

Comments on Lamprey River Water Management Plan Report

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First four thanks. 1. For a start a developing a comprehensive plan; 2. For Wayne Ives presentation at the PLIA 6-11-11, -very informative; 3. For extending the comment period and 4. For being open to comments.

My concern: As I understand it, once a Plan has been adopted, it would mean an automatic initiation of a series of steps for certain set-written levels of water conditions. This situation reminds me an analogy. In healthcare there was a living will whereby an individual would detail in that person's will certain conditions that would result in specific responses. For example, if you have irreversible head trauma or cancer, than you might say if you were on a respirator 'do not resuscitate. This proved unworkable since it was clear one could never cover all possible contingencies. Medical advances kept changing as well as your own health status since the will was drafted and signed. The future is nor will it be really possible to predict in all situations.

Hence, my concern with a Lamprey River Water Management Plan which calls for future initiation based on current known projections. I would like to see a human being control at the point of action. This would guard against changes in the world/area not anticipated in 2011.

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