

**JOINT STATEMENT  
5 TOWN DAM COMMITTEE  
(SILVER, ALAMOOSOOK, TODDY)**

Representatives from the 5 Town Dam Committee met at the Bucksport Town Office on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of the petition to relinquish ownership of the Silver Lake, Alamoosook, and Toddy dams filed with the DEP by Bucksport Mill LLC/AIM in mid-July. The companies had until August 11<sup>th</sup> to provide additional information requested by the DEP, or the process for the petition filed would end. Information received from the DEP indicates that Bucksport Mill, LLC/AIM did not meet that filing deadline. As a result, if the companies choose to attempt to relinquish ownership again – they will have to start at the beginning with new notifications to all affected property owners, communities, and entities with water rights.

This inaction stops the 60-day clock from ticking that was faced by the five communities to hold a public meeting on the topic of dam acquisition. When/if a new petition is filed and notifications made – that clock will start ticking again.

Also discussed at this meeting is the type of information needed by the communities and other interested parties if this process re-starts. At this point, the communities have no information regarding these dams, their conditions, legal obligations, maintenance and repair costs, and deed requirements. None was provided with the original petition, and we have asked the DEP to require additional information on these and other topics should Bucksport Mill LLC/AIM refile.

The Committee is also proactively compiling information related to the environmental and economic impact of these water bodies and the dams as well as doing outreach to business and environmental organizations that may be a resource in the future. The Committee will continue to meet in order to ensure that all five communities have a coordinated response should Bucksport Mill, LLC/AIM file a new petition.

Gina Bushong, Selectperson, Town of Orland  
Donna Foster, Toddy Pond Lake Association  
Mark Restuccia, Chair, Orland Watershed Committee  
Chris Stark, Selectperson, Town of Surry  
Tad VanLeer, Alamoosook Lake Association  
Steve Bishop, Deputy Mayor, Bucksport  
Harold Hatch, Chair, Penobscot Select Board  
Susan Lessard, Bucksport Town Manager  
James Wootten, Selectperson, Blue Hill  
Brian Smith, Toddy Pond Association