

June 18, 2003

Brooke Barnes
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Highland (Duck) Lake TMDL

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thank you for your submittal of the Highland (Duck) Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This Cumberland County waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list due to excessive nutrient loading, and, due to increased level of interest, has become a high priority for TMDL development to address algae blooms.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's June 9, 2003 Highland (Duck) Lake TMDL received electronically on June 10, 2003. EPA has determined that this TMDL meets the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Attached is a copy of our approval documentation.

We are very pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal. Your staff have done an excellent job of preparing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report on this heavily used lake with regulated stormwater impacts. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the ME DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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