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COMMISSIONER

April 9, 2012

Connie L. Brown, Town Clerk  
Town of Orland  
PO Box 67  
Orland, ME 04472

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your town article and Harvesting Plan as it relates to the 2013 alewife fishing season. Please be advised that your plan is hereby approved with the following revisions:

Item 5 - Any request for extension of the harvest period beyond June 5 must first be authorized by this Department.

Item 6 - DMR would like to request that, at the end of season, the landings be reported to the Department on request as both total landings and weekly landings in pounds, bushels, and unit of sale (crate, tote, tray, etc.).

The harvester(s) under contract with town must obtain a Pelagic License from the Department of Marine Resources, and carry a copy of the license, as well as a copy of this approved harvest plan, with them while harvesting. A copy of the harvest plan is attached for your review.

If you have any questions concerning your plan or alewife fishery management, please contact Claire Enterline of this agency at 624-6341.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick C. Keliher  
Commissioner

cc Division II Marine Patrol  
Claire Enterline, DMR  
Michael Brown, IF&W



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ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote that the taking of alewives for the year 2013 from all waters in the Town of Orland be regulated by the Fish Committee and the Selectmen according to the general laws of the State of Maine and the Town of Orland.

*Accepted as read*

The above article was passed by unanimous vote at the annual town meeting held on June 13, 2012.

Connie L. Brown  
Town Clerk for the Town of Orland

#### TOWN OF ORLAND ALEWIFE HARVESTING PLAN

##### Regulations for the taking of alewives shall be as follows:

1. -A minimum unobstructed opening of two feet (2') will be maintained at all times between the river bank and the downstream end of the weir.
2. -The maximum mesh size of wire, twine, or other material used in the weir shall not exceed one inch by one inch (1" x 1").
3. -There shall be a 72-hour weekly closed season on alewives from sunrise each Thursday morning until sunrise the following Sunday morning. During the closed season, a minimum size unobstructed opening of three feet by three feet (3' x 3') shall be maintained in the upstream and downstream end of the trap to allow for escapement of spawning alewives and other migratory fish.
4. -Migratory fish such as salmon, shad, or other species, except alewives and blueback herring, which enter the trap shall be removed and allowed to pass upstream.
5. -Fishing operations shall cease and all fishing gear obstructing the passage of fish shall be removed from the fishing waters not later than June 5. If late-run alewives are entering the river, the town may grant its fishing agents an extension of fishing time. No alewife fishing shall be authorized beyond June 15 of any calendar year.
6. -The total landings in pounds or bushels and value of the catch shall be made available to the Maine Department of Marine Resources and/or National Marine Fisheries Service on request by these agencies.

*only after the town has received approval from the DMR Commission to harvest after June 5.*  
*and then actual sale with (e.g. date, tray, etc.)*