



Brendan Annett  
Coalition for Buzzards Bay  
114 Front Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Brendan,

The Sea-Run Brook Trout Coalition is writing to express its support for the removal of the Hathaway Pond Dam on the Sippican River in the Town of Rochester, MA.

Given the history of the Sippican River as one of the better sea-run brook trout streams in Massachusetts, SRBTC believes that the removal of the Hathaway Dam is an important step toward restoring trout habitat to the Sippican River, and eventually re-establishing a sea-run brook trout population in that river. The removal of the Hathaway Dam will improve water quality in the Sippican by: reducing thermal pollution, increasing dissolved oxygen, and allowing natural sediment transport, while removing a long standing obstacle to diadromous fish passage. In short, the removal of the Hathaway Dam is a major step toward restoring the health of the Sippican River and Buzzards Bay. SRBTC has high praise for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay for having taken the initiative on this very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Hopper".

Michael Hopper  
President, Sea-Run Brook Trout Coalition