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Kathy Davis Howatt
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**RE: Comments on Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC's Shawmut (FERC No. 2322)
Hydroelectric Project**

Dear Ms. Howatt:

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) provides the attached supplemental comments for consideration in the water quality certification process. Of particular note, the University of Maine, in partnership with MDMR and others, has recently developed a bioenergetics model for migrating salmon using Kennebec specific data. The initial findings of that analysis and interpretations are provided. MDMR is also providing additional summarized information on fish passage delays and more comprehensive data on sea-lamprey passage considerations.

Please contact Gail Wippelhauser at gail.wippelhauser@maine.gov or at 207-904-7962 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sean Ledwin, Director
Bureau of Sea-Run Fisheries and Habitat