



Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2012 Accomplishments

Media

Print: (Over 30 articles-US & Canada) Outings, Speaker Series, Lawsuits: Atlantic salmon- ESA, St. Croix alewives, Radio: 3x (US & Canada-alewives, salmon, Paul Watson), TV-9x-Speaker Series, Fish passage

Volunteers

Approximately 3000 volunteer hours (375 days)
78 volunteers

Membership

350 households (33 new members)
Speaker Series - 545 people
Outside 2011 (Paddle Series & Walks -110 people)
Newsletters -3

Grants

\$147,795: Staffing, Houdlette Conservation Project, H2O Quality, Eagle Egg Assay, Carp Study

Outreach Presentations

DMR Kennebec Celebration, Augusta
Maine Maritime Museum Cruises & Paddles
Wildlife Appreciation Day at the State House
Brentwood Rehabilitation Center
Saltwater Music Festival

Education

Two Bay Days (260 students) 9 schools
School Visits (22 visits, 500 students, 14 teachers, 6 schools)
Non-School (760 people)
The DaVinci- Summer Camp (45 students)
Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship

Houdlette Conservation Project-repaid loan, began easement
Continuous Landowner Outreach
Ongoing Stewardship Activities

Research

Phragmites removal follow-up on the Abbagadasset River
Assist MHPC with Ft. Richmond. Archaeology Dig
Assisted MDIF&W with bald eagle breeding/nest surveys
Water Quality Monitoring - 26 sites

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)

Lawsuit-Atlantic salmon ESA listing
Lawsuit-St. Croix Alewives
Lawsuit-Worumbo Dam Rebuild
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage
Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs
Fish Consumption Advisories posted

Primary Partners

Friends of Casco Bay
Penobscot Bay Watch
Forest Ecology Network
National Environmental Law Center
Earthjustice
Friends of Kennebec Salmon
Smart Meter Safety Coalition
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Endangered Species Coalition
Androscoggin River Alliance
Maine Maritime Museum
Department of Marine Resources
Bowdoinham Public Library
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Maine Land Trust Network
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport
Chops Point School
Environment Maine
Town of Bowdoinham
Brunswick TV 3
Merrymeeting Art Center