FEMA INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE - ROXBURY FISH CULTURE STATION SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to assist the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Roxbury VT, with upgrades to the Roxbury Fish Culture Station including the connection of a supplementary groundwater supply well and quality assurance and control. Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department would like to supplement the surface water source to comply with state and federal water quality standards and feels that a caretaker residence is needed to provide continuous oversight.

To meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FEMA has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to identify and evaluate human, historic, and environmental resources that might be affected by the proposed reconstruction of the Roxbury Fish Culture Station. FEMA invites the public to review and comment on the Draft SEA and to provide FEMA with information it may not have considered in its review. If FEMA finds that the Preferred Alternative, as defined in the SEA, will have no significant impact on the natural or human environment after the public comment period, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued by FEMA's Regional Environmental Officer, David Robbins. However, if a change in the scope of work occurs FEMA must be notified to evaluate if the proposed change would alter the potential impacts on the environment.

This document will be available for viewing online at http://bgs.vermont.gov/facilities/forms and in person at the Roxbury Town Clerk's Office, 1664 Roxbury Road, Roxbury, VT 05669, (802) 485-7840. The document will also be posted on FEMAs website: http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library.

The public comment period will last for 15 days from the date of publication in this newspaper ending at 5:00 pm.

Written comments on the Draft SEA can be submitted by mailing David Robbins, Regional Environmental Officer at, FEMA Region 1, 99 High Street 6th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, by emailing David.Robbins@fema.dhs.gov, or by sending a fax to 617-956-7574.