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The Honorable Nancy Torresen
United States District Court for the
District of Maine
156 Federal Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: *Friends of Merrymeeting Bay v. Kelliher, et al.*
No.: 1:11-cv-00167-NT

Dear Judge Torresen:

Pursuant to the instructions the Court gave us during the telephone conference of December 21, 2011, counsel for both the plaintiffs and the defendants consulted with counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency on January 5, 2012. On January 10, 2012, counsel for the EPA sent the parties an email regarding the status of the EPA's review of the "Maine Alewife Law." A copy of that email is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

We trust that this email adequately responds to the questions the Court posed during the December 21, 2011 conference.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Christopher C. Taub
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cc: All Counsel of Record
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