



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

July 22, 2019

Town of Oxford, Maine  
85 Pleasant Street  
Oxford, ME 04270-4205

Re: Welchville Dam Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting an application for funding consideration to the 2019 NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Federal Funding Opportunity. We regret to inform you that the proposed project referenced above was not selected for funding.

The NOAA Restoration Center received 84 eligible applications requesting more than \$100 million in federal funds. All eligible applications were evaluated according to the procedures and criteria outlined in the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement, and many of the applications were of high quality and deserving of support. While we are unable to provide funding to all of these projects, NOAA anticipates awarding approximately \$10.4 million to 19 high-priority projects this fiscal year.

The NOAA Restoration Center commends your efforts to restore habitat important to coastal and marine species. Upon request, our office will provide feedback on previously submitted applications. We intend to publish another Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Federal Funding Opportunity on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) this fall, for funding between fiscal years 2020 through 2022. Please email [restoration.grants@noaa.gov](mailto:restoration.grants@noaa.gov) for feedback requests or other questions, and check the following website to learn more about our selected projects and future funding opportunities: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-and-marine-habitat-restoration-grants>.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Doley,  
Chief, NOAA Restoration Center