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To: Collins, Luke

Subject: FW: Request for Comment Period Extension for Lamprey River Water Management Plan

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Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 2:26 PM

To: Ives, Wayne

Subject: Re: Request for Comment Period Extension for Lamprey River Water Management Plan

Wayne,

The emails have been insane, I try to explain to them, this includes a release from Mendums Pond, it is very little water level change and will ONLY occur, if realllllllly needed.

Please bring my attached letter of concerns to our May 20th meeting, I can not attend, and if you want to post these comments on your website too.

thanks again,

Therese Thompson

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May 17, 2011

Dear Wayne and Lamprey River WMPAAC,

I am sorry I cannot attend our May 20th meeting, I have to be at work for graduation.

I wanted to give you some of my comments on the *Water Mgmt Plan for the Lamprey River*:

At our July 7, 2010 meeting, pg. 3 Al Larsen stated "They draw it down 7 feet every year in the fall and there was a proposal to limit the draw-down to 3 feet. There were surveys done and the consensus was that most people wanted it left at 7 feet [Of the 141 surveys returned, 63 preferred the existing 7 ft drawdown; 78 preferred a drawdown of 6 ft or less (8 for 6ft, 45 for 5 ft, 24 for 0-4 ft or no preference).]" the lake front owners of Pawtuckaway Lake were surveyed in the year 2000 about the yearly drawdown and the Commissioner decided to leave the draw down at 7 feet for the winter. After this meeting I asked the officers of the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association, if they were aware of this survey, and I received no response. Yet at the **public hearing** on May 11th, I believe, it was presented that lowering the lake less than 7 ft **was preferred** by this survey in 2000. (If you add up the returns of this survey, they do not add up to 141) ?

As stated on pg. 2 of the July 7, 2010 meeting minutes, I am pleased that **USA Springs** will have to provide a **conservation plan** during an extended drought period.

At our **Feb. 11, 2011** meeting the chart for **Change in Water Level** read

Overwintering Dec. 9-Feb 28 = **0.33 feet**

Salmon spawning Oct. 7- Dec. 8 = **0.09 feet**

At the **public hearing** meeting of May 11, 2011

Overwintering Dec. 9-Feb 28 = **1.53 feet** retained in storage

Salmon spawning Oct. 7- Dec. 8 = **1.53 feet** retained in storage

These amounts are not the same.

Pawtuckaway Lake is listed as having 900 acres in the **July 7, 2010 & Feb. 11, 2011** meeting presentations. In Table 2 Flow Releases of the **public hearing** presentation it states 783 acres (I pointed this out in our meeting minutes for Feb. 11, 2011 pg. 8). I was glad to see the correct acres listed at the public hearing.

As I pointed out in meeting minutes of July 7, 2010 pg 2, **my concern was of upstream the lake** ie: streams, ponds, etc., having a negative effect on these creatures in these wetlands with a proposed drawdown during the summer, during a drought.

My new concerns are:

Can the Dam Bureau actually release only ~ 2.5 inches and prevent the flow of more water from Pawtuckaway Lake when needed during the summer during an extended drought? (the proposed 2.5 inches includes Mendums Pond)

Because Doloff Dam and Drowns Dam on Pawtuckaway Lake do not directly flow into the Lamprey River, Drowns Dam flows into the North River and Doloff Dam flows into the Pawtuckaway River. During an extended drought, will this ~2.5 inches of **water released from the lake actually reach the Lamprey River** or will it be used by the wetlands and rivers prior to the Lamprey River? Because during a drought all wetlands will be low.

Was anyone from **Mendums Pond** at the public hearing?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Therese Thompson, Nottingham and lake front owner on Pawtuckaway Lake

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