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From: John Edwards [mailto:john-edwards@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 2:02 PM

To: Ives, Wayne

Subject: Lamprey WMP Comments

Dear Mr. Ives,

My name is John K. Edwards. My wife and I built a new waterfront home on Pawtuckaway Lake and have resided here for 15 years.

Prior to moving to Pawtuckaway Lake we enjoyed camping at the State Park nearly every year since the park opened.

I attended the June 11th 2011 PLIA meeting where you presented the DES Lamprey River watershed plan.

I do not recall receiving any notice in 2000 nor in 2010 from DES concerning this plan.

Concerning the "7 foot Winter Drawdown" of Pawtuckaway Lake:

You stated that the reason for the proposed change to a much smaller drawdown was to insure that there would be sufficient Pawtuckaway water and head pressure to re-flood the Lamprey watershed in a 2-day cycle in mid winter if the river level became so low that the ice might settle on the riverbed, thereby threatening the fish and other aquatic life.

Further, you stated that **this threatening riverbed condition has never occurred in the past history**. So the change to the annual Pawtuckaway Lake fall drawdown from 7 feet to a lesser amount is just a "precaution" the DES has decided should be implemented, regardless of its significant impact upon Pawtuckaway waterfront properties.

That history does not justify such significant change action to the annual 7 foot Fall drawdown.

I understand the DES plan has a 2-day flow-rate based on head pressure from Pawtuckaway Lake to refill the Lamprey watershed.

I propose that there is no legitimate reason for a 2-day period. I observed one of your "remote flow-rate reporting units" on the Lamprey on Route 27 in Raymond, NH which transmits flow rate data automatically via its antennae to your management system 24 hours a day. I must assume you have installed these units along areas in the lower reaches of the Lamprey watershed as well. **Therefore you have up-to-the-minute river flow data year round**. Should DES detect an imminent winter flow problem, dam operators could open the last gate at Dolloff Dam. It may require more than 2 days flow to restore the Lamprey watershed to satisfactory levels due to low head at Pawtuckaway. However, your "early warning system" and 5-Day weatherforecasts should easily enable DES to manage flow levels. This suggested change to your Plan would prevent the disastrous damage to waterfront owners docks expressed in many of the comments from Pawtuckaway Lake waterfront owners. And in all likelihood may never have to be employed!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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