

“As scientists in eel biology from 18 countries assembled at the International Eel Symposium 2003 organized in conjunction with the 2003 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in Quebec, Canada, we unanimously agree that we must raise an urgent alarm now.”

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To:  
Governor of Maine  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

“We are not convinced there is a problem.”  
Allen Wiley, Florida Power & Light

•Stop the Killing Now•  
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Dear Governor,

Date\_\_\_\_\_

- Please stop the annual slaughter of fall-migrating American eels at Maine hydro-electric dams.
- Turbine mortality estimates are 50-100% per dam!
- Mature migrating eels [15-50 years old] can harbor extremely high contaminant levels that are re-introduced into our local ecosystems when the eels are killed by turbines.
- Turbine mutilation and death of eels occurs with the full complicity of Maine's natural resource agencies and your office.
- The executive office [Dick Davies] was fully briefed on this subject by Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, at your 2005 Wildlife Appreciation Day.
- Both the Department and board of Environmental Protection refuse to require screening of turbines or night-time turbine shutdowns in combination with alternative passage for out-migrating eels.
- Federal Clean Water Act and Maine BEP goals require physical, chemical and biological integrity of our waters.
- Maine water quality standards require suitable habitat for all indigenous fish species.
- Maine river anti-degradation language requires no back sliding from existing uses [which would include preservation of native fish].
- Maine's elver fishery is among the least regulated on the east coast with over 16 million elvers reported harvested in 2006.
- Dams without upstream eel ramps block 85-90% of eel habitat.
- American eels are a keystone species of our river systems and also have been of great economic importance.
- Protective laws are on the books. They are not being enforced. We can have eels and electricity.

**STOP THE SLAUGHTER NOW• ENFORCE OUR LAWS• PROTECT OUR NATIVE EELS**

Sincerely yours,

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