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RE: Project No. 5362-021 - Maine, Lower Mousam Project, Kennebunk Light and Power District.

I live and work in Kennebunk. Kennebunk Light and Power District, our municipally owned power company, is requesting to surrender it's license to generate hydroelectric power at three dams on the Mousam River. Their plan is to leave the dams in place.

I frequently canoe on the Mousam river in several stretches in Kennebunk and Sanford. I especially enjoy the section just below the Kesslen Dam all the way to to Parson's beach at the Gulf of Maine. This is the only area of the river not obstructed by a dam. It is more than deep enough for canoeing and teaming with wildlife. Many fish including shad and river herring are seen at the base of the Kesslen dam in the spring, all looking in vain for a place to spawn. I believe the section of the river affected by the three dams (over nine miles with an additional sixteen miles of tributaries) would be much healthier and more enjoyable for recreation including fishing, canoeing, kayaking and birding if the dams were taken out.

It is my opinion that the dams are an environmental detriment to the Mousam River and the Gulf of Maine. They block the spawning of fish and deprive the water upstream from the dams of adequate oxygen levels, even if the fish were to bypass the dams. Fish ladders have proven to be very expensive and ineffective in similar environments.

I urge you to influence Kennebunk Light and Power to remove these three dams. Thank you.

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