

HANDBOOK COMMENTS - TU

Excerpted Informal feedback from Stephen Heines, TU Maine via email 3/21/24

The problem is that with so many relicensings going on here in Maine, neither the NGOs or the agencies have time to review the LIHI certifications, let alone the yearly status reports, even less the governing documents. I learned the hard way that unless an agency can stand up for the resource, unless there is a WQC problem lurking somewhere, it's very hard to oppose LIHI certification. The agencies don't have time to deal with this, especially here in Maine where there are so many relicensing ongoing and the backlog increasing due to appeals and other delays.

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The Tribal issue is good to see addressed, but here in Maine, the tribes are much more concerned with ongoing sovereignty issues for that to make much of a difference. They have a bigger fish to fry.

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