

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final public notice of its decision to provide Public Assistance Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and wetland. Funding would be provided through Maine Emergency Management to the Town of Rockport, Maine.

The proposed undertaking is located on Robinson Drive at its intersection with West Street (Route 90). The proposed project would remove and replace damaged culverts and construct a larger open-bottom concrete box culvert with realignment of Robinson Drive approximately 30 feet downstream (west) of its present location.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain) and within wetlands. The planned upgrade of the damaged culvert will have beneficial effects of restoring bank-full width flow of Oyster River and improving flood resiliency of the road crossing. Maps of the area are available upon request.

The project design must meet standards for Endangered Species Act designated Atlantic salmon critical habitat. There is no practicable alternative outside the floodplain or wetland. A No Action Alternative was dismissed because it would not provide safe ingress and egress on Robinson Drive. Other designs were considered but rejected.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetlands impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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