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August 8, 2008

David Etnier
Deputy Commissioner
Maine Department of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
August, ME 04333

Re: Letter of Commitment for funding to pay for water quality sampling

Dear Mr. Etnier:

Please consider this letter a commitment from the Town of Scarborough to pay for water sample processing at Katahdin Analytical Services located in Scarborough, Maine. The Town allowed up to \$5,000 in the FY2009 budget to be used as deemed necessary by the Marine Resources Officer.

Katahdin Lab has provided water quality sampling services to the Town of Scarborough for the last two years and we have a good working relationship.

It is our hope that by providing funding to pay for the sample processing, it will be possible to find pollution sources and, over time, increase the acreage that might be opened for harvesting while ensuring protection of public health.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Owens
Town Manager

David Corbeau
Marine Resource Officer



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Dear Mr. Etnier and Shellfish Advisory Council:

First, I would like to thank you for allowing our Town the opportunity to submit a request to perform sampling and also work toward re-opening one of our areas. The area that the Scarborough Shellfish Conservation Committee would like to sample was, in the past, considered a conditional rainfall area. We believe that with more data documenting actual rainfall, this area will, again, put more diggers back on the flats.

The above mentioned area is the Nonesuch River water shed. As stated, this area has always been conditional upon rainfall. In the past, if we received more than an inch of rainfall within a 24 hour period, DMR would immediately shut this area down. The Town would then conduct sampling of that area until it met the standards required to re-open.

In late 2001, the area met approved standards and was no longer a conditional area. However, in August 2006, the area was closed and moved to a restricted area. I believe this was partially due to rainfall. When this area met approved standards, the Town did not have a lot of rainfall; however, as years went on, the rainfall events were more present.

The Nonesuch River (the area that we would like to see on a Conditional Classification) is a large growing area. It makes up about 20 to 25% of the growing area for the Town of Scarborough, and is easily accessed by diggers. This area is 154+ acres with around 75% of the clams being harvestable.

The last survey in this area was done in June of 2007. At that time, it showed a yield of 40 to 50 bushel per area. Please keep in mind that only about two-thirds of the area was done at that time.

The Nonesuch River area has three stations that have been setup by DMR. The stations are as follows: Station 33 at Winnocks Neck Landing; Station 34 at Clay Pits Boat Launch; and Station 35 just above Clay Pits. We can set up other stations in this water shed area as the Department of Maine Resources feels is necessary.

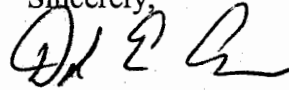
The Town of Scarborough has been working with a local lab, Katahdin Analytical, for almost 2 years. The two goals that we have been working toward are to identify pollution sources and better the water quality for the clamming industry.

We believe these goals and the close proximity of this lab would work well to meet DMR's needs. Also, the Town already has an account, with funds available, at Katahdin Labs for water testing. Along with this, the Scarborough Town Council passed the 2008/2009 budget with an increase for water testing up to \$5,000.

The last issue is volunteer samplers. The Town currently has three wardens that are able to do sampling. There has also been an interest shown from the Scarborough Shellfish Conservation Committee to take on this task.

Finally, I would like to applaud the DMR for moving this process forward. It is our hope that by working hand-in-hand with the Department of Marine Resources, we can once again open the Nonesuch River water shed.

Sincerely,



David Corbeau
Marine Resources Officer



August 7, 2008

George D. Lapointe, Commissioner
State of Maine Department of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0021

RE: Laboratory Certification

Dear Mr. Lapointe:

Pursuant to the passage of LD2038, we are writing to express our interest in having our laboratory certified by the Department of Marine Resources. It is our understanding that the Department must undertake two projects within the next year in which a private laboratory must be utilized. We have been contacted by Mr. Dave Corbeau who will be submitting a proposal to you for accelerated sampling and testing. The study will involve the analysis of water samples. Mr. Corbeau has asked if Katahdin would be interested in teaming with them for this study. The Town of Scarborough already has an account with us, as we have performed testing for them in the past.

Katahdin would like to formally request an audit by your department to begin the certification process. We maintain State of Maine certification for microbiology as well as the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Process (NELAP) accreditation for microbiology. In addition, we hold 15 other state and federal certifications and are audited by numerous state and federal regulatory agencies. We are committed to this process and will work with you to provide the appropriate information and to improve our process where required. Please let me know what the next step in this process is.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you need additional information or if you have any further questions, you may contact us at 207-874-2400.

Sincerely,

Katahdin Analytical Services, Inc.

Daphne G. Warren
President

Deborah J. Nadeau
Laboratory Operations Manager

Cc Dave Corbeau

To David Etnier.

Letter of commitment by volunteer samplers agreeing to conduct the study.

My name is Robert G Willette . I am the chairman of the scarborough shellfish committee and a full time harvester. The pollution abatement committee and I will be happy to volunteer our time to conduct this study. We are looking foreword to working with the DMR and making progress to open more clam flats. I think this is a big step in the right direction for wild clam harvesting. If you have any comments or advice, feel free to write back.

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Thanks,

Robert Willette