

September 29, 2003

Andrew Fisk
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Mousam Lake TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for your submittal of the Mousam Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. The upper basin of this waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list and has become a high priority for TMDL development to address algae blooms due to excessive nutrient loading.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 24, 2003 Mousam Lake TMDL received electronically. 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 with very useful information for stakeholders interested in working toward improved water quality. We are also impressed by the considerable work involved in a shoreline residential survey and a town-record data-search for baseline information on the status of septic systems. 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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