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Subject: Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project and endangered species

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I would like to bring to your attention another lesser known (but serious) problem with the Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project.

When we moved to Durham on Little Bay, four years ago, we noticed that a beautiful family of American Bald Eagles live on our property, which is abutting the proposed Eversource project. We don't know how long they've been there, but definitely since we have been here. Every year, the eagles give birth to two eaglets and from what I have read, this can continue for up to 30 years. Their enormous nest with eaglets in it is a sight to behold and boaters/kayakers stop to take pictures on a daily basis.

We recently had to replace two pilings to our boat dock due to the winter storms. The noise and the drilling to add the two new pilings to our property frightened and agitated the eagles. We were so afraid that we would lose them. Fortunately, the work was completed in a number of hours over two days (not months, or years, like The Seacoast Reliability Project will take) and the eagles with their offspring did not abandon their nest.

Our neighbors have been so concerned about losing this endangered species, they formed a website and they are trying to make the public aware of this problem (see email and website below, including the photographs showing how close the American Eagles are to the proposed Eversource project). My understanding is that it is a felony to kill or "disturb" this species, punishable by fines and imprisonment (Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c)).

Obviously, if Eversource is allowed to do the drilling in the Bay, lay concrete mattresses along the shoreline, and erect huge steel towers, it will have an adverse effect on these beautiful, already endangered creatures living on the Bay.

Thank you in advance for taking this serious matter into consideration.

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