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Mr. Kanoti:

I and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife greatly support your application for funding of the **Carloe Brook Fish Passage Restoration project**.

Replacing the current failing and improperly designed crossing structure on Carloe Brook with an open bottomed arch culvert with the standard 1.2 times the bank-full width span will improve access for wild eastern brook trout in Clifford Lake to their historic headwater spawning, nursery and cold-water refugia areas. Improving this crossing will increase the wild brook trout status in Carloe Brook especially during periods of high flows when the previous four smaller culverts increased velocities substantially making it impossible for trout to access even at burst speeds. Improving this crossing structure will help increase trout numbers slightly because of the few numbers of wild brook trout present in Clifford Lake. It will also help terrestrial organisms move along the riparian zone under the road.

I appreciate your dedication towards the conservation and enhancement of Maine's wild brook trout resources and I look forward to working with you on this and other projects in the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merry Gallagher'.

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