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TO: Brunswick Town Council

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FROM: Brunswick Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC)

SUBJECT: Support for FERC Engagement Resolution

DATE: January 16, 2025

On December 18th, the "Free the Andro Coalition" (Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited, Maine Rivers, American Rivers), made a detailed presentation detailing a strategy for engaging with the FERC to seek upgrades to existing fish passage on the Androscoggin River at the Brunswick-Topsham Dam site.

Commissioners present unanimously supported the proposed resolution, attached to our meeting packet, with the goal of restoring healthy populations of migratory fish to historical numbers. If successful, this effort will contribute to the ongoing environmental, economic and recreational health of the Androscoggin River and the residents of the Town of Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Marko Melendy

RCWC Chair & Marine Resource Committee Representative