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Mendon Conservation Commission
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RE: Applicant: Colin Gosselin
 Project Location: 45 Taft Ave, Mendon, MA 01756
 Project Description: Nipmuc Pond Lake Management (Mendon)
 DEP Wetlands File No.: -
 NHESP File No.: 25-19225
 Heritage Hub Form ID: RC-93138

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division") received a Notice of Intent with plans (dated January 15, 2025) in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.58(4)(b), 10.59). The Division also received the MESA Review Checklist and supporting documentation for review pursuant to the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10.18).

WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT (WPA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **will not adversely affect** the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project meets the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions. Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of rare wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project.

Wetland Protection Act Filings, Notice. When filing for any renewal, extension, or amendment of the WPA Orders of Conditions the Applicant shall contact the Division for written response regarding impacts to Resource Area habitat of state-listed wildlife. A renewal, extension or amendment of Order of Conditions does not renew, extend, or amend this MESA authorization.

MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (MESA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our

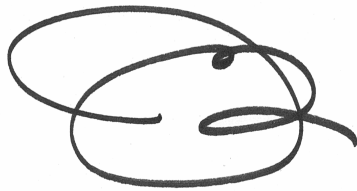
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database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **will not result in a prohibited Take** of state-listed rare species. This determination is a final decision of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to 321 CMR 10.18. Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work may require an additional filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA.

MESA Authorization, 5 years. The submitted treatment plan is approved for 5 years from the date of this determination. Thereafter, the Applicant must refile with the Division pursuant to the MESA. The Division may find that any future proposed management activity, individually or in combination, will result in a Take and may require a MESA CMP subject to 321 CMR 10.23. Therefore, we recommend that the Applicant contact our office in advance of the submission to ensure that proposals are developed to avoid a Take of state-listed species.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Melany Cheeseman, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at Melany.Cheeseman@mass.gov, (508) 389-6357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Leddick', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Jesse Leddick
Assistant Director

cc: Isabella Genova
James Lacasse
Mendon Conservation Commission