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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Maine Department of Marine Resources Bureau of Sea-Run Fisheries and Habitat eagerly support Project SHARE's proposal to expand on the existing large wood addition project in the Sheepscot, Narraguagus. Machias, and East Machias watersheds.

Past large wood projects have been effective in enhancing stream habitat for both brook trout and Atlantic salmon, however little has been done on low gradient streams in coastal Maine. This project will reduce our key uncertainties concerning the possible importance of large wood to our salmonid species, particularly for our coastal watersheds.

Sincerely,

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