

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2020 Accomplishments

Media

Print, Internet & TV: (Over 30), GE Salmon Lawsuit, Androscoggin Upgrade, Chops Lawsuit, Speaker Series, etc.

Volunteers

Approximately 1500 volunteer hours (188 days)
20 volunteers

Membership

450 households
Speaker Series – (120 people-cut short by Covid 19)
Newsletters – 4

Grants

\$2,500- Androscoggin Upgrade
\$100,000-Centers Pt. Purchase
\$12,000-Chops/CMP Lawsuit

Education

Non-School Visits (450 people): library, and science night
Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship

Additional easement work
Continuous landowner outreach
Ongoing stewardship activities
Control two phragmites stands in Bowdoinham
Monitor all easement & fee properties
Protect Centers Pt.

Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites
Shad Counting Methodologies-Brunswick dam
Compile Historic Altered River Flow Research

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

Submit Lower Androscoggin Upgrade Proposal
Lawsuit-GMO Atlantic salmon-Won
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage
Smart Meters-Amicus Brief- PA- Won
Climate Change-Green New Deal
Various National Efforts-National Environmental Policy Act, Ocean Plastics, ESA, etc.
Posting Fish Consumption Advisories
CMP Chops Tower Lighting-File Nuisance Lawsuit
Predator Killing Contests
EMF Health Effects

Primary Partners

The Archaeological Conservancy
Avian Haven
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters
Quebec Labrador Foundation
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Department of Marine Resources
Bowdoinham Public Library
Maine Land Trust Network
Friends of Sebago Lake
Department of Environmental Protection
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport
Curtis Memorial Library
Downeast Salmon Federation
Earthjustice
Center for Food Safety
Native Fish Coalition
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Grow L+A
Trout Unlimited, Maine Chapter
Environmental Health Trust
Softlights.org