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June 24, 2026

Damariscotta Mills Consulting, Inc.  
 Robert Barkalow  
 25 Main St.  
 Nobleboro, ME 04555

**RE: Variance permit for CMR 01-026 Chapter 29, Damariscotta Mills Consulting, Inc.**

Greetings,

The Board of Pesticides Control has considered your application for a variance from Chapter 29 for Station Road in Newcastle. The variance is approved, provided that all products to be used are currently registered in the State of Maine or were registered at the time of purchase and that any application is made above the high-water line.

The Board authorizes the issuance of three-year permits for Chapter 29. Therefore, this permit is valid until December 31, 2028, as long as applications are consistent with the information provided on the variance request. Please notify the Board in advance of changes, particularly if you plan to use a different product from those listed.

Please bear in mind that your permit is based upon your company adhering to the precautions listed in Section X of your Chapter 29 variance request. The utmost caution should be taken when applying adjacent to open water, including curtailing operations if rain is in the forecast during the 24-hour period after the application.

I will alert the Board at its next meeting that the variance permit has been issued. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Alexander Peacock  
 Director

ALEXANDER PEACOCK, DIRECTOR  
 90 BLOSSOM LANE, DEERING BUILDING



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**BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL  
APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE PERMIT  
(Pursuant to Chapter 29, Section 6 of the Board's Regulations)**

I. Robert Barkalow (bob.barkalow@gmail.com) O: 207-458-3389 C: 973-214-9458  
Name Telephone Number

Damariscotta Mills Consulting, Inc.  
Company Name

25 Main Street Nobleboro Maine 04555  
Address City State Zip

II. Robert Barkalow CMA-6156  
Master Applicator (if applicable) License Number

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III. **As part of your application, please send a revegetation plan and digital photos showing the target site and/or plants and the surrounding area, particularly showing proximity to wetlands and water bodies, to [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov)**

IV. Area(s) where pesticide will be applied:  
Near culvert on Station Road in Newcastle, Maine. This is part of a larger project to control knotweed along a 2/3 mile stretch of Station Road, and is the only area near water.

V. Pesticide(s) to be applied: (Including EPA Registration Number)  
Round-Up Custom for Aquatic and Terrestrial Use, diluted to 50% per label instructions. EPA registration 524-343.

VI. Purpose of pesticide application:  
Invasive knotweed removal and control.

VII. Approximate dates of spray application:  
Not applicable. Knotweed stems will be treated with a cut-stump application in early July, with re-sprouts treated again in mid- to late-September. This will be repeated, as needed, for 3 – 5 years.

VIII. Application Equipment:  
Four ounce "buckthorn blaster" bottles equipped with wicking tops. No powered equipment  
will be used.

IX. Standard(s) to be varied from:  
Chapter 29 section 6 (A) – Buffer Requirement. The treatment will use non-powered equipment  
directed at the specific target pest (knotweed). However, due to the tenacity of knotweed,  
treatment will need to be repeated for 3 – 5 years as the plant roots re-sprout, therefore all plant  
stems will be treated. To facilitate this approach, a variance is requested from the 20% treatment  
limit per calendar year for plants growing within 25' of the water.  
Note that the total volume of pesticide applied will be well below the allowable maximum  
yearly amount.

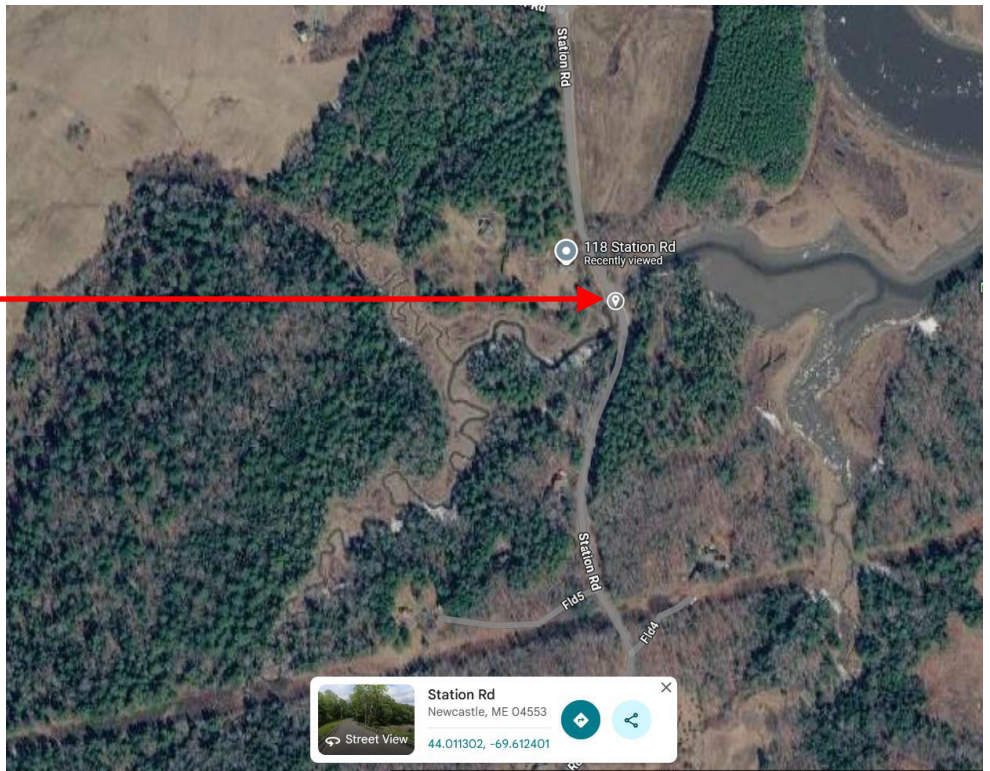
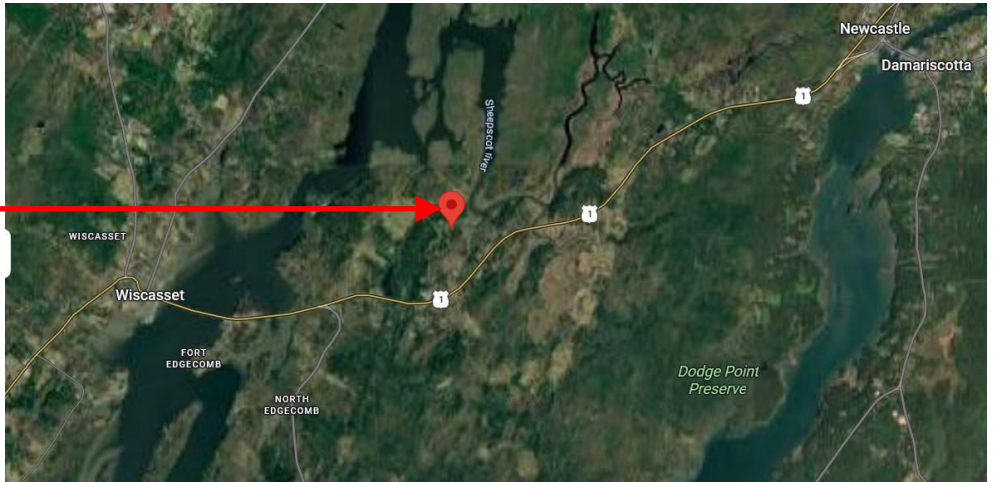
X. Method to ensure equivalent protection and Revegetation Plan:  
The cut-stump application will be undertaken by a trained professional to ensure that all  
chemicals are applied directly to the target pest and not released directly into any water.  
Glyphosate's inherent quality for low-mobility in soil will further ensure the protection of water  
resources.

XI. Revegetation Plan (attach separately if necessary)  
Due to the small size of the knotweed patch (~100 sq. ft.), no re-planting will be necessary.  
Native plants will fill in around the treatment site once the knotweed stops overshadowing the  
area.

Signed:  Date: 6/23/2026

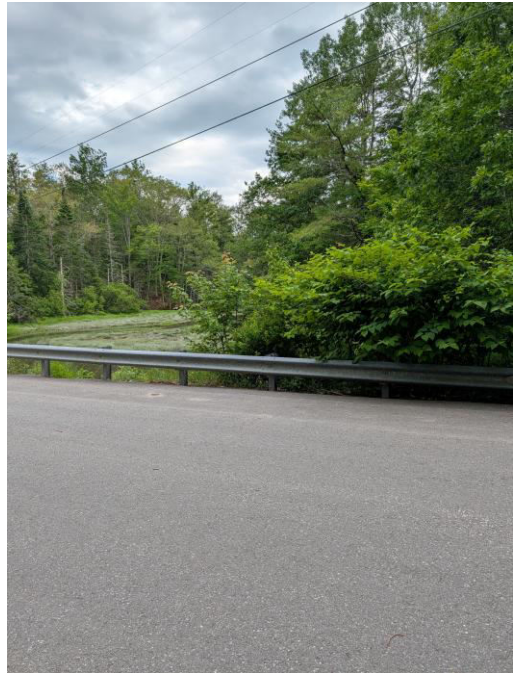
Return completed form to: **Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028**  
OR E-mail to: [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov)

# Location of Knotweed for Variance Request



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Small knotweed patch near  
culvert on Station Road,  
Newcastle



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