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Hello Eric:

I can provide you with information regarding American shad restoration efforts that are underway on the Merrimack River. Your inquiry is timely as we intend to have a teleconference tomorrow to formalize a revised/updated Plan for shad restoration on the Merrimack River. The Draft Plan has been developed by the Technical Committee for Anadromous Fishery Management for the Merrimack River Basin. I should be able to provide you with a copy of the Plan in the very near future. We'll get our review and final comments complete tomorrow and I will follow up with a call in the next week or so. I do plan on taking the week between Xmas and New Years off but will be back in the office after January 1. Please feel free to contact me during that week and will try to reach you as well.

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Subject

Merrimack River Shad Program

Hello Joe:

I'm an EPA biologist working on the development of a new discharge permit for PSNH's Merrimack Station power plant, in Bow. John Warner suggested I contact you concerning shad restoration plans for the Merrimack River. A big part of my biological review concerns impacts to the fish community related to the plant's thermal discharge, as well as entrainment and impingement of early lifestages into the plant's cooling water intake structures. Back in the late 60's, when Unit 2 of the plant was built, USFWS and NHFGD were primarily concerned with thermal impacts to recovering shad and salmon runs. Forty years later, I realize those runs are still in a state of recovery, but I'd like to know more about what is planned for the near future. Part of my analysis looks at potential thermal impacts to shad larvae, but we can't justify requiring discharge temperatures that are protective of shad larvae if larvae aren't going to be present in the Hooksett Pool. Obviously, entrainment of larvae and impingement of juveniles and adults are also issues that need to be addressed more thoroughly if stocking in or above Hooksett Pool is planned to occur on a more regular basis.

Any information I can get on restoration efforts that are underway, or planned for the near future, would be a big help in developing permit limits that will protect both resident and anadromous fish species in the Merrimack.

Thanks.

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