

2008 Accomplishments: How We Protected Merrymeeting Bay

Media

- ◆ **Print:** Approximately 13 print articles: Education, Atlantic Salmon Endangered Species Proposal, Fish Passage, Androscoggin Upgrade Proposal, Water Quality, Outings, Chops Hydro Project
- ◆ **Television:** Local Cable (Biddeford and Brunswick): safe fish passage and Atlantic salmon
- ◆ **Radio:** Maine Public Radio, WBOR & WMPG: safe passage and Atlantic salmon

Volunteers

- ◆ Minimum 3500 volunteer hours (438 days)
- ◆ 120 volunteers

Membership

- ◆ 443 members (20 new members)
- ◆ Speaker Series: 208 people
- ◆ Outside 2008 (Paddle Series & Walks): 60 people
- ◆ Newsletters: 4

Funds Leveraged and Grants

- ◆ \$1,281,000 for Kennebec River Estuary Project
- ◆ \$46,700 for staffing, general operations, fish passage, and aerial vegetation & land use study 10 year update

Outreach Presentations

- ◆ DMR Spring Running, Augusta
- ◆ Richmond Days
- ◆ F.W. Horch, Brunswick
- ◆ Topsham Garden Club
- ◆ Peace Action Maine
- ◆ Radio & T.V: Safe fish passage and Atlantic salmon

Education

- ◆ Two Bay Days: 352 students
- ◆ Hall-Dale on the Bay: 80 students
- ◆ School Visits: 23 (20 critter visits, 834 students, 34 teachers, 12 schools)
- ◆ Web site updates-extensive additions to Cybrary & Friends of Merrymeeting Bay links

Research

- ◆ Finished final phase of Circulation Study
- ◆ Assisted MDIF&W with bald eagle breeding surveys
- ◆ Began 10 year update of Aerial vegetation and land use study
- ◆ Water Quality Monitoring – 26 sites

Conservation and Stewardship

- ◆ Total Protected in 2008: 733 acres
- ◆ Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition – 720 acres Kennebec River Estuary Project:-LMF
- ◆ Conservation Easements - 13 acres in Richmond -1700' water frontage
- ◆ Stewardship- All easements monitored

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)

- ◆ Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary signs
- ◆ Appeals to Superior and Maine Supreme Court: fish passage
- ◆ Filed ESA salmon lawsuit in Federal Court
- ◆ ESA Salmon proposal and critical habitat comments
- ◆ Stop development of Maine's top prehistoric archeological site
- ◆ Land for Maine's Future
- ◆ Chops Hydro Project: FOMB intervener
- ◆ Presumpscot River accord illegal
- ◆ American eel protection
- ◆ Water rights (Wells, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport)
- ◆ Sears Island/ umbrella mitigation bank
- ◆ Plum Creek
- ◆ Submitted water quality upgrade on the Androscoggin River
- ◆ Fish Consumption Advisories

Additional Accomplishments

- ◆ Hire new Executive Coordinator: Misty Gorski
- ◆ Received Peacemaker Award from Peace Action Maine

