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September 28, 2009

Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Maine Statewide Bacteria TMDLs

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for submitting the final Maine Statewide Bacteria TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads). The purpose of these TMDLs is to address the impaired recreational use in freshwaters and saltwater beaches, and impaired shellfish harvesting use in estuarine and marine waters in Maine.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 24, 2009 Statewide Bacteria TMDLs. EPA has determined that these TMDLs meet 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 commend your staff's efforts and involvement with our office to develop and finalize this TMDL. We believe the information, maps, data and references provided in the primary TMDL document and appendices will educate, motivate, and assist stakeholders in tackling bacterial impairments at the local level. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynne A. Hamjian".

Lynne A. Hamjian, Acting Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc (electronic):

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