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AMANDA E. BEAL
COMMISSIONER

August 25, 2026

Erik Lema
Basswood Environmental, LLC
32 Brentwood Rd.
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

RE: Variance permit for CMR 01-026 Chapter 29, Basswood Environmental, LLC

Dear Mr. Lema,

The Board of Pesticides Control considered your application for a variance from Chapter 29 for 12 Clearwater Drive in Scarborough. 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.

The Board authorizes the issuance of two-year permits for Chapter 29. Therefore, this permit is valid until December 31, 2027, 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 remember that your permit is based on your company adhering to the precautions listed in Section X of your Chapter 29 variance request.

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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I. Erik Lema (207) 518-8442
Name Telephone Number

Company Name

II.	Erik Lema		CMA-5752	
	Master Applicator		License Number	
	32 Brentwood Road	Cape Elizabeth	ME	04107
	Address	City	State	Zip

12 Clearwater Drive, Scarborough, Maine. To the Japanese knotweed on the slope leading to Grondin Pond

Glyphosate 5.4 (Alligare, EPA Reg # 81927-8)

Control of invasive Japanese knotweed in residential area.

early-mid September, post flowering.

VII. Application Equipment:

backpack sprayer, limited stem injections.

VIII. Standard(s) to be varied from:

application within 25' of water.

IX. Reason for variance:

The population extends down a steep slope to the edge of the pond and includes the area in front of a small deck on the water. Treatment of the whole population requires application next to the pond.

X. Method to assure equivalent protection:

Low-volume foliar application, spraying away from the waterbody. Use of an aquatic labeled, non-persistent herbicide and surfactant. Area has been covered for the initial growing season and is still low-growing - spraying overhead will not be needed. Stem injections will be performed on mature stands adjacent to cleared area (few stems). Lower slope is rip-rap and will not be revegetated, upper slope is to be incorporated into landscaping.

Signed: Erik Lema

Digitally signed by Erik Lema
Date: 2026.08.17 10:37:37 -04'00'

Date: 8/17/2026

Return completed form to: **Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028**

OR E-mail to: pesticides@state.me.us

Client Name: Rachel Pemstein		Site Location: Grondin Pond	Project No. N/A
Photo Loc 1	Date: 8/12/26		
Photo Location: 12 Clearwater Dr			
Direction Photo Taken: Northwest			
Description: Population along slope. Mature stems in background will be stem-injected.			

Photo Loc 1	Date: 8/12/26	
Photo Location: 12 Clearwater Dr		
Direction Photo Taken: West		
Description: Population in front of deck		