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Honorable William R. Cole
State Senator
Liberty, Maine

Dear Senator Cole:

We have your letter with regard to our interpretation of Revised Statutes, Chapter 79, Section 2.

We understand that you request our opinion as to whether or not Classifications A and B-1 apply to salt as well as to fresh water. It is our opinion that both of these Sections contain various requirements. One of these requirements is that this water when treated can be used for drinking. This is only one of several requirements and for this reason we feel that Classes A and B-1 do include tidal water. We feel, however, that the statute in this area is unclear. We are informed that the Water Improvement Commission is now contemplating a request for a classification which would clearly define the uses to which tidal water can be put.

We hope this opinion is of some help to you as a member of the Natural Resources Committee.

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Tavenner
Assistant Attorney General

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