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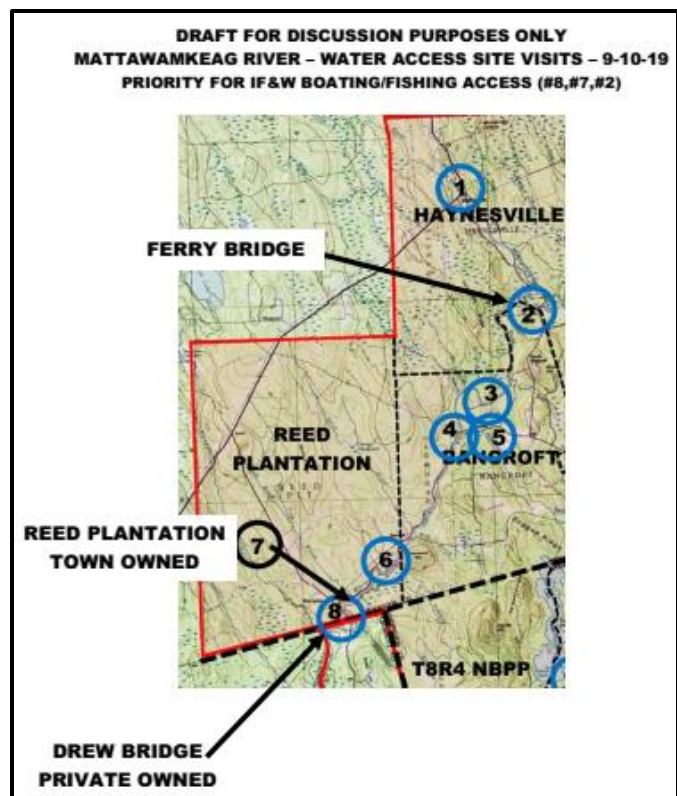
Date: September 17, 2019

To: Greater East Grand Planning Region File

Re: River Access – Site Visits – IF&W Kevin Dunham

By: Elbridge

On 9-10-19 Kevin Dunham, IF&W Region F Fisheries biologist conducted a preliminary exploration of Mattawamkeag river access sites from Drew Bridge to the Route 2A Bridge in Haynesville. (See Sketch) The purpose of the site visits were to access initial potential for the development of new public boat/canoe access especially as it relates to fisheries. Sue Szwed joined in the review for sites in Drew and Wytopitlock and Paul Derwood likewise for sites in Haynesville. The general consensus for fishing access was to explore the establishment of a site near the upper end of the Drew Deadwater either in Drew or Wytopitlock (preferred) and a new site to replace what is a very poor put-in at the Ferry Bridge. These access points would potentially open up 20+ miles of boat and motor access to the Mattawamkeag as well as double for canoe/kayaks as part of a larger project of water trails. Other sites explored were TCF owned river access, private site (6), and Bancroft Bridge (4). Took a brief look at recreational access on the lower Baskahegan at 2000 road (5) and discussed need for put-in at Danforth. Other items discussed included the potential for special fishing regulations for a portion of the East Branch of the Mattawamkeag.



Expect a follow up fisheries site visit in mid-October by Diano Circo (Chief planner for IF&W Augusta).

As to recreational use Sue Szwed will be arranging a meeting with Doug Beck, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor of Maine BPL to discuss/exchange ideas about outdoor recreation, trails and especially the development of water trails in the Region. Funding mechanisms thru BPL include Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. Plan on an October meeting, date to be announced.