### Draft Meeting Agenda Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee April 11, 2017 <u>6-8pm</u>

### Meeting Purpose and Main Topics: Maine diadromous fish communities and habitats

6pm - Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee

- Discussion, revision, and approval of meeting minutes from March 28
- Discussion and acceptance of April 11 Meeting Agenda

6:15pm - Presentation: Dr. Karen Wilson, Fisheries Biologist, University of Southern Maine

• Dr. Wilson will present information about diadromous fishes in Maine, their habitat needs, and their spawning migrations.

7:00pm - Questions for Dr. Wilson and Committee discussion of topic presented

7:15pm – Report from Bill Benner and Chris Hall about history of CMP and Town of Bristol dam agreements, and discussion of next steps if needed.

7:30pm - Open committee discussion, and identification of further questions and needs for information

8pm - Adjourn

# 2) Presentation topics for meetings: (these do not include all presentations by Wright-Pierce)

Below is a list of all currently identified presentation topics for the committee. Topics that have been presented to date are noted in *italics* and the date provided when the presentation/discussion occurred.

# **Background topics:**

- History of the Pemaquid alewife run and recent efforts to improve fish passage (Presenter: Slade Moore, Bristol Fish Committee). Jan. 10, 2017
- Riverine ecology: How dams influence different aspects of river ecology and wildlife (Presenter: Jed Wright, US Fish and Wildlife Service). Jan. 10, 2017
- Impoundment and Lake Water Levels (Presenter: Joe McLean, Wright-Pierce) How much do they currently fluctuate and how much are they influenced by the dam? Jan. 24, 2017
- Pemaquid River, Impoundment wetland, and bird and wildlife (Presenter: Danielle D'Auria, Maine IFW) Feb. 28, 2017
- Pemaquid River freshwater fish communities (Presenter: Jason Seiders, IFW Regional Biologist) March 28, 2017
- Diadromous (sea-run) fish communities (Presenter: Karen Wilson, University of Southern Maine) April 11, 2017
- Pemaquid Lakes Water Quality (TBD Maine DEP, Pemaquid Watershed Association/Lake Volunteer Monitoring Program)
- Perspectives from other communities how have nearby towns worked with their rivers and fish passage? (Presenters: Deb Wilson, Damariscotta Fish Ladder Project, TBD members or selectmen from the towns of Whitefield (Coopers Mill project) and Alna (Head Tide Dam project)).

#### Presentations of study results:

- Infrastructure with relationship to the river (bridges, utilities, and shorelines): Review of inventory and assessments of the various options; Current state of Bristol Mills dam following the 2016 grouting work (April 28, 2017, Wright Pierce)
- Access to firefighting water supplies current reserves and potential engineered enhancements (To be scheduled later in the process once options from the Feasibility Study have been identified)
- Pemaquid River recreation values and how they may be affected by different options (To be scheduled later in the process once options from the Feasibility Study have been identified)
- What changes can we expect to wildlife and waterfowl habitat? (To be scheduled later in the process once options from the Feasibility Study have been identified)
- Financial considerations of different options (To be scheduled later in the process once options from the Feasibility Study have been identified)
- Inputs from representatives of our neighboring towns that will benefit from/be affected by the outcome of our work and understanding the economic factors regarding the results of our work and Bristol's and neighboring towns' residents, businesses, and town revenues.