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Jeffrey and Allen Philbrick
134 Dock Road
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Dear Jeffrey and Allen Philbrick:

The Maine Natural Areas Program recently completed mapping of all of the state's tidal marshes. The work included interpretation of aerial photography along with ground truthing at representative locations. Based on that work and a review of tax maps, our records show that your property in the vicinity of the Sheepscot River in Alna, Maine, likely supports part of a *Spartina* Saltmarsh. This type of saltmarsh is typically dominated by a mix of bulrushes and *Spartina* grasses, along with other common saltmarsh plant species. Presumably you are already aware of the presence of saltmarsh at this location.

The Maine Natural Areas Program identifies and encourages protection of important natural habitats throughout the state. Voluntary stewardship of your land is a valuable opportunity for you to conserve a unique part of Maine's natural landscape. While the Maine Natural Areas Program has no regulatory authority, the information we manage is public and may under some circumstances, be used by other state agencies in reviewing permit applications and in managing the state's natural resources.

If you have any questions about this information or the Maine Natural Areas Program in general please let me know. I can be reached by phone at (207) 287-8041 or by email at don.s.cameron@maine.gov. You can also learn more about our program on-line at <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/index.html> or by searching on our name.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don Cameron'.

Donald Cameron, Botanist/Ecologist
Maine Natural Areas Program

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