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August 11, 2026
Subject: Slope Stabilization
WIN:023012.00
Location: Swanville
Amendment No. 4

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Will all the existing stairs/docks in the work areas be removed prior to the work commencing?

Response: The existing stairs and docks are anticipated to be removed by the owners prior to the beginning of construction.

Question: The water is currently very low, if the level dropped another 1' or so pretty much all of the work could be done without cofferdams being needed. This could save time and money for the DOT. Would there be any consideration of dropping the water level through the Dam control?

Response: Our understanding is that the water level of the lake is lowered annually with agreement from MDIFW for managing the lake trout population. The final water level at the site is an estimate and will be based on seasonal rainfall amounts.

Question: Will silt booms be required in work areas?

Response: Turbidity and sedimentation controls are required in accordance with Standard Specification 656. A silt boom or turbidity curtain is allowed if water levels are sufficient to manage turbidity without a dewatered cofferdam. MaineDOT does not prescribe means and methods and MaineDOT's Environmental Construction Support will review and approve the SEWPCP based on site conditions at the time in water work will occur.

Question: Does the state have any specific requirements, or preferences for the type of cofferdams used on the project?

Response: ENV has no specific requirements or preferences for the type of cofferdam used for this project and expect it will depend on the amount of water present and extents of excavation needed at each location. Sandbags with plastic sheeting or sheet piles are typically used. If either of those methods can contain turbidity during excavation activities to key in the toe, that is sufficient.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **August 12, 2026.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George Macdougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" and last name "Macdougall" clearly legible.

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.
Contracts & Specifications Engineer