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Stephen Hickey  
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**RE: Information Request, South Milton Hydroelectric, Lebanon**

Dear Steven:

Per your request received September 5, we have searched current Department records for known occurrences of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered species, designated Essential and Significant Wildlife Habitats, and fisheries habitat concerns within the vicinity of the South Milton Hydroelectric site in Lebanon. Findings for each category of protected resource are specified below.

*Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species*

At this time, there have been no Rare, Threatened or Endangered wildlife species mapped at this site.

*Essential Habitat*

Currently, Essential Habitat is designated only for Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Roseate Terns, all of which are coastal breeding species and which do not occur in this area.

*Significant Wildlife Habitat*

Significant Wildlife Habitat, which includes Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat, Deer Wintering Areas, Seabird Nesting Islands, Shorebird Areas and Significant Vernal Pools, have not been mapped at this site.

*Fisheries habitat concerns*

Spaulding Pond supports American Eel, a species of Special Concern in Maine. There are no fisheries habitat concerns for this project, however.

This consultation review has been conducted specifically for known MDIF&W jurisdictional features and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review for the presence of all regulated features that

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may occur on site. Prior to the start of any future site disturbance we recommend additional consultation with the municipality, and other state resource agencies including the Maine Natural Areas Program and Maine Department of Environmental Protection in order to avoid unintended protected resource disturbance.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this information, or if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Walker", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Walker  
Acting Environmental Review Coordinator