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Mr. Steven Wallace
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RE: DCP Midstream Project, Searsport, Waldo County, Maine
Marine Resource Consultation

Dear Steve:

It is my understanding that the proposed project would involve the installation of a liquid propane (LPG) storage tank on an upland site adjacent to the Sprague and Irving Oil receiving terminals. A send-out pipe would run along the existing pier for off-loading of LPG. An estimated half dozen LPG vessels per year would dock at the existing Sprague pier.

It does not appear there would be any potential adverse impacts to marine resources from the tank and send-out pipe portion of the project, provided Best Management Practices during construction are followed.

Potential adverse impacts from the proposed increased ship traffic to and from the Sprague pier, Searsport would be addressed by the U.S. Coast Guard Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA). DMR's Bureau of Marine Patrol would likely be consulted during the preparation of that document. As these vessels head up Penobscot Bay to Searsport it is very important for them to use the approaches that have been established by local pilots and mariners for Penobscot Bay. DMR may also have concerns related to ship operation, particularly water withdrawn for ballast and ship hotelling needs, as well as any potential ship discharges.

Sincerely,

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