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To: Monroe, Pamela

Subject: Opposition to Seacoast Reliability Project

Dear Ms.Monroe,

I am deeply concerned and opposed to the Seacoast Reliability Project being proposed by Eversource.

Although the Normandeau study states that this project is designed to mitigate environmental impact, the technology of using jet-plow trenching is untested. It is documented that there is toxic sediment in Great Bay and Little Bay. The effects of jet plowing will stir up long buried legacy contaminants that have been dumped in the Bay for decades. The plume or cloud of sediment will take over a month to settle and will kill many sessile organisms that live on the bottom, including the ones that we eat. It will also poison young animals that develop in the Bays such as lobsters, striped bass, cod, pollock, and many others.

Research from the University of New Hampshire (*) has shown that the oyster farming in Great Bay is having a positive impact on nitrogen levels in Great Bay. The chemistry of our water will be drastically effected by this project having a long term deleterious effects on our ecosystem.

Why would we take this risk? I urge all decision makers involved with this project to come up with alternative methods that would not take these lines under Great/Little Bay.

Sincerely,

Mariquita Morrison
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(*) Raymond E Grizzle, Krystin M Ward, Christopher R Peter, Mark Cantwell, David Katz, Julia Sullivan. **Growth, morphometrics and nutrient content of farmed eastern oysters, *Crassostrea virginica*(Gmelin), in New Hampshire, USA.** *Aquaculture Research*, 2016; DOI: [10.1111/are.12988](https://doi.org/10.1111/are.12988)