# Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2011 Accomplishments

### Media

Print: (Over 30 articles-US & Canada) Outings, Speaker Series, Androscoggin River Reclass, Lawsuits: Atlantic salmon ESA, St. Croix alewives, Worumbo dam, Kennebec dredging. Radio: 2x (US & Canada)

#### Volunteers

Approximately 3600 volunteer hours (450 days) 75 volunteers

#### Membership

434 members (13 new members) Speaker Series - 285 people Outside 2011 (Paddle Series & Walks -110 people) Newsletters -3

## Grants

\$150,045 (Received & pledged): staffing & Houdlette Conservation Project

#### **Outreach Presentations**

DMR Kennebec Celebration, Augusta Maine Maritime Museum Cruises Wildlife Appreciation Day at the State House Brentwood Rehabilitation Center Ducks Unlimited Brunswick Volunteer Fair Wetlands Jam

#### Education

Two Bay Days (273 students) School Visits (22 visits, 1036 students, 28 teachers, 12 schools) Non-School (1,200 people) The DaVinci- Summer Camp (45 students) Web site updates-extensive additions to Cybrary

## **Conservation and Stewardship**

Houdlette Conservation Project Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition Continuous Landowner Outreach Ongoing Stewardship Activities

# Research

Phragmites removal follow-up on the Abbagadassett River Thwings Pt. 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-Kennebec Dredging Lawsuit-St. Croix Alewives Lawsuit-Worumbo Dam Rebuild Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs Testimony and comments on the Androscoggin River upgrade Fish Consumption Advisories posted Bay Bridge Estates Overboard Discharge permit revisions

#### **Primary Partners**

Friends of Casco Bay Town of Phippsburg Penobscot Bay Watch Phippsburg Shellfish Commission Phippsburg Land Trust 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 Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition Patagonia Outlet, Freeport Chops Point School Environment Maine Town of Bowdoinham Brunswick TV 3 Deluge Entertainment