



PUBLIC NOTICE

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New England District**
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Date: May 22, 2007
Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2007
File Number: NAE-2006-2904
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15 Day Comment Period

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT: Downeast Salmon Federation, P.O. Box 201, Columbia Falls, Maine 04623.

ACTIVITY

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are attached.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in the East Machias River off Willow Street at East Machias, Maine. The proposed location on the USGS MACHIAS quadrangle sheet is at UTM coordinates 4954851 N and 627458 E.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other

public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

SECTION 106 COORDINATION

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the proposed project site during the construction and subsequent operation/use period sought by the applicant. We have undertaken a Biological Assessment (BA) of the potential for interactions and adverse impacts to Atlantic salmon. Consultation has been initiated with US Fish & Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act since salmon in this location are part of a distinct population segment listed by the Services as endangered.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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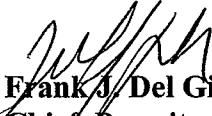
In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Mahaney at (207)-623-8367 ext 4. or (978) 318-8492 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

For more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at
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THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



Frank J. Del Giudice
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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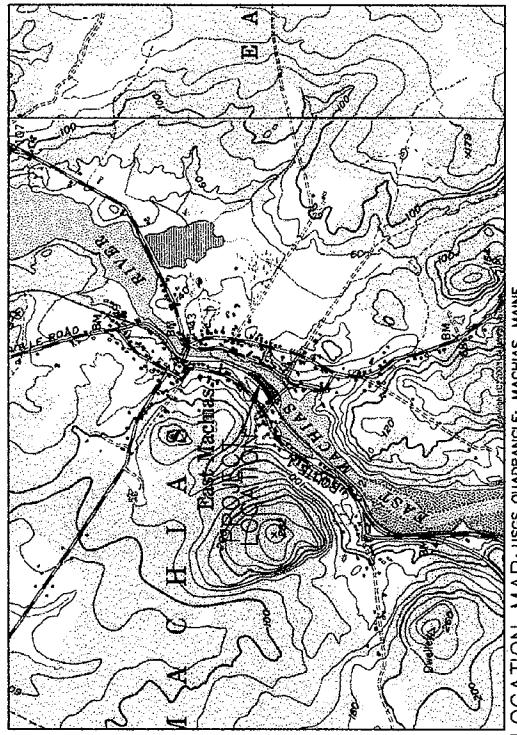
PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE

Place approximately 8,277SF (0.19 acres) of fill below the high tide line in the East Machias River at East Machias, Maine in conjunction with the installation of a water intake structure for the East Machias Aquatic Research Center (EMARC).

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "East Machias Aquatic Research Center, Freshwater Intake Structure, Willow Street, East Machias In Washington County, Maine" on six (6) sheets, with sheets 1-5 undated and sheet 6 dated "18-01-07."

East Machias Aquatic Resource Center Freshwater Intake Structure

Willow Street, East Machias in Washington County, Maine



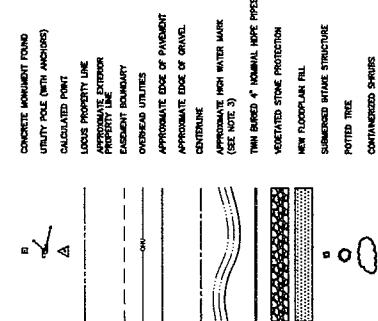
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Title and Site Location

PROJECT NO.: 02-06-04 DRAWING NO.: 1

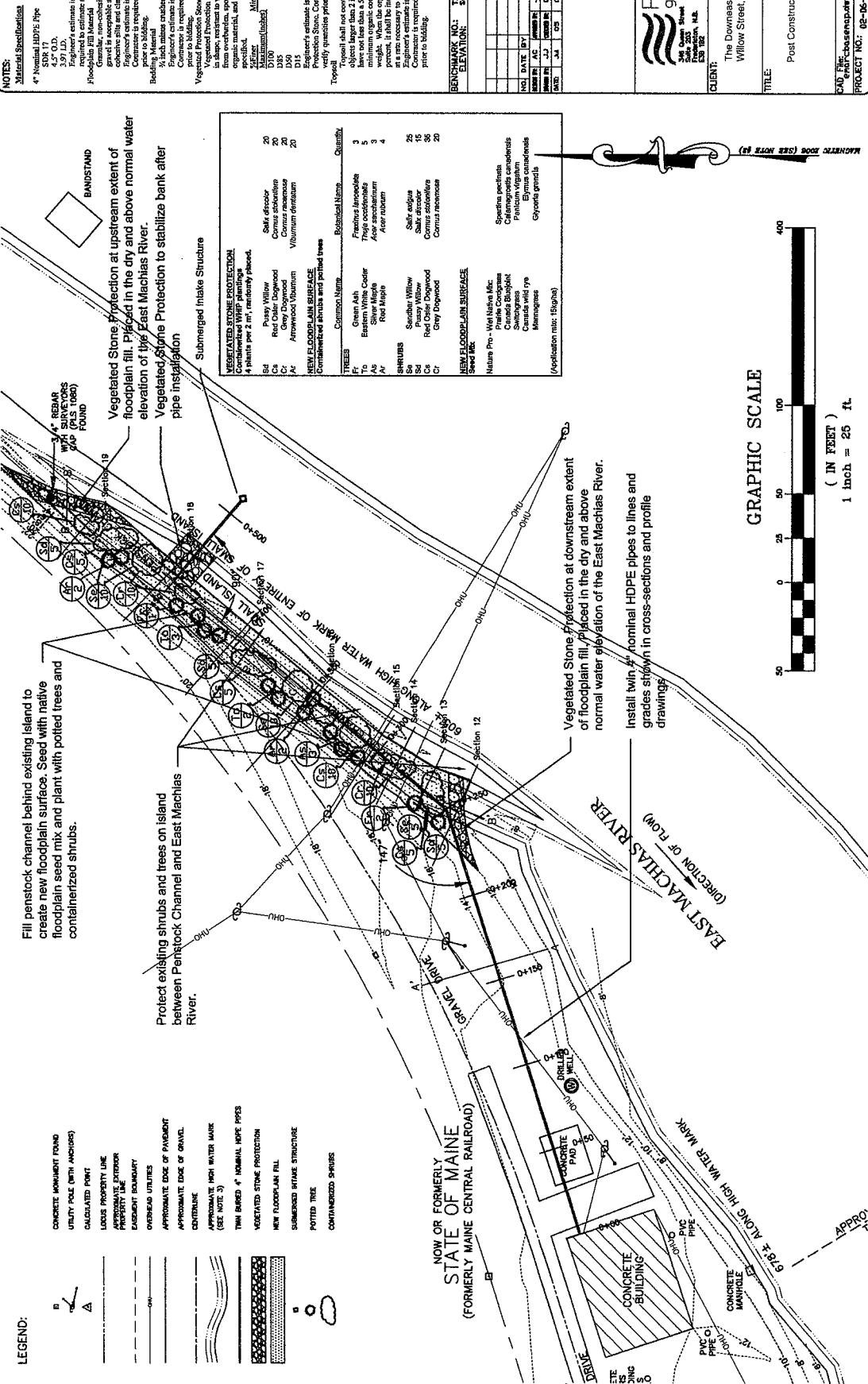
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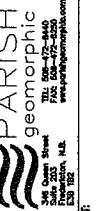


Fill penstock channel behind existing Island to create new floodplain surface. Seed with native floodplain seed mix and plant with potted trees and containerized shrubs.

Protect existing shrubs and trees on Island between Penstock Channel and East Machias River.

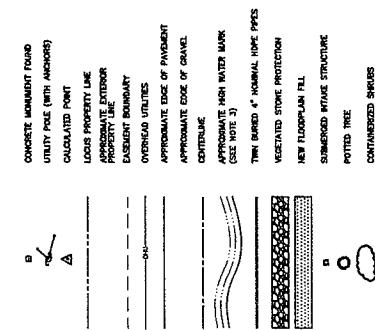


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MATERIALS Specification:												
* Nominal HDPE Pipe SDR 17 4.5" O.D. Flipped end fittings in 1040 ft. of pipe. Contractor's responsibility to fill joints and verify quantities prior to bidding. Floodplain fill material, gravel and cobble material. River gravel is acceptable so long as it is free of cobbles. Concrete fill and cobbles. D100 shall be less than 10% of concrete fill and cobbles. D100 shall be less than 10% of cobbles. Contractor is responsible to verify quantities. Contractor is responsible to verify quantities prior to bidding.												
BEDDING MATERIAL:												
3/4" rock minus crushed gravel Contractor is responsible to verify quantities prior to bidding.												
VEGETATED PROTECTION:												
Stone shall be hard, durable, angular and non-siliceous, as well as being free of organic material, and shall meet the gradation requirements specified.												
MINIMUM QUANTITIES:												
TREES:	Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity									
F	Green Ash	Fraxinus americana	3									
To	Eastern White Cedar	Thuja occidentalis	5									
As	Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	3									
Ar	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	4									
SHRUBS:	Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity									
Sa	Sweet Bay Willow	Salix acutifolia	25									
Sa	Red Osier Dogwood	Salix eriocephala	15									
Sa	Gray Dogwood	Salix cinerea	35									
Cs	Arrowwood Viburnum	Viburnum dentatum	20									
NEW FLOODPLAIN SURFACE:												
CONTAMINATED SHRUBS AND POTTED TREES:												
NATURE PRO - WEEDS:												
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Prairie Cordgrass	Spartina pectinata											
Smooth Bluegrass	Agrostis capillaris											
Curly Leaf Lettuce	Lactuca serriola											
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica											
Goatsbeard	Geum urbanum											
(application rate: 1 bushel)												
CLIENT:												
The Downeast Salmon Federation, Inc.												
Willow Street, East Machias, Maine												
TITLE:												
Post Construction Conditions												
CDR FILE-chooseone												
PROJECT NO.: 02-06-04												
SCALE: As shown												
DRAWING NO.: 3												



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TEMPORARY STREAM DIVERSION

1. Construct sandbag cofferdam at diversion point of Penstock Channel. This dam will divert the Penstock channel's flow as a settling basin for the pump pump discharge from behind the sandbag cofferdam (see Step 2).
2. Construct sandbag cofferdam (using hand labor only in the channel) to collect work area within the main channel of the East Machias River.
3. Install sump pump to capture subsurface drainage into the work area and discharge into the settling basin constructed using the Penstock Channel (see step 1).
4. Install submerged Collection Structure and approximately 10' of twin HDPE pipe as shown in the drawings to grade in the Penstock Channel.
5. Repair approximately 25 feet of bank as shown in the drawings with Vegetated Protection Stone.
6. When no further equipment work is needed in the main channel of the East Machias River, remove sump pump and Sandbag Cofferdam using hand labor.
7. Remove sandbag dam at the downstream extent of the Penstock Channel and allow Penstock channel to dry before installing pipe and Floodplain Fill in the Penstock Channel.

STRUCTURE NO.: **TM-0000000000000000**
ELEVATION NO.: **SEE DRAWINGS**

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CLIENT: The Downeast Salmon Federation, Inc.
Willow Street, East Machias, Maine
TITLE: EROSION AND
SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN
CDL Reference-based map - SCALE: As shown
PROJECT NO.: 02-06-04 DRAWING NO.: 4

