

From: Laura Brown [<mailto:laura@foxpointoysters.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Eversource SRP project and negative impacts of jet plowing

Dear Pamela Monroe and SEC committee,

I am writing this letter to state my opinion on the Eversource's SRP project. I am extremely concerned about Eversource's plan to jet plow trenches for cables running under Great Bay and believe that the project will negatively impact the Bay and cause damage to existing, past and future restoration efforts, aquaculture farms, wildlife, plants and the overall ecosystem of the estuary.

My name is Laura Brown. I am a citizen and business owner (residing in Dover, operating in both Dover and Durham). I am the owner and operator of Fox Point Oysters, Llc, which is an oyster farm located in Little Bay, part of the Great Bay Estuary.

When I applied to operate an oyster farm in Great Bay, I had to ensure a number of agencies including NH Fish & Game and NH Dept. of Environmental Services, among many others, that my farm would have zero negative impact on the bay. I have invested the past 5 years and thousands of dollars creating and working on my oyster farm in the bay. I began this business for several reasons including the positive effects oysters have on their environment, and the healthy food source they create.

The jet plowing by Eversource could dredge up unhealthy mud and sediment from the bay floor and distribute it throughout the bay, onto plants, wildlife and oyster farms, including mine, causing death and disease. If I had to prove no negative effects on the bay, why doesn't everyone, including Eversource?

And if there is a non-intrusive way (laying cable on bay floor) why is that not a priority?

Thank you for your time and I hope you will not accept Eversource's plan to jet plow.

Sincerely,
Laura Brown