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Something for your team.....

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Dear Ms. Baskins and Secretary Maeve Vallely Bartlett,

Please find attached photos of Martins Brook in Wilmington/North Reading. It is to my understanding that the WRC will be meeting tomorrow to take a vote on SWMI. I would like to make part of the record at this meeting for all of the membership and the public this email and the attached photos from 10-19-2014. I did comment on SWMI during the open/public comment period. My comments were in regards to these exact conditions that plague the headwaters of the Ipswich River on a yearly basis. Please be advised the Ipswich River was below

the ecological thresholds developed in sound science by the USGS for almost 6 months out of the year last year and is on fast track for the same this year.

SWMI does nothing to remedy the situation as depicted in these photos by not addressing registrations, and in fact moves to "grandfather" them instead of developing a strategy to lessen the impacts from stream side wells by their implementation. SWMI also instead formulates Safe Yield which would actually increase the allowed pumping as would be the case here in Wilmington/North Reading under a permitted process. How can that be when the current situation clearly is evidence of severe environmental damage under the current pumping conditions? The stressed conditions in the Ipswich River Basin were the driving force for the creation of SWMI, yet SWMI falls seriously short of its goal. When a condition such as this is still not addressed as promulgated in the Water Management Act passed in the early 80's one must ask why, what is holding back the protection of the Ipswich River Basin? A river system so incredibly important to not only the ecological values of our Commonwealth but also the economic values? Why? The contribution of this river system to the local economy can not be understated. It is the major contributor to the Great Marsh along with the Parker River - which is also pumped dry and which is also not addressed in SWMI. Why are the 2 most important rivers of the Great Marsh not being protected by the State Agencies?

It is not hard to determine how wrong it is to pump rivers dry and then to have ATVs using them as highways. I know I do not need to remind you what your responsibilities are as Executive Director of the Water Resource Commission and Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. But as a resident of the Commonwealth who has worked countless volunteer hours attempting to have the issue addressed for close to 20 years, I do feel it is my responsibility to make part of the record the impact and environmental damages the current and future policies are having on the Ipswich River and will continue to have on the Commonwealth's river basins now and in the unforeseeable future. It is clearly wrong on every level and inconceivable to me how those in charge of protecting my water resources can turn their heads the other way while this damage is occurring and will continue to occur. It is not a legacy I would be proud of. Asking for a river not to be pumped dry is not radical and should not be something that unachievable. A yes vote at the upcoming meeting supporting the SWMI regulations is a vote to continue the status quo and allow this environmental crime to take place time and time again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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