

City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION

I, Kathleen M. Montejo, City Clerk of Lewiston, Maine, do hereby certify that the following action was taken by the Lewiston City Council at a public meeting of the City Council, held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025:

RESOLVE, EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER FROM GULF ISLAND POND TO WORUMBO DAM IN LISBON FALLS FROM CLASS C TO CLASS B

VOTE (166-2025)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To adopt the Resolve, Expression of support for reclassification of the Androscoggin River from Gulf Island Pond to Worumbo Dam in Lisbon Falls from Class C to Class B:

Whereas, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is conducting its Triennial Review of Maine's Water Quality Standards; and

Whereas, they are receiving comments currently and will review those comments at their Triennial Review Public Meeting on June 23, 2025; and

Whereas, Maine's water quality standards describe what uses, such as recreation or fishing, are appropriate for which waterbodies, and which criteria and antidegradation measures are in place to protect those uses; and

Whereas, the federal Clean Water Act, which requires such state reviews, was authored by Rumford native and Bates College graduate Senator Ed Muskie, who was inspired to enact the landmark legislation having grown up near the Androscoggin River during a period of extreme pollution and degraded water quality; and

Whereas, significant progress has been made since the passage of the Clean Water Act to reduce pollution from runoff and discharge, increase flow, and improve river water quality for the benefit of wildlife, residents, recreation, and overall image and economic development efforts; and

Whereas, the Androscoggin River Watershed Council, through its volunteer water quality sampling program, has over a period of several years produced evidence that the Androscoggin River water quality at Gulf Island Pond meets class B requirements; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to improve the attractiveness, accessibility, environmental conditions, recreational opportunities, and the overall quality of Lewiston's historic riverfront;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, this expression of support for reclassification of the Androscoggin River from Gulf Island Pond to Worumbo Dam in Lisbon Falls from Class C to Class B is adopted, and further directs the City Administrator or their designee to submit a letter of support and supporting documentation to Maine DEP as part of its triannual review of water quality.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Montejo, City Clerk

June 23, 2025
Date



John Blais
Lewiston
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The City of Lewiston supports the upper lower Androscoggin section between
Worumbo dam and Gulf Island Pond dam for an upgrade from a class C to a class B