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Subject: Paddling on the Thames without Springbank Dam

Re: Time to Decommission Springbank Dam

Canoeing on the Thames in London near Thames Valley Couse, **Sept. 23, 2017**, Mike Hensen, LFP



* **Maureen Cassidy** said she has not made a final decision but is leaning toward decommissioning the dam. "We have a lot more information now . . . **It would be nice to have a river where you could canoe or kayak but not at any cost.**" ~ LFP, Jan. 7, 2018

* "It's unfortunate we cannot meet the environmental concerns and **use the river recreationally**," said **[Paul] Hubert**, a member of the civic works committee. ~ LFP, Jan. 7, 2017

To be crystal clear, canoeing and kayaking on the Thames River in London occurs on a regular and ongoing basis **WITHOUT** a working Springbank Dam.

Further, a healthier river offers more recreational opportunities than an unhealthy river.

Tiger Muskie caught in the Thames during Labour Day Weekend 2017, near Wonderland Road South.



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