

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RYAN D. PELLETIER



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

September 26, 2017

Mr. Nicholas D. Livesay, Executive Director
Maine Land Use Planning Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, Me 04333-0022

Dear Mr. Livesay,

On behalf of the Aroostook County Commissioners, we are writing to offer the County of Aroostook's support of the Rezoning and Concept Plan for the Fish River Chain of Lakes. As you know, the proposed areas of the Plan are within the Unorganized Territories of Aroostook County.


We believe that this long-range plan for more than 51,000 acres in northern Maine will provide a public benefit through sound management of ecological resources, working forests, recreation and economic development in our region.

In addition to the over 14,600 acres that will be protected through conservation easements, the plan preserves and expands public access for recreation, and provides a comprehensive plan to allow limited and thoughtful development of specific designated areas around Cross, Long and Square Lakes. These are considered critical areas for our own economic development and resource protection goals within the County and we are delighted to be able to offer this support for the Concept Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Paul Bernier, our Community Services Director for the Unorganized territory or Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator at 493-3318.

Sincerely,


Paul J. Adams, Chairman
County Commissioner


Paul J. Underwood
County Commissioner


Norman L. Fournier
County Commissioner