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Dear Interested Person:

The Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife invite you to attend a **Public Meeting on the Spednic Lake and Upper St. Croix River Corridor Management Plan** on **October 27th** at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Vanceboro Elementary School** located at 101 High Street in Vanceboro, ME.

Since 1993, management of the St. Croix Waterway has been guided by a "Plan for Long-term Cooperative Management of the St. Croix International Waterway" accepted by Maine and New Brunswick.

In 2003, a multi-year effort involving many partners resulted in the acquisition of approximately 51 miles (2,773 acres) of shorefront and islands within Maine's Spednic Lake/Upper St. Croix River corridor to be maintained for their exceptional undeveloped character and backcountry recreational values, which are of state and international significance. Lands on Spednic Lake were acquired by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and lands on the St. Croix River were acquired by the Maine Department of Conservation.

These lands demand additional planning for resource and recreational management in order to retain a high quality backcountry experience, maintain efficiencies in recreation management and protect the undeveloped character and natural resources of this outstanding corridor.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to collect information and to hear comments from the general public regarding the management of these lands. Public knowledge of the region will help shape the plan, which will provide resource protection and management guidance for this property over the next 15-year period.

A First Draft Plan will be available for public review and a second public meeting will be scheduled in early 2011 to receive additional feedback. Comments are invited throughout the planning process. Visit <http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/planning/spednicstcroix/index.shtml> for future information. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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