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Your name *

Mark Howell

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What is the text you want to comment on (if relevant, paste or describe it)?

None

What changes do you suggest? *

I suggest that the Full NRC be invited to read this draft and asked to bring any questions they may have to the final meeting on June 12. Otherwise there may be a need to present at a future NRC meeting.

Is your comment substantive or editorial? *

Substantive

Editorial

Other: Process suggestion

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A comprehensive reevaluation and decision-making process to determine if adaptive management is achieving its stated goals, or whether a different, more capital-intensive long-term approach is needed, to take place: 1) at the end of the five-year period, and 2) any time a significant investment in dam-related infrastructure is contemplated (e.g. a fish ladder, major dam repairs, a pumping system for drawdown)

What changes do you suggest? *

2)

any time a significant investment in dam-related infrastructure is contemplated (e.g. a fish ladder, major dam repairs, a pumping system for drawdown) (deletion of major dam repairs - my takeaway from the last meeting was that we should not invest in any major dam repairs, that would be a trigger that we should remove the dam)

Is your comment substantive or editorial? *

Substantive

Editorial

Other: If my takeaway was what everyone else thought as well, then editorial, else substantive)

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The Task Force recommends that a similar comprehensive reevaluation and decision-making process take place any time a significant investment in dam-related infrastructure is contemplated, such as a fish ladder, major dam repairs, or a pumping system for drawdown, to ensure the investment aligns with the town's long-term plan for the pond system.⁸ These investments are not part of the Task Force's current recommendations, and they should only be pursued if it is decided for the foreseeable future Warner's Pond dam will remain based on an evaluation of all relevant alternatives.

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Making sure that the task force has discussed and agree on the approach for dam failure is the most important to me. The above was my takeaway - since it differs from the report I think we might not have grappled with it thoroughly enough.

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