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To: Baskin, Kathleen (EEA)
Subject: SWMI comment

Dear Ms. Baskin,

I'd like to submit the following comment on EOEEA's Sustainable Water Management Initiative:

"Currently 21%, or 292 of the state's 1,395 subbasins fall into flow categories 4 or 5, where stream and river habitat ranges from significantly to severely degraded. To be sustainable, a resource must be functional. Even unpolluted rivers cannot support healthy ecosystems if they lack sufficient flow. Restoration should be an explicit goal of SWMI, and the new safe yield methodology should be protective enough to ensure healthy, functioning rivers and streams."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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