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Hingham Conservation Commission  
Town Hall  
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RE:     Applicant:               9 Porters Cove Road LLC  
       Project Location:       9 Porters Cove Road  
       Project Description:    Phragmites control  
       DEP Wetlands File No.: 034-1551  
       NHESP Tracking No.:   **25-20049**

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The applicant listed above has submitted an Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent (dated December 2025) to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division"), in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.37, 10.58(4)(b)).

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (the "Project")

As currently proposed, the project includes treatment of approximately 18,450 square feet of Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) within Salt Marsh and Riverfront Areas using a combination of mechanical methods (cutting and mowing) and chemical treatments (glyphosate, imazapyr, and imazamox), as described in the NOI Project Narrative.

### **MA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT (WPA)**

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 this project, as currently proposed, **will not adversely affect** the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project meets the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project.

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**MA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (MESA)**

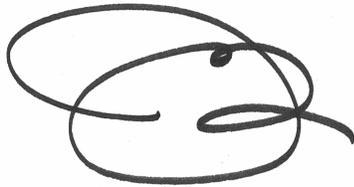
Based on a review of the information that was provided, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, appears to be **exempt** from MESA review pursuant to 321 CMR 10.14 which states: “[t]he following Projects and Activities shall be exempt from the requirements of 321 CMR 10.18 through 10.23...”

(15) the active management of State-listed Species habitat, including but not limited to mowing, cutting, burning, or pruning of vegetation, or removing exotic or invasive species, for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the habitat for the benefit of rare species, provided that the management is carried out in accordance with a habitat management plan approved in writing by the Division and;

Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work beyond that provided may require a filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA regulations.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Melany Cheeseman, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at Melany.Cheeseman@mass.gov, (508) 389-6357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Leddick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesse Leddick  
Assistant Director

cc: