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To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Seacoast Reliability Project/ Eversource power jet plowing

Pamela,

Good morning, my name is Peter Sawtell, Owner and lead instructor of Seven Rivers Paddling. I am contacting you to raise some concerns about the proposed Seacoast Reliability project by Eversource in Little Bay near Newington and Durham, NH.

There are numerous locations we run guided kayaking trips, rescue classes and a kids Adventure Kayaking Camp on the bay. The two closest and most affected areas by this potential project would be Wagon Hill Farm in Durham, and Adams Point in Durham.

The first major concern I have is regarding the environmental impact on the bay. I know UNH Jacksons Estuary Laboratory has tested the top sediment on the Bay Floor for years finding mercury, lead and various other toxins. The children in our camps swim in the bay, and the rescue trainings we run involve people being physically in the water of the bay. The contaminants that would be disrupted in the sediment and thus spread throughout the bay could cause health issues for people, not to mention the ecosystem of the bay. The marine life in the Little Bay is extensive and precious.

Throughout the the season our kayaking camp explores and becomes immersed in this beautiful place. There is a sand bar along the shore between Wagon Hill Farm and Goat Island. Here the kids find Horseshoe Crabs, Razor Clams, Hermit Crabs, and many other creatures. Little Bay must be protected and preserved. The granddaughter of Dudley Dudley, a women who worked extensively to protect the bay from a proposed oil refinery project, has been enrolled in our camp for several years, enjoying the bay because it was important to our community to protect it.

Little Bay has already had decades of time and money invested in it from local, state and federal agencies doing research and efforts to protect it.





The second concern would be the sediment effecting the shoreline. Both locations we run our programs from on the bay are affected drastically by the tide. The entire shoreline of the bay will be negatively affected by the sediment drifting and settling along the shore. Over the past four years running my business in the Bay I observed the tides daily, and the water in the Little Bay is never still. Suggesting that the power jet plowing would be done during slack tide would be virtually impossible due to the short time that slack tide occurs. Additionally, there are seven tidal rivers that flow into Great and Little Bay causing the water and shorelines not only around each bay, but through all areas of those tidal rivers to be severely injured by the project proposed by Eversource.



Thank you for your time.

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