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Project: Multi-family residential subdivision, Hunters Ridge, 823 and 833 Deming Rd, Berlin, CT NDDB Determination No.: 202007274

Dear Ms. Raymond,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for the proposed multi-family residential subdivision at 823 and 833 Deming Rd in Berlin, Connecticut. According to our records, there are populations of State Special Concern Eastern box turtles in the vicinity, as well as Banded sunfish (*Enneacanthus obesus*) that occur in Cold Spring Brook (Little Brook) and Blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) that occur in the adjacent Mattabesset River. I concur with your box turtle protection measures.

Please be advised that a DEEP Fisheries Biologist will review the permit applications you may submit to DEEP regulatory programs to determine if your project could adversely affect state listed fish. DEEP Fisheries Biologists are routinely involved in pre-application consultations with regulatory staff and applicants in order to identify potential fisheries issues and work with applicants to mitigate negative effects, including to endangered species. If you have not already talked with a Fisheries Biologist about your project, you may contact the Permit Analyst assigned to process your application for further information, including the contact information for the Fisheries Biologist assigned to review your application. This determination is good for two years. Please resubmit an NDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on this project by June 17, 2022.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and such new information is incorporated into the database as it becomes available. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3378, or <u>deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov</u>. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base.

Sincerely,

Karen Zyko Environmental Analyst