

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2024 Accomplishments & Partners

Media

Print, TV, Internet: (Over 35), PFAS, Richmond History Project, Speaker Series, GE Salmon, Water Monitoring, Bay Day, etc.

Volunteers

Approximately 2848 Volunteer Hours (356 days) 158 Volunteers

Membership

450 Households
Newsletters – 4

Grants

\$2,500- Education
\$5,000-General Operating
\$2,055-PFAS Testing

Education

Zoom Speaker Series – 415 Registrants
Marcia Buker Elementary School History/Film/Theater Project
Speaker Series Broadcasts on Community Cable TV Stations
Two Bay Days
Website Updates
Main St. Bath Winter Critter Display

Conservation and Stewardship

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

Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites
Shad Counting-Brunswick Dam
Prehistoric/Historic Fish Weir Photo Documentation
PFAS Sampling-Androscoggin, Kennebec, BNAS
Archaeology Phase 1 Survey

Advocacy (legal, postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

EMF Health Effects
Halted Production of 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
PFAS Monitoring on Androscoggin & Kennebec for Bigelow/FOCB Estuary Project
Brunswick Dam Relicensing-FERC Proceeding

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
Main St. Bath
Country Farm Furniture
Friends of Sebago Lake
Department of Environmental Protection
Downeast Salmon Federation
Native Fish Coalition
Piti Theatre
Earthjustice
Chop Pt. School
Biodiversity Research Institute
Point of View Helicopter Services
Native Plant Trust
Endangered Species Coalition
Marcia Buker Elementary School
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
Aquaterra Films