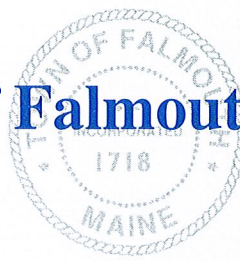


Town of Falmouth, Maine



June 21, 2011

Francis Brautigam
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
358 Shaker Road
Gray, Maine 04039

Dear Mr. Brautigam,

Thank you for sending me a letter describing the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) intent to consider changes in the stocking program and the opportunities to upgrade the existing hand-carry launch at Highland Lake. I understand and appreciate the MDIFW policies. The Town of Falmouth would be interested in participating in a process to evaluate the options for the stocking program. The necessary coordination between three municipalities, the Maine Department of Conservation (MDOC), MDIFW, organized Highland Lake associations and concerned residents will require adequate time to consider the options you provided in your letter. Although I have not yet contacted any of the stakeholders, I think many would agree that this is an important matter that needs to be considered thoroughly. I would appreciate some clarification from MDIFW regarding a time line for expectations of the stakeholders prior to the elimination of the stocking program.

As you may know, Highland Lake has recently celebrated a success story concerning improvement of water quality. The hard work from many people in all three municipalities that border the lake has been rewarding and demonstrates the level of commitment to the lake. We are confident that the ongoing efforts will ensure long term water quality levels that will support a healthy lake for habitat and recreation. We hope that MDIFW will understand that the stakeholders have invested much energy into the condition of the lake. Furthermore, we hope that MDIFW will provide us with adequate time to consider the future of the stocking program in Highland Lake.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding an estimated time line. Thank you again for notifying us about the MDIFW stocking program policies. We are confident that we will all arrive at a mutually satisfying decision regarding the stocking program at Highland Lake.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. A. Poore", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager

cc: George Powell, MDOC
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Tony Plante, Windham Town Manager
Representative Stephen Wood
Representative Mary Nelson
Representative Mark Dion
Senator Richard Woodbury
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