

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 16 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

Bruce A. Van Note

August 5, 2025

Subject: Woodland Fish Passage

WIN: PH20250514WFP Location: Baileyville Amendment No. 15

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have also been received:

206. **Question**: Is the project tax exempt?

Response: Bidders shall exclude State of Maine sales tax from their bids since this project is considered eligible for the refund provision of 36 MRS § 2014 (<u>Title 36, §2014</u>: <u>Fish passage facilities</u>).

207. **Question:** Section 1.3 - Anticipated Schedule in the The Woodland Fish Passage Project Overview Document, authored by Verdantas, included as part of the bid documents, states the new fish ladder must be operational no later than May 15, 2027. This does not appear to be a milestone requirement in the IFB Specifications nor the General Conditions. Please clarify whether this date is a contract requirement and what if any liquidated damages are associated with it.

Response: This date shall be considered a desired target only and not a contractual milestone; no liquidated damages therefore apply.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on August 6, 2025.

Sincerely,

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.

Kevin Hanlon for

Contracts & Specifications Engineer