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5.1 AGENCY AND PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

At the onset of this Environmental Assessment (EA), letters were sent to a number of resource agencies seeking input regarding potential environmental resources which could be impacted by the Proposed Action. A list of the agencies contacted, a copy of the information sent, and the responses received are included in this EA in **Appendix A**.

Responses to the scoping materials were received from the following agencies:

- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Ecological Services, Maine Field Office, dated August 7, 2017. Provided information for obtaining a species list of federally listed species.
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), Habitat Group, dated August 8, 2017. Requested shape files of project areas. (Note: These files were provided on September 21, 2017. A follow-up letter from MDIFW was received on October 13, 2017, which stated that the MDIFW's information indicated no locations of Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern species within the project area that would be affected by the project as proposed. Additionally, MDIFW has not mapped any Essential or Significant Wildlife Habitats or fisheries habitats that would be directly affected by the project.)
- United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, dated August 8, 2017. Provided comments regarding the proposed tree removal for the glideslope qualification surface (GQS).
- Maine Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, dated August 15, 2017. Stated that permitting for proposed activities through the Bureau do not appear necessary.
- Maine Historic Preservation Commission, dated August 17, 2017. Stated that no historic properties would be affected per Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act*.

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), Bureau of Land Resources, dated August 18, 2017. Stated that permitting for proposed activities through the Bureau will be necessary.
- Maine MDEP, Stormwater Inspector, dated August 25, 2017. Provided a letter regarding ongoing stormwater permitted activities.
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), New England, Region 1, Office of Environmental Review, dated August 29, 2017. Requested the opportunity to participate in project meetings.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Maine Field Station, dated August 31, 2017. Provided information on the shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon in the Fore River and provided comments regarding the proposed tree removal for the GQS.

Two interagency meetings were then held on September 7, 2017, and on October 5, 2107. These meetings were attended by staff representatives of the following agencies, to whom were provided additional information on the Proposed Action and from whom provided information regarding applicable permitting and/or environmental review processes:

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- U.S. EPA, New England Region 1
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- USFWS
- MDIFW
- MDEP

The City of Portland (city) also conducted an EA public scoping process. A public information meeting was held on June 22, 2017. Notification of the meeting was published in the *Portland Press Herald* on June 17 and 20, 2017, as well as on the Portland International Jetport website. Letters and/or emails regarding the Proposed Action and preparation of a Draft EA were sent to neighboring residents and airport tenants. The public was given a 30-day period during which they could submit official comments for the Administrative Record. No comments were received in response to the public outreach efforts.

5.2 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT'S AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

All organizations and interested parties previously contacted during the EA's scoping process or that submitted comments on the EA scope will be sent a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft EA for review. A link to download the Draft EA will also be given. Any agencies requesting a hard copy of the report or the report on compact disc (CD) will be provided these items as well.

An NOA will be published in the *Portland Press Herald* on November 16, 2018. This Draft EA will be available for review by the general public and interested parties for 30 days at: www.thejetport.airportstudy.com or at the following physical locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division	1200 District Avenue Burlington, MA
Portland International Jetport Administration Office	1001 Westbrook Street, Portland, ME
Portland City Hall	389 Congress Street, Portland, ME
South Portland Public Library - Memorial Branch	155 Wescott Road, South Portland, ME

Anyone wishing to comment on the Draft EA may submit written comments by letter or email to the following physical or email addresses:

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
482 Payne Road
Scarborough, ME 04074
Attn: Dwight Anderson, P.E.
dwight.anderson@stantec.com

The cutoff date for comment submission is not later than **5:00 PM – Eastern Standard Time, December 17, 2018**. Please allow enough time for mailing. All comments must be **received** by the deadline, not simply postmarked by that date.

Before including your name, address, telephone number, email, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Under *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)*, the City will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA and prepare a Final EA for transmittal to the FAA for review and approval. All agency and/or public comment letters received during the official comment period will be included in the Final EA along with responses. Based on the content of the EA and the comments received, the FAA will issue a NEPA finding. The Final EA and FAA's finding will be available to the public and all who commented on the EA.

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