

## MacNeil, Jami

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**From:** Kinne Stires <stires@nnei.net>  
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Jamie,

Concerning the added note in red (below), please know that I use an email provider that has offices outside the State of Maine, but I have lived in Alna and then Westport Island all but seven of my very early childhood years (68 out of 75 years).

Regards,  
Kinne

On Dec 20, 2019, at 3:12 PM, MacNeil, Jami <[Jami.MacNeil@maine.gov](mailto:Jami.MacNeil@maine.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Stires,

Thank you for the additional comments. They will be added to the record and considered during the review.

Best,

**-Jami MacNeil**

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**From:** Kinne Stires <[stires@nnei.net](mailto:stires@nnei.net)>  
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"Today, wilderness is usually considered to be something good and in need of preservation.

The beauty and awesomeness of it dominate our attention.

We are attracted by wilderness, the Otherness of it, the sense it is something inevitably outside of us.

Always beyond us, it is what is ultimately real.

We cannot adequately appreciate this aspect of nature if we approach it with any taint of human pretense.

It will elude us if we allow artifacts like clothing to intervene between ourselves and this Other.

To apprehend it, we cannot be naked enough.

In Wildness is the preservation of the world.”

-Henry David Thoreau

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The section of the Sheepscot River in the GoogleEarth image above is one of the wildest sections of the river. For reference, Juniper Hill School is in the lower left, Al Monaco's property is in the upper left, and Jeff Spinney's property is in the center (just above the power line). As a teenager (ca. 1958), my canoe was the only regular boat on this part of the river...and at all ice-free months. I've paddled among ice flows and horse flies, and accompanied a pair of eagles as they kept ahead of me around each bend. In the past 60 years, very little has changed. A trip upriver, today, would reveal an occasional glimpse of a camp or small house, being the only new comers to this relatively pristine area. I fear for the future. If power boats are added to the river, especially in the shallows, much will change and not for the better. "In wildness is the preservation of the world." I hope this small piece of the world may remain wild.

Best regards,  
KInne Stires