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## DICKEY-LINCOLN MITIGATION PLANS UNDER REVIEW BY ENGINEER BOARD

FOR WEDNESDAY RELEASE, JUNE 11, 1980

WALTHAM, Mass. --- Plans to mitigate wildlife habitat and fisheries losses resulting from construction of the proposed 830-megawatt Dickey-Lincoln School hydroelectric project have been forwarded for independent review by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, an arm of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The recommendation by the Corps' New England Division that the Federal government acquire 112,300 acres of forest land in the vicinity of the Allagash (Maine) Wilderness Waterway for management as wildlife habitat would require Congressional action. An additional 500 acres have been earmarked as permanent habitat for the Furbish lousewort, an endangered plant species presently found on the banks of the upper St. John River in extreme Northern Maine where the project is located.

The Corps estimates that an initial Federal investment of \$37.9 million would be required to implement the mitigation program amounting to an annual cost of \$2.7 million over the life of the project. An additional \$580,000 would be required annually for operation and maintenance purposes. Since the entire cost of mitigation would be added to the overall project costs they would be repaid to the U.S. Treasury by the revenue from the sale of electricity to utility customers.

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The plan the Board of Engineers is now considering is derived from several previous studies performed by the Corps and other Federal and State agencies. Earlier drafts have been submitted for public review and comments including two public workshops with Maine organizations.

Work has been performed in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 and is consistent with the Administration's water policies which require timely consideration of measures to mitigate the loss of fish and wildlife habitats.

Environmental impacts of the mitigation proposals have also been identified and discussed in supplements to the overall project impact statement being prepared for submission in final form late this summer.

Citizens wishing to comment on the recommended mitigation plan at this time may do so by directly contacting the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Kingman Building, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060 prior to 25 July 1980.

Copies of the mitigation report may be obtained by contacting the New England Division Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Road Waltham, Massachusetts. They are also available for public inspections at various libraries and repositories listed below.

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