



### Bat Species

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that the Project, as currently proposed, will not result in a prohibited Take of these state-listed species.

Based on the information provided and the information contained in our database, the Division finds that a portion of this project, as currently proposed, must be conditioned in order to avoid a prohibited Take of state-listed species (321 CMR 10.18(2)(a)). To avoid a prohibited Take of state-listed species, the following conditions must be met:

1. **Bird Species**
  - a. Structures 115-116 and Structures 117-121: Work must be conducted during the period of September 1 – March 31 (the non-breeding season).
  - b. Structures 58-62: Wetland matting must be placed and removed during the non-breeding season (Sept. 1 – March 31); following matting placement, work may continue to occur through the breeding season.
2. **Amphibian**
  - a. For work proposed within areas mapped for [REDACTED], matting must be placed and removed outside of the period February 1 – April 15, unless otherwise approved by the Division.
3. **Invertebrate**
  - a. As proposed, grading impacts shall be limited to 10,000 sq ft, associated with grading of the work pad for Str 142.
  - b. Structures 142-145: Any construction matting shall be placed atop geotextile fabric to minimize intrusion of sediment/spoils into suitable habitat.
  - c. All matted areas shall be inspected post-construction/post-matting removal to evaluate if drilling dust/material was deposited in outcropping cracks/crevices during construction. A brief report with photos shall be submitted to the Division within ten (10) days of matting removal.
4. Limits of Work: No work or alteration to the soil, surface, or vegetation shall occur outside of the limits of work shown on the Site Plan unless otherwise approved in writing by the Division.
5. Ongoing Vegetation Management: Following completion of all Work associated with the Project, including wetland tree removal (Strs 93-98), ongoing vegetation management and maintenance activities within the ROW within Priority Habitat shall occur in accordance with a Division-approved Yearly Operation Plan and/or Operations and Management Plan, unless otherwise approved by the Division.
6. Compliance Report: Within thirty (30) days of completion of work the Applicant shall submit a brief written report, including photographs showing previous and final conditions, and demonstrating compliance.

Provided the above-noted conditions are fully implemented and there are no changes to the project plans, this project will not result in a Take of state-listed species. We note that all work is subject to the anti-segmentation provisions (321 CMR 10.16) of the MESA. This determination is a final decision of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to 321 CMR 10.18. Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work beyond that shown on the site plans may require an additional filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA. This project may be subject to further review if no physical work is commenced within five years from the date of issuance of this determination, or if there is a change to the project.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Lauren Glorioso, Endangered Species Review Biologist, at (508) 389-6361.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Everose Schlüter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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