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MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

September 3, 2024

Anthony Ward
Town of Casco
635 Meadow Road
Casco, ME 04015

Re: Vernal Pool Significance Determination, Pool ID # 5479-Casco

Dear Anthony Ward:

Vernal pools are temporary to semi-permanent wetlands occurring in shallow depressions that typically fill during the spring and dry during the summer or in drought years. They provide important breeding and foraging habitat for a wide variety of specialized wildlife species including several rare, threatened, and endangered species.

After conducting a field survey at your request, it has been determined that the vernal pool identified above on your property is NOT SIGNIFICANT because either: 1. the feature does not meet the definition of a vernal pool under the Significant Wildlife Habitat rules, 06-096 CMR 335(9) or 2. the vernal pool does not meet the biological standards for exceptional wildlife use of the Significant Wildlife Habitat rules, 06-096 CMR 335(9)(B). Therefore, activities within 250 feet of the pool are not regulated under the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) unless there are other protected natural resources nearby such as streams or freshwater wetlands. I have attached a copy of the database printout that verifies the State's findings with respect to your survey.

I want to also advise you that the pool area on your property can be considered a freshwater wetland and therefore direct pool alterations may require permitting under the NRPA.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Mark Stebbins at 207-592-4810 or email at: Mark.N.Stebbins@maine.gov

Sincerely,

Robert Wood
Director, Bureau of Land Resources

cc. town file

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IFW Recommendations for Significant Vernal Pool Determinations

The following is a list of pools and IFW's recommendations for whether or not they qualify as Significant Vernal Pools, one of Maine's Significant Wildlife Habitats.

Data current as of: Tuesday, September 03, 2024

IFW's Pool ID: 5479	Twp: Casco	UTM Coordinates of Pool Center: 376171 E, 4871713 N
Observer's ID: 1 - ABA		ProjectType: 24-042 Town of Casco Public Works
Landowner: Anthony Ward - Town of Casco	Contact: Hunter Dalton - Main-Land Development Consultants Inc.	
635 Meadow Road	69 Main Street	
Casco, ME 04015	Livermore Falls, ME 04254	
(207) 627-4515 award@cascomaine.org	(207) 897-6752 hunter.dalton@main-landdci.com	

Survey Date: 4/23/2024

IFW's Recommendation: RED: NOT SIGNIFICANT, does not meet the biological criteria

IFW Comments: Pool provides some habitat for wood frog and spotted salamanders, but does not meet the biological criteria for significance.

IFW's Pool ID: 5480	Twp: Casco	UTM Coordinates of Pool Center: 376169 E, 4871643 N
Observer's ID: 2 - SVP		ProjectType: 24-042 Town of Casco Public Works
Landowner: Anthony Ward - Town of Casco	Contact: Hunter Dalton - Main-Land Development Consultants Inc.	
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Survey Date: 4/23/2024

IFW's Recommendation: GREEN: SIGNIFICANT

IFW Comments: Straddler pool with 65% surveyed. Pool provides significant habitat for spotted salamander and some habitat for wood frog.