

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

Admin # 396

DATE February 18, 1975
FROM Inland & Marine Fisheries Division AT (OFFICE)
Concord, N. H.

SUBJECT Bow Permit -- Summary and Recommendations

TO All Fish and Game Commissioners

In summary, in an effort to assist Public Service Company with their problems and, at the same time, assure that fish and wildlife habitat is protected and preserved, we have consumed to date, nine years and have a minimum of another two to look forward to. If further biological studies fail to prove that this utility can safely operate without meeting established water quality standards, as the staff believes will happen, it will take an additional year or two to complete the construction necessary to enable the company to operate on a closed cycle basis. Completion of engineering design will require even more time, thus utilizing a total of at least thirteen or fourteen years for one utility to meet water quality standards.

In addition to the proposed permit which the staff recommends be approved, we believe that the company should be required to complete engineering design for closed cycle operation coincident with their biological survey. This procedure would, in all probability, save one year and yet not place an undue financial burden upon the utility.

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