

MacNeil, Jami

From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 10:07 AM
To: alnaboca@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Spinney dock

Dear Ms. Hall,

Thank you for your comments regarding the construction of a boat ramp and pier system in Alna as proposed by Jeffrey Spinney. The Department is currently reviewing the application under Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act. The Department accepted the application for processing on September 9, 2019. The statutory deadline for the Department to reach a final decision on the application is January 7, 2020; however, the goal date for a decision is November 15, 2019. Written comments will be accepted until a decision is issued.

Your comments will be added to the file and your concerns will be considered during the review of the project. The Department's record, which includes the application of specific interest to you, is available to be viewed at any time. Feel free to contact the Department's File Room at (207) 287-7843 to request a day and time that is convenient for you to view the record.

You may contact me with additional concerns, questions, or comments. I can be reached at (207) 446-4894 or via email at jami.macneil@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

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From: Owner <alnaboca@gmail.com>
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Dear Mr Clement,

I live just on the river north of the Sheepscot bridge. When my husband and I moved here 30 some years ago (I had grown up on Damariscotta Lake), we had a dock with 7 extensions into the Sheepscot river. We were only able to swim from the end of the dock for about two hours at high tide. As the years progressed, the silt grew in to such an extent that after ten years, we would have had to add three more lengths to be able to swim or put a canoe into the water. We were concerned about the nature of the environment, put aside the idea and got rid of the entire dock.

The little islands off our property are growing every year and reaching out towards the middle of the river. I hesitate to see boats stirring up the area that is recreating in its own way. Now that the Head tTde dam has opened up more waterways for the fish, it seems a shame that they will have to compete with new boat traffic. At the moment one or two kayaks might be gently floating by on weekends. This is one of the few tranquil areas where Mother Nature takes precedence. Please help us to preserve this.

Sincerely,

Betsey B Hall