

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay

2022 Accomplishments & Partners

Media

Print, TV, Internet: (Over 39), Merrymeeting Bay, Androscoggin Upgrade, Chops Lawsuit, Land Protection, PFAS Lab Study, Bowdoin History Project, Speaker Series, GE Salmon, PFAS Watershed Sampling, etc.

Volunteers

Approximately 1975 Volunteer Hours (247 days)
50 Volunteers

Membership

450 Households
Newsletters – 4

Grants

\$2,912- Education
\$20,000-Chops/CMP Lawsuit
\$2,500-PFAS Testing

Education

Zoom Speaker Series – 300 Registrants
Bowdoin Central School History/Film/Theater Project (80 Students)
Speaker Series Broadcasts on Community Cable TV Stations
Website Updates

Conservation and Stewardship

Additional Easement Work
35 Acre Conservation Easement Completed
Continuous Landowner Outreach
Ongoing Easement Monitoring
Maintain Pork Pt. Field
Control Bowdoinham Phragmites

Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites
Shad Counting Methodologies-Brunswick Dam
Prehistoric/Historic Fish Weir
PFAS Lab Comparison Study
PFAS Watershed Survey

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

Lower Androscoggin Upgrade-Passed
Appeal of Pejepscot Dam Water Quality Cert. Issued for Class C
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage
Various National Efforts-NEPA, Ocean Plastics, ESA, Climate, etc.
CMP Chops Tower Lighting-Filed Petition of Certiorari to SCOTUS
PFAS Monitoring/Detection at Former Brunswick Naval Air Station-Andro Discharges
EMF Health Effects
GE Atlantic Salmon

Primary Partners

The Archaeological Conservancy
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Department of Marine Resources
Bowdoinham Public Library
Maine Land Trust Network
Brunswick Sewage District
Harraseeket Inn
Friends of Sebago Lake
Department of Environmental Protection
Downeast Salmon Federation
Native Fish Coalition
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Grow L+A
Trout Unlimited, Maine Chapter
Environmental Health Trust
Piti Theatre
Bowdoin Central School
Earthjustice
Patagonia
Save the Colorado
Center for Food Safety
Bath Savings Institution
New England Foundation for the Arts