



April – September 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

**The Brook Trout Survey Project** is a collaborative effort that began in 2011 with the Maine Council of Trout Unlimited (METU), Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) and Maine Audubon (MA). The goal is to recruit volunteers to identify previously-undocumented wild brook trout populations in remote Maine ponds and coastal streams. The information collected by volunteer anglers will be verified by biologists and used to help inform future fisheries management decisions. Volunteer anglers will be in the field beginning in May and continuing through September of 2017 to gather data on ponds in western and northern Maine and coastal streams from southern Maine to Lubec.

I am volunteering for this project, and I would like to request permission to access your property so that I may complete my assignment. In return for the privilege to use private land, I agree to abide by landowner rules, obey all laws, and conduct myself in a safe and ethical manner; I also agree to release and waive any claim against the landowner for personal injury.

You may learn more about this project at the website:  
[www.tumaine.org/brooktrout.htm](http://www.tumaine.org/brooktrout.htm).

You may also contact the project manager if you have further questions:  
Maine Audubon  
(207)781-2330 x207

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Sincerely,