discharges of dredged or fill material that change an aquatic area to dry land, increase the bottom elevation of a waterbody, or change the use of a waterbody.

Pre-construction notification (PCN): A request submitted by a prospective permittee to the Corps for confirmation that a particular activity is authorized by this GP. The request may be a permit application, letter, or similar document that includes information about the proposed work and its anticipated environmental effects. Pre-construction notification may be required by the terms and conditions of these GPs. A PCN may be voluntarily submitted in cases where PCN is not required and the project proponent wants confirmation that the activity is authorized under this GP.

Re-establishment: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/ historic functions to a former aquatic resource. Re-establishment results in rebuilding a former aquatic resource and results in again in aquatic resource area and functions.

Rehabilitation: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of repairing natural/historic functions to a degraded aquatic resource. Rehabilitation results in a gain in aquatic resource function, but does not result in a gain in aquatic resource area. Restoration: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former or degraded aquatic resource. For the purpose of tracking net gains in aquatic resource area, restoration is divided into two categories: re-establishment and rehabilitation.

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Riffle and pool complexes: Riffle and pool complexes are special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Riffle and pool complexes sometimes characterize steep gradient sections of streams. Such stream sections are recognizable by their hydraulic characteristics. The rapid movement of water over a coarse substrate in riffles results in a rough flow, a turbulent surface, and high dissolved oxygen levels in the water. Pools are deeper areas associated with riffles. A slower stream velocity, a streaming flow, a smooth surface, and a finer substrate characterize pools.

Secondary effects: See “Direct, secondary, and cumulative effects.”

Shellfish Areas: Areas that currently support molluscan shellfish. Information regarding these locations can be obtained from the State of Maine GeoLibrary Data Catalog at: www.maine.gov/geolib/catalog.html

Shellfish seeding: The placement of shellfish seed and/or suitable substrate to increase shellfish production. Shellfish seed consists of immature individual shellfish or individual shellfish attached to shells or shell fragments (i.e., spat on shell). Suitable substrate may consist of shellfish shells, shell fragments, or other appropriate materials placed into waters for shellfish habitat.

Single and complete linear project: A linear project is a project constructed for the purpose of getting people, goods, or services from a point of origin to a terminal point, which often involves multiple crossings of one or more waterbodies at separate and distant locations. The term “single and complete project” is defined as that portion of the total linear project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers that includes all crossings of a single water of the U.S. (i.e., a single waterbody) at a specific location. For linear projects crossing a single or multiple waterbodies several times at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for the purposes of this GP. However, individual channels in a braided stream or river, or individual arms of a large, irregularly shaped wetland or lake, etc., are not separate waterbodies, and crossings of such features cannot be considered separately. The overall project, for purposes of this GP, includes all regulated activities that are reasonably related and necessary to accomplish the project purpose.

Single and complete non-linear project: For non-linear projects, the term “single and complete project” is defined at 33 CFR 330.2(i) as the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers. For non-linear projects, the single and complete project shall have independent utility (see definition).

Special aquatic sites (SAS): These are defined at 40 CFR 230 Subpart E. They include sanctuaries and refuges, wetlands, mud flats, vegetated shallows (submerged aquatic vegetation, SAV), coral reefs, and riffle and pool complexes.

Stream: The term “stream” in the document means rivers, streams, brooks, etc.

Stream bed: The substrate of the stream channel between the ordinary high water marks. The substrate may be bedrock or inorganic particles that range in size from clay to boulders. Wetlands contiguous to the stream bed, but outside of the ordinary high water marks, are not considered part of the stream bed.

Stream channelization: The manipulation of a stream’s course, condition, capacity, or location that causes more than minimal interruption of normal stream processes. A channelized stream remains a water of the United States.

Stream Simulation: A method for designing and building road-stream crossings intended to permit free and unrestricted movements of any aquatic species. Reference:
<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Stream-and-River-Continuity/>

Stream Smart Design: projects designed to allow the stream to act like a stream by passing fish and wildlife as well as the higher flows that come with large infrequent storms while protecting the stability of the road and public safety. Stream Smart Design follows the “Four S’s”: The culvert must SPAN the stream, allowing for passage of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. The culvert has to be SET at the right elevation. The SLOPE of the culvert must match the stream. There must be SUBSTRATE (natural sediment) in the crossing. Reference:
www1.maine.gov/mdot/publications/docs/brochures/pocket_guide_stream_smart_web.pdf

Temporary impacts: Temporary impacts include waters of the U.S. that are temporarily filled, flooded, excavated, drained or mechanically cleared because of the regulated activity.

Temporal loss: The time lag between the loss of aquatic resource functions caused by the permitted impacts and the replacement of aquatic resource functions at the compensatory mitigation site(s) (33 CFR 332.2).

Utility line: Any pipe or pipeline for the transportation of any gaseous, liquid, liquescent, or slurry substance, for any purpose, and any cable, line, or wire for the transmission for any purpose of electrical energy, telephone, and telegraph messages, and radio and television communication. The term ‘utility line’ does not include activities that drain a water of the U.S., such as drainage tile or French drains, but it does apply to pipes conveying drainage from another area.

Vegetated shallows/Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV): Permanently inundated areas that under normal circumstances support communities of rooted aquatic vegetation, such as eelgrass in marine systems as well as a number of freshwater species in rivers and lakes. Note: Eelgrass surveys should be conducted between May and October unless otherwise directed.

Vernal pools (VPs): The State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection has specific protections for VPs. For the purposes of these GPs, VPs are depressional wetland basins that typically go dry in most years and may contain inlets or outlets, typically of intermittent flow. Vernal pools range in both size and depth depending upon landscape position and parent material(s). In most years, VPs support one or more of the following obligate indicator species: wood frogs (*Rana sylvatica*), spotted salamanders (*Ambystoma maculatum*), blue-spotted salamanders (*Ambystoma laterale*), and fairy shrimp (*Eubranchipus* sp.). However, they should preclude sustainable populations of predatory fish.

Water dependency: activity requiring access or proximity to or siting within a special aquatic site (SAS) to fulfill its basic project purpose.

Water diversions: Water diversions are activities such as bypass pumping (e.g., “dam and pump”) or water withdrawals. Temporary flume pipes, culverts or cofferdams where normal flows are maintained within the stream boundary’s confines aren’t water diversions. “Normal flows” are defined as no change in flow from pre-project conditions.

Weir: A barrier across a river designed to alter the flow characteristics. In most cases, weirs take the form of a barrier, smaller than most conventional dams, across a river that causes water to pool behind the structure (not unlike a dam) and allows water to flow over the top. Weirs are commonly used to alter the flow regime of the river, prevent flooding, measure discharge and help render a river navigable.

Waters of the United States (U.S.)

Waters of the U.S.: The term waters of the U.S. and all other terms relating to the geographic scope of jurisdiction are defined at 33 CFR 328. Also see Section 502(7) of the Federal CWA [33 USC 1352(7)]. Waters of the U.S. include jurisdictional wetlands. Not all waters and wetlands are jurisdictional. Contact the Corps with any questions regarding jurisdiction.

Navigable waters: Refer to 33 CFR 329. These waters include the following federally-designated navigable waters in New England. This list represents only those waterbodies for which affirmative determinations have been made; absence from this list shall not be taken as an indication that the waterbody is not navigable: In Maine, navigable waters are those waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide in addition to the non-tidal portions of the following federally-designated waters in Maine (the Kennebec River to Moosehead Lake, the Penobscot River to the confluence of the East and West Branch at Medway and, Lake Umbagog within the State of Maine).

Non-tidal wetland: A non-tidal wetland is a wetland that is not subject to the ebb and flow of tidal waters. Non-tidal wetlands contiguous to tidal waters are located landward of the high tide line (i.e., spring high tide line).

Tidal wetland: A tidal wetland is a jurisdictional wetland that is inundated by tidal waters. Tidal waters rise and fall in a predictable and measurable rhythm or cycle due to the gravitational pulls of the moon and sun. Tidal waters end where the rise and fall of the water surface can no longer be practically measured in a predictable rhythm due to masking by other waters, wind, or other effects. Tidal wetlands are located channelward of the high tideline.



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
17 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0017

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF	) NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT
TRANSPORTATION	) RIVER ALTERATION
Fort Kent and Frenchville, Aroostook County)	
STREAM BANK STABILIZATION	) WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
L-30012-L5-A-N (approval)	) FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER
*CORRECTED ORDER	

Pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A–480-JJ, Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and Chapters 310 and 315 of Department rules, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has considered the application of MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT or applicant) with the supportive data, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. Summary: The applicant proposes to install heavy riprap in three locations along the St. John River, adjacent to the Maine Northern Railway Line. The first section of riprap is located in Fort Kent and begins 1.2 miles north (along the railroad tracks) from the US Route One and East Main Street railroad crossing. This section is proposed to be approximately 325 feet in length. The second section of riprap is located in Frenchville and begins about 3.63 miles south (along the railroad tracks) from the Frenchville and Madawaska town line. This section is proposed to be approximately 175 feet in length. The third section of riprap is located in Frenchville and begins about 3.3 miles south (along the railroad tracks) from the Frenchville and Madawaska town line. This section is proposed to be approximately 210 feet in length. The riprap will be installed at approximately a 1.75H:1V slope. The proposed riprap will result in approximately 6,800 square feet of permanent impacts and 9,820 square feet of temporary impacts to the St. John River. The proposed project is shown on an undated set of plans, the first of which is titled “Impact Plans,” prepared by MDOT and submitted with the application. The project sites are located along the Maine Northern Railway Line in the towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville.

B. Current Use of the Site: The sites of the proposed stabilization are immediately adjacent to the Maine Northern Railway Line.

2. EXISTING SCENIC, AESTHETIC, RECREATIONAL OR NAVIGATIONAL USES:

The Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA), in 38 M.R.S. §480-D(1), requires the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed project will not unreasonably interfere with existing scenic, aesthetic, recreational and navigational uses.

In accordance with Chapter 315, *Assessing and Mitigating Impacts to Scenic and Aesthetic Uses* (06-096 C.M.R. ch. 315, effective June 29, 2003), the applicant submitted a copy of the Department's Visual Evaluation Field Survey Checklist as Appendix A to the application along with a description of the property and the proposed project. The applicant also submitted several photographs of the proposed project site and surroundings.

The proposed project is located on St. John River, which is a scenic resource visited by the general public, in part, for the use, observation, enjoyment and appreciation of its natural and cultural visual qualities. The proposed riprap stabilization areas are visually discrete from the resource. In addition, the applicant proposes to treat the areas using a hydro-seeding method that encourages germination and soil stabilization, combined with a seed mix of native grasses, shrubs, and pollinator-promoting plants. The applicant will not monitor the plantings due to the difficult nature of accessing an active railroad corridor, including the requirement of special access vehicles and a safety chaperone.

Additionally, the Department staff utilized the Department's Visual Impact Assessment Matrix in its evaluation of the proposed project. The Matrix shows an acceptable potential visual impact rating for the proposed project. Based on the information submitted in the application and the visual impact rating, the Department determined that the location and scale of the proposed activity is compatible with the existing visual quality and landscape characteristics found within the viewshed of the scenic resource in the project area.

The Department determined that based on the nature of the proposed project and its location, there are no existing recreational or navigational uses of the resource that would be unreasonably impacted.

The Department finds that the proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with existing scenic, aesthetic, recreational or navigational uses of the St. John River provided that the applicant completes the proposed hydro-seeding as described above.

3. SOIL EROSION:

The NRPA, in 38 M.R.S. §480-D(2), requires the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed project will not cause unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment nor unreasonably inhibit the natural transfer of soil from the terrestrial to the marine or freshwater environment.

MDOT and the Department entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in 2007 which outlines procedures for MDOT projects in terms of erosion and sediment control. This project will comply with the Memorandum of Agreement.

All in stream work will be completed between July 15 and September 30 under appropriate conditions for managing water and erosion on site. The slope stabilization will begin upstream and proceed downstream to avoid undermining the newly stabilized

slope and exposed soils will be closed-in weekly or prior to a forecasted significant rain event. A silt boom will be used when working in or around standing water to avoid and minimize turbidity. When possible, work will be completed at low water conditions and in the dry.

The Department finds that the activity will not cause unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment nor unreasonably inhibit the natural transfer of soil from the terrestrial to the marine or freshwater environment.

4. HABITAT CONSIDERATIONS:

The NRPA, in 38 M.R.S. §480-D(3), requires the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed project will not unreasonably harm significant wildlife habitat, freshwater wetland plant habitat, threatened or endangered plant habitat, aquatic or adjacent upland habitat, travel corridor, freshwater, estuarine or marine fisheries or other aquatic life.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) reviewed the proposed project and stated that there are no Essential or Significant Wildlife Habitats at the project site and minimal impacts to inland fisheries and wildlife are anticipated so long as construction best management practices are followed.

In August 2022, the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) surveyed the project area and identified rare plants and natural communities within the project limits. In a memo (and map) to the applicant from MNAP, titled “Rare and exemplary botanical features, WIN 24819, St. John River Railroad Bank Stabilization Projects, MP 258.28 - MP 258.48 Madawaska (Frenchville) and MP 245.25 Fort Kent, Maine”, dated August 10, 2022, and submitted with the application, MNAP stated that rare plants exist within and adjacent to the proposed project areas, including *Juncus alpinoarticulatus* and *Elocharis quinqueflora*. MNAP recommended, and the applicant has agreed, that areas of rare plants will be marked with pre-determined flagging color and snow fencing and that these areas will be discussed with the contractor at a pre-construction meeting. The contractor will avoid these areas when accessing the site.

Based on MDIFW and MNAP comments and the applicant’s response, the Department finds that the activity will not unreasonably harm any significant wildlife habitat, freshwater wetland plant habitat, threatened or endangered plant habitat, aquatic or adjacent upland habitat, travel corridor, freshwater, estuarine or marine fisheries or other aquatic life provided that areas of rare plants are marked and discussed with the contractor at a pre-construction meeting as discussed above.

5. WATER QUALITY CONSIDERATIONS:

As discussed in Finding 3, the applicant proposes to use erosion and sediment control measures during construction to minimize impacts to water quality from siltation.

The Department finds that the proposed project will not violate any state water quality law, including those governing the classification of the State's waters.

6. WETLANDS AND WATERBODIES PROTECTION RULES:

The applicant proposes to permanently fill 6,800 square feet of the St. John River, along a total of 710 linear feet of shoreline, as a result of shoreline stabilization. Construction activities will also result in 9,820 square feet of temporary impacts to the St. John River.

The *Wetlands and Waterbodies Protection Rules*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 310 (last amended November 11, 2018), interpret and elaborate on the NRPA criteria for obtaining a permit. The rules guide the Department in its determination of whether a project's impacts would be unreasonable. A proposed project would generally be found to be unreasonable if it would cause a loss in wetland area, functions and values and there is a practicable alternative to the project that would be less damaging to the environment. Each application for a NRPA permit that involves a river, stream, brook, or freshwater wetland alteration must provide an analysis of alternatives in order to demonstrate that a practicable alternative does not exist.

A. Avoidance. The applicant must submit an analysis of whether there is a practicable alternative to the project that would be less damaging to the environment and this analysis is considered by the Department in its assessment of the reasonableness of any impacts. The applicant submitted an alternatives analysis for the proposed project completed by MDOT and submitted with the application. The purpose of the project is to repair and stabilize eroding slopes of the riverbank that are threatening the Maine Northern Railway infrastructure. In places, the slope to the river is being undercut by high river flows and has sloughed into the river. Additionally, slope erosion due to ice movement along the riverbank immediately adjacent to the rail line is present. The applicant examined alternatives, including the no build alternative, and determined this would not meet the project purpose. Two alternative designs were considered; one was driven piles and timber lagging and the other was a concrete retaining wall. While these alternatives would avoid permanent impacts to the river, cost and rail line closure requirements make these alternatives impracticable. In order to meet the stated project purpose some impacts to the resource are unavoidable.

B. Minimal Alteration. In support of an application and to address the analysis of the reasonableness of any impacts of a proposed project, the applicant must demonstrate that the amount of wetland to be altered will be kept to the minimum amount necessary for meeting the overall purpose of the project. The applicant has designed the project to include only those areas that are most critical in maintaining the integrity of the railroad and has minimized the footprint of the proposed riprap to the extent practicable.

C. Compensation. Compensation is required to achieve the goal of no net loss of wetland functions and values. This project will result in more than 300 feet of river shoreline alteration for a public project, which is the threshold over which compensation is generally required. In accordance with Chapter 310, § 5(C)(7), the Department may

waive the requirement for compensation if it determines that any impact to wetland functions and values from the activity will be insignificant. The applicant submitted an assessment of the functions and values for the areas of impact in the St. John River prepared by MDOT. The assessment identified fish and shellfish habitat and recreation as principal functions of the river at the proposed project sites.

The project areas are located adjacent to the St John River and downstream of the feature known as Les Rapides. The area is within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Zone AE which is the 100-year flood zone. This flood zone area and the adjacent land is composed of glaciofluvial deposits. The areas adjacent to the river and rail line are active upland farmland and residential use. No wetlands other than the river habitat were identified in the vicinity of this project.

The existing river substrate is comprised of a mixture of gravel and cobble material and in the vicinity of the proposed project, the substrate is primarily composed of the material that has sloughed off the slope. This material will not be removed from the river. The applicant stated that the proposed project will not restrict water flow and passage of aquatic organisms will be maintained throughout the river. The applicant concluded and MDIFW agreed that the proposed project will not affect the fish and shellfish habitat function of the St John River.

The river in Fort Kent is approximately 440 feet wide and the river in Frenchville is approximately 630 feet wide. The applicant stated that the proposed impacts to the river shore will not affect the use and movement by small watercraft, such as canoes, that can use the river at those times. Further, the proposed project will not change the overall recreational value or access provided by the St John River.

Based on these assessments the applicant asserts that there will be no significant loss of functions and values to the resource as a result of the project and compensation is not proposed.

The Department considered the application material along with its knowledge of the area and agrees with the applicant's characterization of the resource, and that the proposed project will not significantly alter the existing functions and values of the St. John River. Therefore, the Department waives the compensation requirement.

The Department finds that the applicant has avoided and minimized impacts to St. John River to the greatest extent practicable, and that the proposed project represents the least environmentally damaging alternative that meets the overall purpose of the project.

7. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The Department finds, based on the design, proposed construction methods, and location, the proposed project will not inhibit the natural transfer of soil from the terrestrial to the marine environment, will not interfere with the natural flow of any surface or subsurface waters, and will not cause or increase flooding. The proposed project is not located in a

coastal sand dune system, does not involve dredge spoils disposal or the transport of dredge spoils by water. *The proposed project is shoreline stabilization along an outstanding river segment. The applicant has demonstrated there is no practicable alternative that would have less adverse impact upon the natural and recreational features of the river.

BASED on the above findings of fact, and subject to the conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A–480-JJ and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341):

- A. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with existing scenic, aesthetic, recreational, or navigational uses provided that the applicant completes the hydro-seeding activity as described in Finding 2.
- B. The proposed activity will not cause unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment.
- C. The proposed activity will not unreasonably inhibit the natural transfer of soil from the terrestrial to the marine or freshwater environment.
- D. The proposed activity will not unreasonably harm any significant wildlife habitat, freshwater wetland plant habitat, threatened or endangered plant habitat, aquatic or adjacent upland habitat, travel corridor, freshwater, estuarine, or marine fisheries or other aquatic life provided that areas of rare plants are marked and discussed with the contractor at a pre-construction meeting as discussed in Finding 4.
- E. The proposed activity will not unreasonably interfere with the natural flow of any surface or subsurface waters.
- F. The proposed activity will not violate any state water quality law including those governing the classifications of the State's waters.
- G. The proposed activity will not unreasonably cause or increase the flooding of the alteration area or adjacent properties.
- H. The proposed activity is not on or adjacent to a sand dune.
- I. * The proposed project is shoreline stabilization along an outstanding river segment identified in 38 M.R.S. § 480-P, however, the applicant has demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives that would have less adverse effect upon the natural and recreational features of the river segment.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the above noted application of MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION to install 710 linear feet of heavy riprap along the St. John River as described in Finding 1, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, and all applicable standards and regulations:

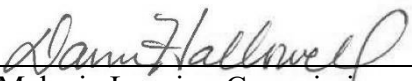
1. Standard Conditions of Approval, a copy attached.
2. The applicant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that their activities or those of their agent do not result in measurable erosion of soil on the site during the construction of the project covered by this approval.
3. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision, or part thereof, of this License shall not affect the remainder of the provision or any other provisions. This License shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.
4. The applicant shall mark, with pre-determined flagging color and snow fencing, areas of rare plants. These areas shall be discussed with the contractor at a pre-construction meeting and the contractor shall avoid these areas when accessing the site.
5. The applicant shall treat the stabilization area using a hydro-seeding method that encourages germination and soil stabilization, combined with a seed mix of native grasses, shrubs, and pollinator-promoting plants.

THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER REQUIRED STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL APPROVALS NOR DOES IT VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCES.

CORRECTING THE ORDER DATED DECEMBER 19TH, 2022. The effective date and expiration date remain the same as in the original.

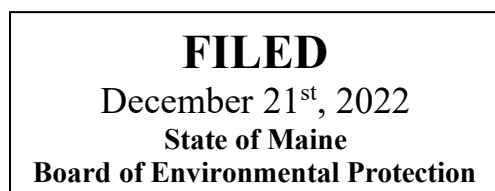
DONE AND DATED IN AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: 
For: Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES.

SS/L30012AN/ATS#89974





Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) Standard Conditions

THE FOLLOWING STANDARD CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL PERMITS GRANTED UNDER THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT, 38 M.R.S. § 480-A ET SEQ., UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE PERMIT.

- A. Approval of Variations From Plans. The granting of this permit is dependent upon and limited to the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted and affirmed to by the applicant. Any variation from these plans, proposals, and supporting documents is subject to review and approval prior to implementation.
- B. Compliance With All Applicable Laws. The applicant shall secure and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local licenses, permits, authorizations, conditions, agreements, and orders prior to or during construction and operation, as appropriate.
- C. Erosion Control. The applicant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that his activities or those of his agents do not result in measurable erosion of soils on the site during the construction and operation of the project covered by this Approval.
- D. Compliance With Conditions. Should the project be found, at any time, not to be in compliance with any of the Conditions of this Approval, or should the applicant construct or operate this development in any way other the specified in the Application or Supporting Documents, as modified by the Conditions of this Approval, then the terms of this Approval shall be considered to have been violated.
- E. Time frame for approvals. If construction or operation of the activity is not begun within four years, this permit shall lapse and the applicant shall reapply to the Board for a new permit. The applicant may not begin construction or operation of the activity until a new permit is granted. Reapplications for permits may include information submitted in the initial application by reference. This approval, if construction is begun within the four-year time frame, is valid for seven years. If construction is not completed within the seven-year time frame, the applicant must reapply for, and receive, approval prior to continuing construction.
- F. No Construction Equipment Below High Water. No construction equipment used in the undertaking of an approved activity is allowed below the mean high water line unless otherwise specified by this permit.
- G. Permit Included In Contract Bids. A copy of this permit must be included in or attached to all contract bid specifications for the approved activity.
- H. Permit Shown To Contractor. Work done by a contractor pursuant to this permit shall not begin before the contractor has been shown by the applicant a copy of this permit.

Revised September 2016



DEP INFORMATION SHEET

Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

Dated: August 2021

Contact: (207) 314-1458

SUMMARY

This document provides information regarding a person's rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal of a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner.

Except as provided below, there are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the DEP Commissioner: (1) an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. An aggrieved person seeking review of a licensing decision over which the Board had original jurisdiction may seek judicial review in Maine's Superior Court.

A judicial appeal of final action by the Commissioner or the Board regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development (35-A M.R.S. § 3451(4)) or a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 480-HH(1)) or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 636-A) must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

LEGAL REFERENCES

A person filing an appeal with the Board should review Organization and Powers, 38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D(4) and 346; the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and the DEP's *Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters* (Chapter 2), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Not more than 30 days following the filing of a license decision by the Commissioner with the Board, an aggrieved person may appeal to the Board for review of the Commissioner's decision. The filing of an appeal with the Board, in care of the Board Clerk, is complete when the Board receives the submission by the close of business on the due date (5:00 p.m. on the 30th calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board, as determined by the received time stamp on the document or electronic mail). Appeals filed after 5:00 p.m. on the 30th calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board will be dismissed as untimely, absent a showing of good cause.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

An appeal to the Board may be submitted via postal mail or electronic mail and must contain all signatures and required appeal contents. An electronic filing must contain the scanned original signature of the appellant(s). The appeal documents must be sent to the following address.

Chair, Board of Environmental Protection
c/o Board Clerk
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017
ruth.a.burke@maine.gov

The DEP may also request the submittal of the original signed paper appeal documents when the appeal is filed electronically. The risk of material not being received in a timely manner is on the sender, regardless of the method used.

At the time an appeal is filed with the Board, the appellant must send a copy of the appeal to: (1) the Commissioner of the DEP (Maine Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017); (2) the licensee; and if a hearing was held on the application, (3) any intervenors in that hearing proceeding. **Please contact the DEP at 207-287-7688 with questions or for contact information regarding a specific licensing decision.**

REQUIRED APPEAL CONTENTS

A complete appeal must contain the following information at the time the appeal is submitted.

1. *Aggrieved status.* The appeal must explain how the appellant has standing to bring the appeal. This requires an explanation of how the appellant may suffer a particularized injury as a result of the Commissioner's decision.
2. *The findings, conclusions, or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* The appeal must identify the specific findings of fact, conclusions of law, license conditions, or other aspects of the written license decision or of the license review process that the appellant objects to or believes to be in error.
3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* For the objections identified in Item #2, the appeal must state why the appellant believes that the license decision is incorrect and should be modified or reversed. If possible, the appeal should cite specific evidence in the record or specific licensing criteria that the appellant believes were not properly considered or fully addressed.
4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license to changes in specific license conditions.
5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those matters specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
6. *Request for hearing.* If the appellant wishes the Board to hold a public hearing on the appeal, a request for hearing must be filed as part of the notice of appeal, and it must include an offer of proof regarding the testimony and other evidence that would be presented at the hearing. The offer of proof must consist of a statement of the substance of the evidence, its relevance to the issues on appeal, and whether any witnesses would testify. The Board will hear the arguments in favor of and in opposition to a hearing on the appeal and the presentations on the merits of an appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board decides to hold a public hearing on an appeal, that hearing will then be scheduled for a later date.
7. *New or additional evidence to be offered.* If an appellant wants to provide evidence not previously provided to DEP staff during the DEP's review of the application, the request and the proposed supplemental evidence must be submitted with the appeal. The Board may allow new or additional evidence to be considered in an appeal only under limited circumstances. The proposed supplemental evidence must be relevant and material, and (a) the person seeking to add information to the record must show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process; or (b) the evidence itself must be newly discovered and therefore unable to have been presented earlier in the process. Requirements for supplemental evidence are set forth in [Chapter 2 § 24](#).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license application file is public information, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions, and is made accessible by the DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make application materials available to review and photocopy during normal working hours. There may be a charge for copies or copying services.

2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing the appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information upon request and answer general questions regarding the appeal process.
3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* If a license has been granted and it has been appealed, the license normally remains in effect pending the processing of the appeal. Unless a stay of the decision is requested and granted, a licensee may proceed with a project pending the outcome of an appeal, but the licensee runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will acknowledge receipt of an appeal, and it will provide the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal. The notice of appeal, any materials admitted by the Board as supplementary evidence, any materials admitted in response to the appeal, relevant excerpts from the DEP's administrative record for the application, and the DEP staff's recommendation, in the form of a proposed Board Order, will be provided to Board members. The appellant, the licensee, and parties of record are notified in advance of the date set for the Board's consideration of an appeal or request for a hearing. The appellant and the licensee will have an opportunity to address the Board at the Board meeting. The Board will decide whether to hold a hearing on appeal when one is requested before deciding the merits of the appeal. The Board's decision on appeal may be to affirm all or part, affirm with conditions, order a hearing to be held as expeditiously as possible, reverse all or part of the decision of the Commissioner, or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board will notify the appellant, the licensee, and parties of record of its decision on appeal.

II. JUDICIAL APPEALS

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner or Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court (see 38 M.R.S. § 346(1); 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2; 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and M.R. Civ. P. 80C). A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Board's or the Commissioner's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. An appeal to court of a license decision regarding an expedited wind energy development, a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project, or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project may only be taken directly to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. See 38 M.R.S. § 346(4).

Maine's Administrative Procedure Act, DEP statutes governing a particular matter, and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure must be consulted for the substantive and procedural details applicable to judicial appeals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, for administrative appeals contact the Board Clerk at 207-287-2811 or the Board Executive Analyst at 207-314-1458 bill.hinkel@maine.gov, or for judicial appeals contact the court clerk's office in which the appeal will be filed.

Note: This information sheet, in conjunction with a review of the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, is provided to help a person to understand their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal. The DEP provides this information sheet for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.



Environmental Summary Sheet

WIN: 24899.00

Date Submitted: 1/12/2023

Town: Frenchville & Fort Kent

CPD Team Leader: Danielle Tetreau

ENV Field Contact: Ryan Annis

NEPA Complete: State Funded

Section 106

Review Complete: SHPO Concurrence-No adverse effect 5/25/2022

Section 106 Resources: Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Historic District

Section 4(f) and 6(f)

Section 4(f)

Review Complete- No USDOT \$

Section 6(f)

Not Applicable

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Not Applicable

Timing Window: Not Applicable

Section 7

Species of Concern: northern long-eared bat: Informal Consultation - May affect, 4d complete 8/19/22

Furbish's lousewort: No Effect

Essential Fish Habitat

No EFH present

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

Public Lands, Submerged Land Lease: Not Applicable

Maine Land Use Planning Commission: Not Applicable

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Permit – NRPA Permit #L-30012-L6-A-N

**Applicable Standards and Permits are included with the contract*

Army Corps of Engineers: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Pre-Construction Notification - Corps Permit #NAE-2022-01994

-Work Start Notification form to be completed by ENV Field Contact and submitted to ACOE with copy to Team Leader.

-Compliance Certification Form to be completed by ENV Field Contact and submitted to ACOE with copy to Team Leader.

**Applicable Standards and Permits are included with the contract*

Stormwater Review

Review Complete

Hazardous Material Review

Review complete – no concerns



Special Provisions Required

Standard Specification 656-Erosion Control Plan
Special Provision 105-Environmental Requirements
Special Provision 203-Dredge Spec
General Note for Hazardous Waste
Special Provision 203-Hazardous Waste
Special Provision 656-Minor Soil Disturbance

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**All permits and approvals based on plans/scope as of: 10/13/2022*