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Dr. Arthur Spiess, Archaeologist
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RE: Request for information on fish distribution in archaeological sites

Dear Dr Spiess:

I have been contracted to provide insight into the historical distribution of alewives in the St Croix River. I am in the process of reviewing historical accounts of early European settlements in Maine and New Brunswick to document the distribution and abundance of alewives in the St Croix river. I would be very interested in any information on the Maine prehistory distribution of anadromous alewives (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) in eastern Maine, with particular emphasis on the St Croix River. I am hoping you will be able to provide some information that will be helpful. I would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions:

1. Is there archaeological evidence of the presence of alewives in eastern Maine and particularly the St Croix river?
2. If such evidence is available, what are the general locations (estuary, lower river, upper river) of the sites within or adjacent to the St Croix watershed?
3. What is the age of the sites where such evidence is available?
4. Can you infer anything about the abundance of alewives at specific sites?
5. Would you conclude that fish were harvested at or near the archaeological sites or are they more likely to have been carried some distance to another site for consumption?
6. Do you know of other archaeologists that may have additional knowledge of prehistory fishery resources on the St Croix river?

I appreciate any information that you can provide. If you have any questions, please call me at 207-377-8590 or you may contact me by email at keagrivergirl@aol.com. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Lewis N. Flagg