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Hi Helen,

As per our phone conversation, I am not in a position at this time to make a fish habitat determination on a creek in Question Shaws Creek. I did a site visit in January with Sue Belford of Conestoga-Rovers. Shaws creek is a small creek that has been degraded on the lower end by Agricultural activities and degraded on the upper end by Forestry practices. However fish maybe present. I will require an electrofishing survey to be completed to determine presence or absence of fish. At that time I will be in better position to decide if the stream would require an authorisation to destroy fish habitat. Under our own regulations electrofishing licences are not valid until June 1. And the area in question is an Inner Bay Of Fundy Stream IBOF which because of the endangered salmon require a bit more process to get an electrofishing licence. Although I highly doubt if this stream was ever a salmon stream it will still require the appropriate licences. The other streams on site I am confident are no longer fish bearing as they have been degraded over time mostly because of poor agricultural practices. So it will be some time before I can make a better evaluation. Hope this will help in your process. Thanks Rick Devine

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