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David:

Thanks for your help with my earlier question.

Right now I am trying to think through the ramifications of two projects with respect to the Executive Order on Floodplains, Executive Order 11988.

The Executive Order defines floodplain as follows:

Floodplain means the lowland and relatively flat areas adjoining inland and costal waters and other floodprone areas such as offshore islands, including at a minimum that area subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The base floodplain shall be used to designate the 100 year floodplain."

In its proposal to EPA, Massachusetts describes the effects of various projects involving **salt marsh, intertidal habitat, and shallow subtidal habitat.**

It isn't clear to me how FEMA would apply its definition of "floodplain" to salt marsh, intertidal habitat, and shallow subtidal habitat.

Can you please give me guidance on how you would deal with those areas.

If you would prefer to do this by phone, my number is 617-918-1035. Thanks, Bill