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Cc: Spinney, Jeffry
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Support of Jeff Spinney

Mr Jay Clement, Army Corps.

Dear Mr Clement,

I am writing to you in response to the series of objection letters that my friend Jeff Spinney has shared with me from your office.

I am 61 and currently a resident of Nobolboro at 13 Bent Lane 04555. I was raised and lived with my family at 2 West Old county Rd in Sheepscot village just above the Sheepscot bridge.

We always had powerboats on the Sheepscot river above the falls, let me tell you a few stories.

When we were kids, we would be duck hunting with my father when we found a jon boat adrift in the grass. My father put an ad in the paper and nobody claimed it so my brother and i bought a 4hp motor and put it on the found boat and started fishing both the Sheepscot and Dyer river in the 70s and the 80s. We put food on the table on the table for our family by catching stripers for our family at that time and also had a lot of fun. We learned to water ski on the Sheepscot river above the bridge with our two uncles (Everett Jordon and Victor Verney) who also kept boats in Sheepscot (at the the post office where our grandmother lived). Everett had a Boston Whaler and Victor had a 17' open bow with a 60 or 70hp motor on it. Capable of water skiing behind it in the long run of river from Sheepscot up to the powerlines.

We went up and down the river fishing, swimming, up and down the river from the early 70s through the 80s.

When my mother was also on her last legs i took my mother up and down the Sheepscot and dyer rivers to see the rivers where she grew up one last time. My mother passed in '12 or '13 so this was most recently in in 2008/2009.

Good friends of ours, the Reids also had and kept power boats (at the little wooden dock that still exists owned now by the Keyes) on the river and taught us how to run the river safely.

There was a paved boat ramp at the old post office which was put in by Ken crow who worked for the state doing road work and had a side business paving driveways, he paved the launch ramp at my grandmothers house in Sheepscot at the post office where she lived, (this was his mother and law). This ramp was used by the community for many, many years. I believe the hot top is now mostly gone as the property was sold.

I guess what im trying to say here is that there is nothing new about power boats on the Sheepscot river or Dyer river, it has just become much more difficult for locals to use because all of the trailered access has been taken away either by conservation or development or both. If i want to take my wife up and see this area at this time, i have to go all the way down to Wiscasset, crossing route 1 traffic with a trailer, then chase the tide, hope to then safely make it across the water falls and then hope to safely make it back across the falls before they switch and become to severe for a boat. I personally would make use of the improved boat ramp and dock to show my wife and children the area where i grew up. I now have a 14' Lowe with a 15hp motor, i dont think this is too large for the river.

In fact, as kids my brother almost capsized a 14' starcraft boat that he had in those falls as he misjudged the height/steepness and could have easily drowned.

thank you for your time,
Peter Shorey

