



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
GREATER ATLANTIC REGIONAL FISHERIES OFFICE  
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March 29, 2021

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**RE: NMFS requests extension of time to review and comment on CFD Modeling and Project Sound Study Reports for the Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4784-106)**

Dear Ms. Bose,

On October 30, 2020, you approved two studies (CFD modeling and project sound) proposed by Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership (L.P.) (Topsham Hydro) for the Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4784- or Project). Your study determination letter requires Topsham Hydro file study results by April 1, 2021.

On March 15, 2021, Topsham Hydro made draft versions of its study results available to resource agencies for review. On March 24, 2021, Topsham Hydro presented its draft study results to resource agencies. We greatly appreciate Topsham Hydro's willingness to share its initial study results with us. However, we will require additional time to review and, if necessary, provide substantive comments upon the filing of final versions, currently anticipated on April 1, 2021.

Your Integrated Licensing Process regulations do not formally provide any opportunities for stakeholder review of studies performed after the filing of an Updated Study Report (filed by Topsham Hydro on July 10, 2020) and your October 30, 2020, determination did not specifically designate any opportunity for stakeholder review and comment of the approved studies. As such, we are requesting an extension of 30 days from the date of the filing of the final CFD modeling and project sound studies to review final study results and provide any comments, if necessary.

Please contact Matt Buhyoff by phone at 207-866-4238, or by email at [matt.buhyoff@noaa.gov](mailto:matt.buhyoff@noaa.gov) if you have questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Endangered Fish Recovery Branch  
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