

**10/23/24 JOINT STATEMENT
5 TOWN DAM COMMITTEE
(SILVER, ALAMOOSOOK, TODDY)**

Representatives from the 5 Town Dam Committee met at the Bucksport Town Office on Wednesday, October 23rd to discuss the new petition filed by Bucksport Mill LLC seeking to relinquish ownership of the Silver Lake, Alamoosook, and Toddy dams. The DEP has until November 2nd to determine if the application is complete. DEP's initial review has found the petition is lacking any detailed information on the condition or costs associated with the dams. DEP has requested this additional information be submitted before the November 2nd deadline. All organizations represented in the Committee have communicated to the State that without detailed information on the dams, it is impossible to have any meaningful consultation related to ownership.

At the same time, Bucksport Mill LLC submitted its petition to the State, they also announced a public meeting for the purpose of fulfilling the statutory obligation to consult with local municipalities and citizens. **The meeting was announced to be held at the Orland Community Center on Monday, October 28th at 5 pm. That meeting is NOT being held at that time or location as the company failed to secure the space prior to making the announcement.** The company will send out new notices when they reschedule this meeting

The Committee wants to assure everyone that this new petition filing has been anticipated for quite a while. The State process is very lengthy so no changes will happen quickly. The Company is also bound by Orland's dam transfer moratorium and Bucksport's dam transfer ordinance. All 5 Towns (Bucksport, Orland, Surry, Penobscot, and Blue Hill) along with the Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake Associations are working together to address this situation and find a path forward.

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