

Via Email

March 31, 2016

**TO: Chris Jackson, Deerfield River Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Robert May, Deerfield River Watershed Association**

**SUBJECT: Bear Swamp Project (FERC Project No. 2669)
Angler Wading Study Survey Form**

Dear Stakeholder:

Bear Swamp Power Company, LLC is continuing consultation with stakeholders regarding the Bear Swamp Project (FERC No. 2669) (Project) Angler Wading Study. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) October 30, 2015 Study Plan Determination (SPD) for the Project directed BSPC to consult with stakeholders regarding specific aspects germane to the Angler Wading Study. Accordingly, by letter dated January 22, 2016, BSPC invited stakeholders to participate in a study consultation meeting that was held on February 23, 2016. The study consultation meeting offered stakeholders the forum and opportunity to provide input and feedback on five studies, including the Angler Wading Study. The meeting presentation (including the proposed schedule milestones) is available under the "Documents" tab on the Project's relicensing website at www.bearswampproject.com.

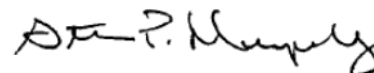
Pursuant to the study schedule, BSPC has developed the enclosed draft survey form for the Angler Wading Study. In accordance with the Commission's SPD the survey asks anglers to categorize: (1) the flows (e.g. high, medium, low), (2) the safety of wading conditions (e.g. unsafe, challenging, safe), (3) the overall angling experience (undesirable, adequate, optimum), and (4) whether higher or lower flows would be preferred.

Per the schedule outlined during the February 23, 2016 study consultation meeting, BSPC is requesting any written comments on the Angler Wading Study Survey Form on or before April 30, 2016. To facilitate review of this form and to continue discussions of study planning and logistics, BSPC will be inviting your participation in a conference call in April 2016. BSPC will be providing additional details regarding the call by email within the next several days.

I look forward to continued discussions with you through study planning and implementation. If you have questions, please contact me at (315) 598-6130 or Stephen.Murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,

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RECREATION FLOW COMPARISON SURVEY FORM
Bear Swamp Project (FERC No. 2669)
Angler Wading Study

Name: _____ **Affiliation:** _____
Home Zip Code: _____ **Date:** _____
E-Mail Address: _____ **Age:** _____

Are you: **Male** **Female** **Prefer not to answer**

1. Please select the fishing location. *(Select one)*

- Carbis Bend
- Freight Train Rapids
- Pool downstream from Freight Train Rapids
- Zoar Gap area

2. What type of gear did you use to fish? *(Select one)*

- Fly rod
- Spinning rod

3. What was the flow? *(Select one)*

- 125 cfs
- 200 cfs
- 275 cfs

4. How would you categorize the flow? *(Select one)*

- Low
- Medium
- High

5. How would you characterize the safety of the wading conditions? *(Select one)*

- Safe
- Challenging
- Dangerous or unsafe

6. How would you characterize the angling experience? *(Select one)*

Undesirable

Adequate

Optimum

7. Would higher or lowered flows enhance the angling experience at this location?

Lower flows would be preferred

No, this flow is optimal

Higher flows would be preferred

8. If you indicated in your response to Question 7 that higher or lower flows would be preferred, please specify the flow that you believe would be appropriate to enhance the angling experience at this location. *(You may specify flows which you have not observed)* _____

9. Are there any other comments regarding safety and/or fishability at this flow that you would like to share?

Thank You for Your Participation