MacNeil, Jami

From: MacNeil, Jami

Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 10:08 AM

To: Honor Sage

Subject: RE: NRPA Permit Application - Sheepscot River Dock

Dear Ms. Sage,

Thank you for your comments regarding the construction of a boat ramp and pier system in Alna as proposed by Jeffry 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,

-Jami MacNeil

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From: Honor Sage <sage@tidewater.net>
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October 5, 2019

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17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 RE:NRPA application for a boat ramp and pier, 126 Golden Ridge Road, Alna ME 04535 Dear Ms. MacNeil: This letter is to express my concern and opposition to an application by Jeff Spinney for a permit by the Natural Resources Protection Act to build a boat ramp and pier on the Sheepscot River (tax map R-4, parcel 21A.) Specifically, I am concerned that the planned construction of a permanent boat ramp and pier that can accommodate 17' motorized boats and serve as a recreational club for 25 members would greatly change and damage the character of that stretch of the Sheepscot River. I believe there would be adverse effects on the wildlife, fish and plants as well as those folks who choose to paddle the Sheepscot because of its outstanding beauty and tranquil setting. For more than 20 years, a great deal of effort has been dedicated to the protection of the Sheepscot between the Head Tide Dam and the Reversing Falls in Sheepscot Village. Many residents have placed their riverfront properties under conservation easements and nature preserves have been established to insure that the citizens of Alna have access to the special treasure that travels through their town. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope the Department of Environmental Protection will deny this application. Sincerely, HONOR FOX SAGE 133 Head Tide Road, Alna, ME 04535 Sage@tidewater.net

CC: Planning Board, Town of Alna

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