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I oppose any moratorium on removing dams from the rivers of Maine.

First, a one-size-fits-all approach is bad public policy. A nuanced, case-by-case approach allows for reasonable consideration of a multiplicity of relevant facts.

Second, the people of Maine have successfully fought to restore Maine's great rivers, and those rivers have rebounded quickly, to reverse the environmental, cultural and economic harm caused by destroying the natural flow of the waters.

Third, many existing dams are facing the end of their useful life, and will require substantial investment if they are to be maintained, so this is an appropriate time to evaluate the continued existence of the dam.

So in summary there is no valid reason to disrupt what has to date been a sensible and successful review process.