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Project P-5362-021 Maine, Lower Mousam Project, Kennebunk Light and Power District

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Washington, DC 20426

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Dear Secretary,

Several dam removal projects have been successful in Maine, and I enthusiastically support removing the dams on the Mousam River in Kennebunk or at least providing fish passage.

We have a canoe, and often paddle on the Mousam, as many of our friends do. If the dams are removed, the river below the lowest dam, of course, will not change at all. That is the section of the river most used by boaters. Above the dams, there will still be navigable waters, as shown by a director of the Atlantic Salmon Federation who paddled up the river during a draw down of the river's flow.

Local fishers prize the Mousam River. If the dams are removed, fishing opportunities will improve especially of species that spawn in fresh water. The river supports alewives, shad, striped bass, trout and even elvers. When I sat by the river this spring in Rotary Park, elver fishers were busy at work below the dam. At the very least, fish passage must be provided.

We appreciate your oversight and encourage you to require all that is necessary to allow the Mousam River to return to its natural state.

Sincerely,

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