FOMB 2007 Accomplishments

Media

Print: Approximately 15 print articles:
  - Education, DEP Enforcement, Atlantic Salmon
  - Endangered Species Petition, Fish Restoration,
  - American Eel Kills, Circulation Study,
  - Outings, Sludge, Chops Hydro Proposal

Television: Local Cable [Harpwell]: Merrymeeting Bay, eels


Volunteers

Minimum 3500 volunteer hours [438 days]
120 volunteers

Membership

430 members
Speaker Series - 240 people
Outside 2007 [Paddle Series & Walks - 128 people]
Newsletters – 3
Shoreline Cleanup-6 people-1200 pounds

Grants

$30,000: staffing, eels, general operating support

Funds Leveraged

$1,250,000 [land acquisition]

Outreach Presentations

Androscoggin Source to the Sea Trek
DMR Spring Running, Augusta
Cathance Day
Patagonia Outlet
F.W. Horch, Brunswick
Celebrate Bowdoinham

Education

Two Bay Days [316 students]
Hall-Dale on the Bay [80 students]
Mid-Coast Senior College Kennebec Course-[30 students]
School Visits-12 [347] students
Critter Visits-23 [736 students and adults]
Web site updates-extensive additions to Cybrary & Friends of Merrymeeting Bay links

Conservation and Stewardship

Total Protected – 130 acres transferred to state. 1900’ Kennebec R., 2,600’ inland wetland in Woolwich
Three conservation easements in process-Topsham-Cathance & Androscoggin, Richmond
Stewardship- All easements monitored

Research

Thwings Pt. Archaeological Dig
Begun third phase of Circulation Study
Completed final report of Caged Mussel Endocrine Disrupter Study
Assisted MDIF&W with bald eagle breeding surveys
Water Quality Monitoring – 18 Standard & 6 Fecal Coliform sites

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)

Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs
Land for Maine’s Future Bond
American Eel Protection-Endangered Species Act Comments, BEP Petition
Kennebec Atlantic Salmon ESA
Fish Consumption Advisories
Introduced Safe Fish Passage Bill
Introduced Clarification of Right to Appeal Bill
Adjudicated BEP Hearing on Kennebec Petition
Superior Court Appeals of BEP decisions
Brunswick Aquifer Protection Zone-Sludge Spreading
Land Conservation Donor Tax Changes-US Senate & House

Primary Partners

The Nature Conservancy
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies
Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Maine Natural Areas Program
Department of Marine Resources
Friends of Casco Bay
Maine Toxics Action Coalition
Applied Biomonitoring
Maine Historic Preservation Comm.
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport
Land Trust Alliance
Maine ECO
Friends of Kennebec Salmon
Mid-Coast Senior College
Brunswick Pesticide Watch
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