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DATE: February 15, 2024

Municipality SANDISFIELD
(city/town)

RE: NOTIFICATION OF WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT FILE NUMBER

The Department of Environmental Protection has received a Notice of Intent filed in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, §40):

Applicant:	TOWN OF SANDISFIELD	Owner:	TOWN OF SANDISFIELD
Address:	66 SANDISFIELD ROAD, SUITE 1 SANDISFIELD, MA 01255	Address:	66 SANDISFIELD ROAD, SUITE 1 SANDISFIELD, MA, 01255

LOCUS: VARIOUS

This project has been assigned the following file # : WE 278-0155

A FILE NUMBER ONLY INDICATES THAT THE APPLICATION CONTAINS THE MINIMAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND IS ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE - NOT THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION IS ADEQUATE FOR ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF CONDITIONS.

Although a file # is being issued, please note the following:

[1] Since the NOI does note that no work will occur in rare species habitat, the Order of Conditions must clearly state that and a map showing current rare species areas and certified vernal pools should be available for the parties. Please also note that many of the perennial streams in town are Cold Water Fishery Resources.

[2] On page 1 of 8 of the narrative, it mentions that occasionally some work may be needed to be done on private property. Such as what?

{3] Installation of new beaver control devices are proposed to be allowed under this Bundled NOI. Those installations should be permitted under an emergency permit or other permit, not this bundled NOI but their maintenance should be allowed under the Bundled OOC. A narrative describing said maintenance should be included in this NOI. A list or a map of current legally approved or not approved flow control devices should be provided to the commission.

[4] On page 3 of 8 the NOI mentions the replacement of intermittent stream crossings, like for like, under this bundled. MassDEP will require a 401 WQC application for any stream crossing done under a bundled NOI/OOC. Any replacement stream crossing (intermittent or perennial, flow or no flow) needs to be a separate NOI and the

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replacement must comply with the Stream Crossing Standards per the regulatory requirements of 310 CMR 10.53 (8). The same comment applies to any proposed slip lining of any regulated stream crossing.

[5] Where the word "culvert" is used, it should be clarified if it is just a cross culvert carrying runoff/stormwater or a stream crossing culvert.

[6] The commission should consider issuing a Five Year Order and it should also review what activities allowed under the Bundled Order require notification and/or permission from the commission or those activities that the highway department can conduct without any notification, taking into account that many activities are exempt from review.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact: MARK STINSON @ (413)-961-9583

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