

CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #9

CLEAVER LANDING (BOAT LAUNCH)

LOCATION: Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 106), south of Route 2 on north bank of Kennebec River, easterly of and abutting SWT Kennebec Banks Picnic Area & Historic Site. Parcel #9 on SWT map.

SIZE: Part of 4.50-acre parcel that includes picnic area and historic site.

LAND COVER: Paved, gravel and grass surfaces associated with boat launch; trees and shrubs.

FEATURES/PUBLIC VALUES:

1. Key active public resource located on the Kennebec River.
2. Public boat launch operated by Maine Department of Conservation.
3. Scenic resource.
4. Nature/bird viewing.
5. Leased to MDOC.
6. Within feeding area of bald eagles that nest upstream on another SWT parcel.
7. Almost entirely within Skowhegan Shoreland Zoning Resource Protection District.
8. Fishing.
9. IF&W Beginning with Habitat Maps indicate that parcel contains a Riparian Buffer.
10. The only public boat launch on the Kennebec River in Skowhegan.

FOCUS SPECIES:

1. None at present.

CONCERNS:

1. The MDOT proposed bridge/bypass alignment E3E(3) would have significant visual and noise impacts on this parcel and its uses by the public.
2. Any shift of alignment E3E(3) easterly to avoid the eagle nest site would directly affect this parcel.
3. Grass is not being mowed.
4. No signing to indicate this is SWT property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to manage as public boat launch and fishing area.
2. Manage in collaboration with the proposed Run of River Project.
3. Continue to manage in partnership with MDOC with a new lease agreement in 2011.
4. Work with DOC to sign the boat launch as "Clever Landing".
5. Put up signing that identifies and credits SWT.
6. Do not allow significant disturbance of the ground without prior review and approval by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or other accepted archaeological (prehistoric/historic) authority.
7. Evaluate and determine Focus Species (if appropriate).
8. Make arrangements to have grass mowed.

9. Oppose any MDOT project alignment that would impact this parcel directly or indirectly.