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## **Union Gas and Rice Rips Projects comments**

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The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) believes the Union Gas Project and the Rice Rips Project meets the LIHI Low Impact Certification Criteria. The Licensee has installed and tested upstream eel passage at each of these two projects, and DMR has approved these facilities as being effective at passing American eel. In order to inform downstream passage measures, the Licensee also has been sampling for emigrating adult eels upstream at the outlet of Messalonskee Lake, but to date only one or two have been caught. They were tranported and released below all the projects.

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