



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Jack Buckley, Director

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Danielle Gosselin
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20323-0001

RE: Project Location: 51 Eames Street
Project Description: New England Transrail Project
NHESP Tracking No.: 16-35898

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

Thank you for submitting information regarding your project to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division").

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **does not occur within Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife or Priority Habitat** as indicated in the *Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas* (13th Edition). Therefore, the project is not required to be reviewed for compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.37, 10.59 & 10.58(4)(b)) or the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10.18). Any additional work beyond that shown on the site plans may require a filing with the Division.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact , Endangered Species Review Assistant, at .

Sincerely,

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