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Jim:

During the Department's questions to me during the NECEC hearing in early April, you requested that I provide copies of fisheries studies conducted as part of the Indian Pond Hydroelectric Project's (FERC P-2142) Relicensing and Post-Licensing. The Department was also going to review materials in its own files for relevant information. In an email your forwarded to me on April 25th, Kathy Howatt, Hydropower Coordinator for the DEP, identified two documents—a 2/28/2007 Study Plan for Fisheries Enhancements, and a 7/18/2007 FERC Order approving that study.

In reviewing my files and by accessing the FERC record for the Indian Pond Project via FERC's "General Search", I have identified an additional five studies that I believe are relevant. Chronologically, these include:

- A December 1999 Study Report—"Radio Telemetry Study on Flow-Related Movements, Spawning, and Season Movements of Salmonids below Harris Station on the Kennebec River, Maine"—filed as Part of FPL Energy Maine Hydro's application for a new license for the Indian Pond Project.
- A 9/09/2004 "Desktop Review Study Plan"
- An 11/12/28/2005 Report containing the results of that Desktop Study of Kennebec River Tributaries.
- A 12/28/2007 "Tributary Bass Study"
- A 6/28/2012 "Cold Stream and Enchanted Stream Restoration Site Monitoring" report.

I do not believe this is a complete record of all of the studies and reports conducted as part of the fisheries mitigation and enhancement efforts associated with the Indian Pond Hydroelectric Project, but it is all of the studies I could find. I believe the Radio Telemetry Study, the Desktop Study of Kennebec River Tributaries, and the Tributary Bass Study are particularly relevant to review of the NECEC's potential impacts on Kennebec and Dead River tributaries.

These are relatively large files, and the service list is quite large, so in an attempt to ensure that all parties receive this information, I will send these seven files as five separate emails that will follow this one.

1. Email 1 will contain the “Radio Telemetry Study on Flow-Related Movements, Spawning, and Season Movements of Salmonids below Harris Station on the Kennebec River, Maine”
2. Email 2 will contain the Desktop Review Study Plan and the Desktop Review Study.
3. Email 3 will contain the Tributary Bass Study.
4. Email 4 will contain the Study Plan for Fisheries Enhancements and the FERC Order approving it.
5. Email 5 will contain the Cold Stream and Enchanted Stream Restoration Site Monitoring report.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you do not receive all of these emails and attachments.

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