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To: DNR ESTABROOK
Subject: response to Estabrook DEIS report: recreational opportunities
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I have reviewed the Estabrook DEIS report and I would dispute the claim made under Recreational Resources:

Residents upstream from Estabrook Dam use the river for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and motor boating.

I have lived near the dam for 2.5 years, and I have yet to see anyone else paddle on the stretch of the river near the dam. I went kayaking up the river last summer and could see no evidence that property owners were maintaining their access to the water.

I have kayaked many places around the state. This stretch of the Milwaukee River with a dam would be unlikely to entice frequent use by canoers or kayakers. The distances are too small and the opportunities to view wildlife are too slim. I see the recreational opportunities for boating to be very limited and question how such opportunities can be used to support rebuilding the dam.

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