

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2023 Accomplishments & Partners

Media

Print, TV, Internet: (Over 35), Merrymeeting Bay, Androscoggin Upgrade, Land Protection, PFAS, Bowdoin History Project, Speaker Series, GE Salmon, Water Monitoring, Bay Day, etc.

Volunteers

Approximately 2455 Volunteer Hours (307 days)
110 Volunteers

Membership

450 Households
Newsletters – 4

Grants

\$10,000- Education
\$9,000-General Operating
\$1,600-PFAS Testing

Education

Zoom Speaker Series – 511 Registrants
Bowdoin Central School History/Film/Theater Project (80 Students)
Speaker Series Broadcasts on Community Cable TV Stations
Website Updates
School Visits (240 Students)

Conservation and Stewardship

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

Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites
Shad Counting-Brunswick Dam
Prehistoric/Historic Fish Weir
PFAS Sampling

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

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

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 Sewer District
Harraseeket Inn
Friends of Sebago Lake
Department of Environmental Protection
Downeast Salmon Federation
Native Fish Coalition
Piti Theatre
Earthjustice
Save the Colorado
Endangered Species Coalition
Center for Food Safety
N. American Versatile Hunting Dog Assoc.
Brunswick Citizens for a Safe Environment
Bath Savings Institution
New England Foundation for the Arts
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences
Maine Master Naturalist Program