

2009 NATURE OF MAINE CALENDAR



Natural Resources Council of Maine
2008 Annual Report

DARING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Cover photo: Birch Point State Park, Rockland, a Land for Maine's Future project, by Allison Wells



Brownie Carson, NRCM Executive Director & Eleanor Kinney, NRCM Board President

Maine people are widely known for our strong commitment to protecting the special character of our state. That has been especially evident over the course of this past year.

In 2008, the Natural Resources Council of Maine and our members worked to protect our state's most valuable resources, advocating for clean air, healthy rivers, wild places, the health of our people and wildlife, and clean, renewable energy solutions.

Daring to make a difference means that we must be willing to tackle the biggest, most difficult problems with creativity and resolve. Our world faces challenges on a scale never before seen. Our country's dependence on coal and oil threatens our climate, fouls Maine's air, puts our coastal waters and

fisheries at risk from drilling, and sends our hard-earned dollars into the coffers of multinational energy giants.

The treasure that is Maine's North Woods is at serious risk from real estate speculators with no ties to the state. Since 1998, thirty-two percent—more than seven million acres—of the North Woods has changed hands. Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission's (LURC) impending approval of Seattle-based Plum Creek's sprawling development for the Moosehead Lake region raises the specter of weakening regulatory resolve at a time when our resources must be conserved.

Given these kinds of challenges, the old models of environmental "business as usual" must be set aside. Believing that we can build bridges to other interest groups, NRCM is leading the way to create 21st century environmental safeguards that will also help build a sustainable economy.

Working with home builders and other allies last spring, NRCM helped pass legislation establishing building standards to reduce energy consumption in new homes. We also reached out to the business community by playing a key role in the Governor's Energy Efficiency Summit, a forum to help businesses learn about and invest in energy efficiency.

As a member of the Governor's Wind Power Task Force, NRCM helped establish forward-thinking guidelines that ensure increased wind power in Maine while protecting habitat and landscapes crucial to the state's tourism economy. We actively supported wind power projects such as Stetson Ridge, construction of which created high-paying jobs and infused about \$50 million into local economies in Washington County. The Stetson project will provide 57 megawatts of clean, renewable energy.

During the 2008 legislative session, NRCM faced down dozens of lobbyists from the chemical industry and worked closely with public health and children's groups, local toy stores, and others to pass the "kid-safe products" bill. Now Maine has a new model for consumer product screening and production, one that protects our children, wildlife, and environment by requiring manufacturers to replace the most toxic chemicals in consumer products when safer alternatives exist.

These are just a few of the many ways in which NRCM and you are "daring to make a difference." But nowhere have NRCM's members shown more courage than in the campaign

to save Moosehead Lake.

When Plum Creek announced plans to carve the largest development in our state's history right into the heart of the Moosehead region, you took action. As our staff combed painstakingly through Plum Creek's thousand-page proposal, you took what we found and spoke out in your communities, wrote to LURC, and wrote letters-to-the-editor. You travelled many miles and waited hours to testify at public hearings. You stood before friends and family, before glaring corporate lawyers and probing television cameras to share your personal stories of why Moosehead is such a special place to you and your family—why it must be protected.

As this annual report goes to press, it appears that LURC will approve Plum Creek's revised plan. It is especially frustrating that the commissioners turned away from your strong, clear voices as they cast their votes. But you—and our legal team—forced significant improvements in a seriously flawed plan. Many places, including wildlife habitat, remote ponds, and other areas included in the original Plum Creek design will now be protected.

As we explore our options for continuing the fight to protect the integrity of Moosehead, we know that we can count on you to make a difference in the ultimate outcome of this case. It is important to remember that a "rezoning" does not give any developer permission to dig a single foundation hole, or to build a single structure.

Are we done? Absolutely not. Just as we have worked over many years to strengthen Maine's clean air and clean water laws, and just as we have defended the Allagash and Baxter State Park from encroaching development, we will continue our efforts to protect Moosehead.

For the many ways in which you have demonstrated your commitment to making a difference for Maine's future, we thank you.

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NRCM TURNS 50

JOIN THE CELEBRATION



Lisa Pohlmann,
NRCM Deputy Director

In 2009, NRCM will celebrate our 50th anniversary of working to protect, conserve, and restore Maine's environment, now and for generations to come.

NRCM was founded in 1959 by a group of individuals who came together to protect Maine's environment. Many victories have followed from our collective actions. We helped create the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, blocked a coal-fired power plant that would have polluted Acadia National Park, and pushed paper companies to clean up our rivers. We secured passage of Maine's growth management law, solid waste and recycling law, billboard ban, and toxic use reduction law. We have devised first-in-the-nation laws to set state global warming reduction goals and to safely recycle defunct computers and mercury from cars and thermostats. We

also have made great strides in restoring healthy ecosystems to the Kennebec, Sebasticook, and Penobscot rivers. These are but a few of the hundreds of victories NRCM has been involved in over the past five decades with the support of our dedicated members.

Today, NRCM has more than 12,000 supporters from across Maine and beyond. The power of your voices, your actions, and your passion are why we continue to succeed. Together we are leading efforts to address global warming and promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy. We continue our work to set the pace for the nation with legislation to get toxic chemicals out of consumer products that threaten the health of people, wildlife, and our environment. And we are working tirelessly to protect Maine's North Woods and restore Maine's great rivers.

In celebration of our past, present, and future, we are planning 50 events and activities next year that you and your family will be able to participate in. Join us for a paddle down one of the rivers we helped to restore. Hike among Maine's spectacular mountains, forests, and coastal trails, many of which are conserved forever as a result of our work to ensure funding for the Land for Maine's Future program. And come see a new movie on the history and work of NRCM. Filming



Brownie Carson at a press conference in 1990, when NRCM worked with health and labor groups to pass the Toxics Use Reduction Act requiring Maine polluters to develop and implement plans to reduce their use of toxic chemicals.

started this summer, including interviews with founders, members, policy leaders, and others. Don't miss the series of opening nights in a theater near you!

We are looking forward to the many opportunities our 50th anniversary will provide for us to meet with you and hear what's on your mind. You have made NRCM the powerful organization we are today. You have talked to your neighbors, written to the papers, testified at hearings, and helped win victories we can all be proud of.



West Branch of the Penobscot River. This photo shows the proposed site of the Big A dam that would have drowned one of the most scenic river stretches in Maine, with Class IV and V whitewater and some of the best landlocked salmon fishing in the U.S. NRCM helped protect the West Branch from this harmful project.



One of NRCM's founding members, Ezra Briggs.

Now is the perfect time to reflect on all that we've learned and to galvanize our strength and courage for the challenges ahead. Stopping global warming, restoring river quality, reducing the threat of toxic chemicals, and protecting Maine's great North Woods require new allies and new strategies each year. The complexity and interconnection of these 21st century environmental challenges demand that we reach out to all generations, all regions, and all policy makers – time and time again – to ensure that the Maine we all love is protected for centuries to come.

So join the celebration! Look for a calendar of events coming soon. And thank you for all that you do!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Pohlmann".

Lisa Pohlmann
Deputy Director

NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ending March 31	FY 2008	FY 2007
OPERATING REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions, membership gifts and grants received	\$2,206,431	\$2,040,583
Events, merchandise and other revenues	19,029	3,221
In-kind contributions	200,416	140,048
Investment income	18,120	40,686
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	\$2,443,996	\$2,224,538
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Communications	\$413,777	\$338,756
General Advocacy	\$419,916	\$334,732
Lobbying	\$79,888	\$42,672
Energy	\$279,751	\$162,123
North Woods	\$684,946	\$318,074
Watersheds	\$116,416	\$226,664
Toxics	\$79,758	\$93,302
Total Program Services	\$2,074,452	\$1,516,323
Supporting Services		
Development, fundraising and membership	\$444,545	\$427,975
Management and general	366,554	324,773
Total Supporting Services	\$811,099	\$752,748
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,885,551	\$2,269,071
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$(441,555)	\$(44,533)

NON-OPERATING INCOME

Capital Campaign Income & Bequests	\$10,769	\$519,895
Investment Income(Loss)	332,701	166,519
Realized & Unrealized Gains(Losses)	(364,441)	150,033
TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME	\$(20,971)	\$836,447
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$(462,526)	\$791,914
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	\$6,725,014	\$5,933,100
End of year	\$6,262,488	\$6,725,014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fiscal year ending March 31	FY 2008	FY 2007
ASSETS		
Total Current Assets	\$684,473	\$985,317
Net Property & Equipment	725,314	759,867
Investments	4,927,465	4,996,082
Other Assets	177,304	197,321
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,514,556	\$6,938,587
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Total Liabilities	\$252,069	\$213,573
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$5,824,909	\$6,079,333
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	252,578	460,681
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	185,000	185,000
Total Net Assets	\$6,262,487	\$6,725,014
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$6,514,556	\$6,938,587

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Program 72%

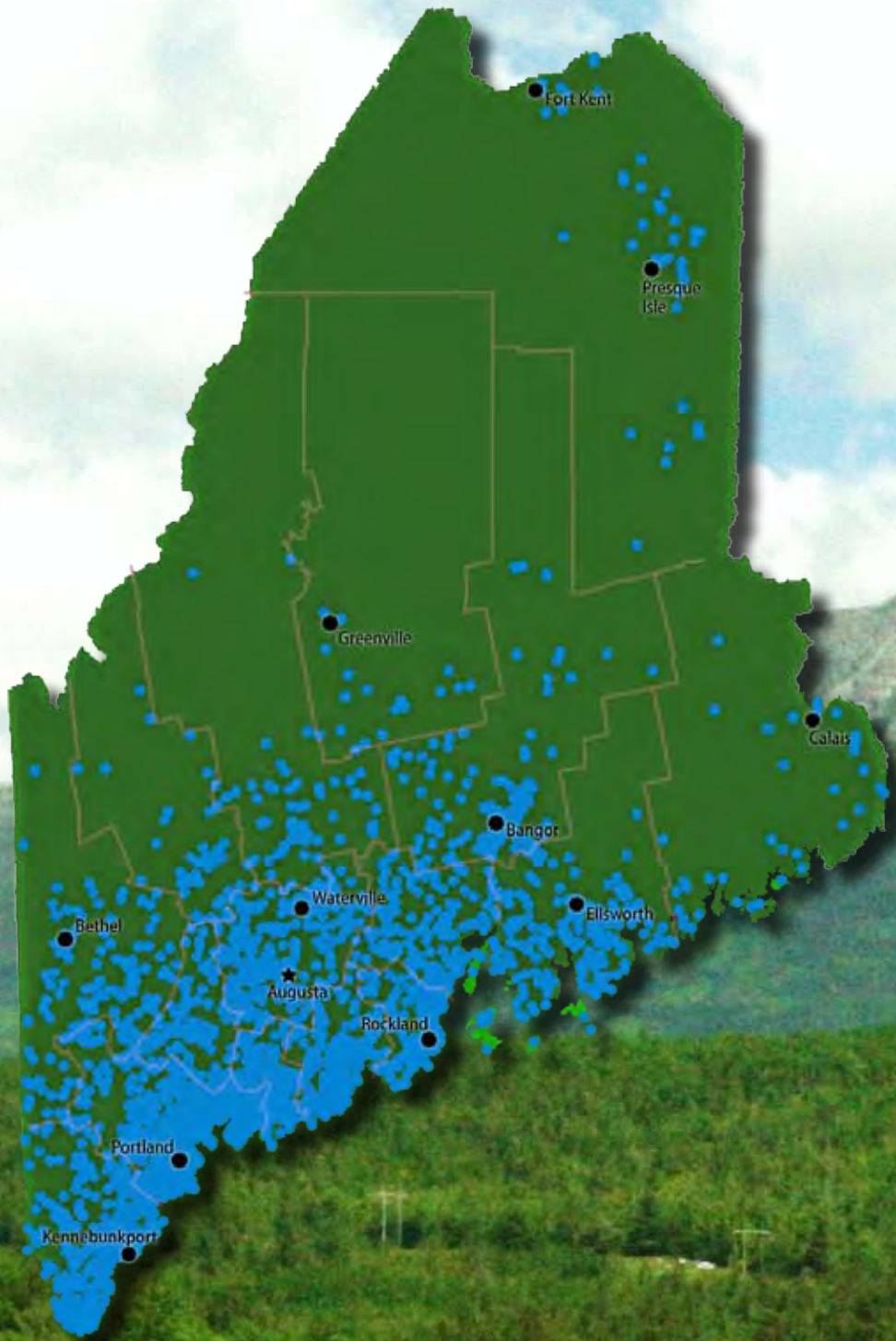
Fundraising 15%
Admin 13%

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

When the Natural Resources Council of Maine was established in 1959, our founding members hailed from Caribou, Bar Harbor, and a few towns in between. They were bound together by a shared love for the outdoors, specifically the Allagash. As NRCM grew and our mission expanded, we evolved into a membership organization more than 12,000 supporters strong with members in every county in Maine. In fact, NRCM members may have their hearts in this state, but they make their homes in forty-seven states, Washington, D.C., several foreign countries, and on military bases around the world.

“I value NRCM for its extraordinary efforts to protect and preserve our beautiful state for future generations. NRCM keeps me up to date on issues that matter to me. I am a proud supporter of NRCM.”

- Terry Sprague, North Haven

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JANUARY 2009

View of Gulf Hagas and Pleasant River, Moosehead Region, by Jerry and Marcy Monkman

Celebrating 50 years protecting the nature of Maine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org	 Prong Pond, Moosehead Region by Jerry and Marcy Monkman			1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 First Quarter ☾	5	6	7	8	9	10 Full Moon ☽ (Wolf Moon)
11	12 1995: Wolves reintroduced into Yellowstone	13	14	15	16	17 Last Quarter ☾
18 2006: Maine's e-waste law goes into effect. NRCM led efforts to pass this law.	19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23	24
25 New Moon ●	26 Chinese New Year	27	28	29	30	31

Making A Difference for Moosehead

Over the last three years, NRCM members have helped protect some of the Moosehead Lake region's most treasured places. In response to pressure from NRCM, Seattle-based Plum Creek removed eight remote ponds from its sprawling development proposal and added more than 300,000 acres of permanent conservation. We also convinced the company to remove developments on Big W, Brassua Lake, the Kennebec's East Outlet, Prong Pond, and other special places. Still, the plan, tentatively approved by the Land Use Regulation Commission, includes development in inappropriate areas such as Lily Bay. Because of this and other serious concerns, NRCM will explore all options to protect Moosehead and Maine's North Woods.

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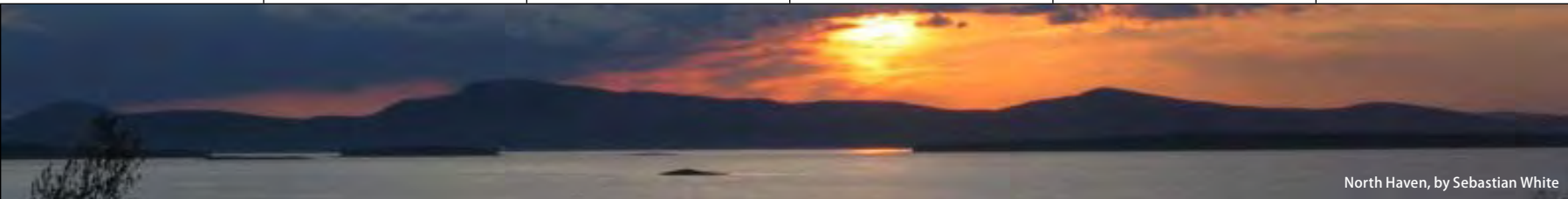


FEBRUARY 2009

View of Mt. Katahdin from Katahdin Lake, by Cathy Johnson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 First Quarter ☾	3	4	5	6	7
	Groundhog Day					
8 2008: NRCM and partners win U.S. court battle to clean up power plant mercury, overturning EPA's weak mercury rules	9 Full Moon ☽ (Snow Moon or Hunger Moon)	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Last Quarter ☾	17 2004: U.S. District Court upholds Maine's landmark automobile switch law, enacted in 2002. NRCM helped pass this law.	18	19	20	21
	Presidents' Day					
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 New Moon ●	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28
		Mardi Gras				



North Haven, by Sebastian White



Helping Maine Businesses Boost Efficiency

Last spring, NRCM was a lead planner and cosponsor of the Governor's Energy Efficiency Summit, bringing an overflow crowd of business owners and others to Augusta to learn how to improve energy efficiency at work. To follow up, NRCM worked with chambers of commerce to bring efficiency workshops to business owners in communities around Maine. To further connect businesses and the environment, NRCM last fall released a report showing the opportunity to create 9,000 new "green jobs" in Maine that would strengthen our economy, increase energy independence, and fight global warming. NRCM knows that when it comes to energy efficiency, what's good for business is good for Maine's environment.

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MARCH 2009

Lady Slippers, South Paris, by Nance Trueworthy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 First Quarter ☾	4	5	6	7	
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Purim (sundown)	10 Full Moon ☽ (Maple Sugar or Worm Moon)	11	12	13 1986: NRCM and allies defeat plans for "Big A" dam and protect West Branch of Penobscot River	14	
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Last Quarter ☾	19	20 Spring Equinox	21	
22	23	24	25	26 New Moon ●	27	28	
29	30	31	 <p>Mitchell Ledge Farm, Freeport, a Land for Maine's Future project by Beth Dimond</p>			 <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>	

Curbing Sprawl

Downtowns are the heart of many Maine towns and cities. In 2008, NRCM was part of broad-based, bipartisan coalition that helped protect them by passing legislation that renews Maine's tax credit for renovations of historic properties. The legislation provides an incentive for developers to redevelop and restore historic buildings that otherwise might sit vacant and be lost over time. Revitalizing downtowns helps curb sprawling development which would result in increased energy use and pollution. Our downtowns also help remind us of just how special Maine is.

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APRIL 2009

Long Sands Beach, York, by Beth Dimond

Celebrating 50 years protecting the nature of Maine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Great Heath Public Reserve Land and Pleasant River, Columbia, Washington County, by NRCM</p>			1 April Fool's Day	2 First Quarter ☾	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8 Passover begins (sundown)	9 Full Moon ☽ (Frog or Pink Moon)	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13	14 2006: Gov. John Baldacci signs thermostat recycling law and mercury button cell battery ban	15	16	17 Last Quarter ☾	18
19	20 Patriot's Day	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 New Moon ●	25 Arbor Day
26	27	28	29	30	 <p>Searsport, by Stacie Haines</p>  <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>	

Success for Kid-Safe Products

Dozens of lobbyists from the chemical industry once again proved no match for the power of science and the voices of Maine people. NRCM helped lead efforts resulting in passage of the "kid-safe products" bill, which will require manufacturers of children's toys and other consumer products to use safe alternatives to toxic chemicals when feasible. With this huge accomplishment, NRCM helped put Maine in the forefront of states tackling this serious problem.

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MAY 2009

Penobscot River Watershed, by Cheryl Daigle

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>	 <p>Proposed Big A site, Penobscot West Branch, by NRCM</p>				<p>1 First Quarter ☾</p> <p>May Day</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Full Moon ☽ (Flower or Budding Moon)</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day and Bear Awareness Week</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1966: Maine Legislature passes Allagash Wilderness Waterway statute Commute Another Way Week begins www.gomaine.org/cawday</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>17 Last Quarter ☾</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2008: Governor Baldacci signs into law the "kid-safe products" bill, which NRCM was instrumental in getting passed.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 New Moon ●</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 First Quarter ☽</p>
<p>31</p>	<p>Milestone for the Penobscot On August 21, 2008, the Penobscot River Restoration Trust (PRRT) announced plans to purchase the Veazie, Great Works, and Howland dams from PPL Corporation as part of a historic effort to restore Atlantic salmon and ten other species of sea-run fish to nearly 1,000 miles of river habitat while maintaining energy generation on one of the country's most significant river systems. NRCM is a founding member of PRRT, along with six other groups and the Penobscot Indian Nation.</p>				<p>APRIL 09</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE 09</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>



JUNE 2009

Bicknell's Thrush, by Garth McIlroy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org	1	2	3	4 2003: Gov. John Baldacci signs bill to stop liquidation harvesting	5 United Nations World Environment Day	6
7 Full Moon ☉ (Strawberry Moon)	8	9	10	11	12 2007: NRCM and Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine release groundbreaking report, <i>Body of Evidence: A Study of Pollution in Maine People</i>	13
14 Flag Day 2007: Gov. Baldacci signs bill banning toxic Deca	15 Last Quarter ☾	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day and Summer Solstice	22 New Moon ●	23	24	25 NRCM established on this day in 1959.	26	27
28	29 First Quarter ☽	30	 Common Loon, Tufts Pond, Kingfield, by Ed Smith	 Monarch caterpillar, Deer Isle, by Marion Foss	 Bee on cosmos, West Paris, by Mike Payer	 Hummingbird clearwing moth, Saco Heath, by Peter Darling

Stopping Toxic Mercury Pollution

In 2008, a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., ruled that the U.S. EPA violated the Clean Air Act by not adequately addressing the problem of toxic mercury spewed from coal- and oil-fired power plants. The EPA rules would have allowed seven times more mercury pollution than current laws allow, putting the health of Maine's children, environment, and wildlife seriously at risk. The ruling followed a lawsuit by NRCM and 14 states (including Maine)—and more than 4,000 postcards signed by concerned Maine residents and delivered in person to Washington by NRCM Executive Director Brownie Carson.

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JULY 2009

Kennebec River, Augusta, by John McKeith

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 <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>	 <p>Yellow Lampmussel, by NRCM</p>	 <p>NRCM staff at "Mussel Moving" in July</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1999: Edwards Dam on the Kennebec River in Augusta is removed, celebrated around the world</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Full Moon ☉ (Blood or Buck Moon)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1977: Gov. James Longley signs bill to remove roadside advertising billboards in Maine</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Last Quarter ☾</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2008: Fort Halifax Dam removed after eight years of work by NRCM and Kennebec Coalition.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>1970: State-protected Allagash River becomes federally designated wild and scenic river</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>New Moon ●</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>First Quarter ☽</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>Alewives, by Doug Watts</p>

Good News for the Kennebec River Watershed

On July 17, 2008, the Fort Halifax Dam in Winslow came down. For 100 years, the dam prevented striped bass, Atlantic salmon, sturgeon, and other native sea-run fish from returning to their homes on the Sebasticook River, an important tributary of the Kennebec. The dam's owner determined it was not economical to invest in adequate fish passage. Yet legal battles from a handful of residents living along the impoundment blocked removal for eight years. NRCM and our Kennebec Coalition partners persisted, and now the fish, other wildlife, and people will enjoy a healthier Kennebec watershed.

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AUGUST 09


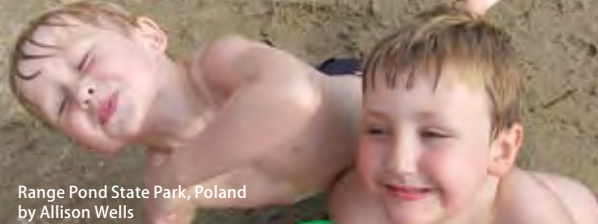
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AUGUST 2009

Sheepscot River, Wiscasset, by Allison Wells

Celebrating 50 years protecting the nature of Maine

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 Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org	 Range Pond State Park, Poland by Allison Wells					1		
2	3	4	5 Full Moon ☉ (Moon of the Green Corn or Sturgeon Moon)	6	7	8		
9	10	11 2000: Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Parks and Lands designates 13 tracts of land totaling 68,974 acres as the state's first ecological reserves	12	13 Last Quarter ☾	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20 New Moon ●	21 Ramadan begins	22		
23	24	25	26	27 First Quarter ☽	28	29		
30	31	Reducing Coal Pollution In 2008, the Maine Legislature enacted a three-year moratorium on construction of a coal gasification facility and is requiring development of emission standards for any future plant. NRCM helped push this legislation through. The bill follows a Connecticut-based developer's proposal in 2007 to build such a facility in Wiscasset. The project would have increased Maine's global warming pollution, and huge coal barges traveling the Sheepscot River would have threatened the safety of local fishermen. NRCM opposed this project and notified local members. NRCM congratulates the citizens of Wiscasset for rejecting that project.			JULY 09 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		SEPTEMBER 09 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



SEPTEMBER 2009

Barred Island, Penobscot Bay, by Judy Berk

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org	 Morning Glories, Gardiner, by Jewell Childs	1	2	3	4 Full Moon ☉ (Harvest Moon)	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Last Quarter ☾	12
13 Grandparents' Day	14	15	16	17	18 New Moon ●	19 1990: Maine Wilderness Act ensures highest level of federal protection for land surrounding Caribou and Speckled mountains Ramadan ends
20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25 First Quarter ☽ 2008: First U.S. auction of carbon credits to change the way the U.S. fights global warming. NRCM helped pass this measure.	26
27 Yom Kippur and Sea Otter Awareness Week	28	29	30	 Belgrade Highlands, by Tony Marple		

Getting the Lead (and Mercury) Out

In 2008, NRCM released a report detailing accomplishments of Maine's two-year-old, electronic waste recycling program that requires manufacturers to establish and pay for collection and recycling centers. In its first two years, the program, which NRCM helped become law in 2004, saved Maine people three million dollars, kept a million pounds of lead out of our environment, and ensured safe recycling of over eight million pounds of toxic electronic waste. Maine was the first state in the nation to establish this type of shared responsibility program. Now 11 states and New York City have e-waste laws in place, with more in the works.

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OCTOBER 2009

Bigelow Preserve, by NRCM/Missing Lynx

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 <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>	 <p>St. John River, by NRCM/Missing Lynx</p>			1	2	3 Full Moon ☉ (Hunter's Moon or Moon of the Falling Leaves)
4	5	6 2003: NRCM, Penobscot Nation, American Rivers, Trout Unlimited, Maine Audubon, and Atlantic Salmon Federation announce Penobscot River Restoration Project	7	8	9	10
11 Last Quarter ☾ Refuge Week and National Wolf Awareness Week	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17 New Moon ●
18 1972: Written by Maine Senator Ed Muskie, Congress approves Federal Water Pollution Control Act, known as Clean Water Act when amended in 1977	19	20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day
25 First Quarter ☽	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Energy-Efficient Buildings

NRCM helped lead a broad coalition that included the Homebuilders Association, Associated General Contractors, and others to pass legislation setting uniform building and energy codes in Maine. Only 15 percent of new homes built in Maine since 2005 meet basic efficiency standards. Starting in 2010, all new homes built will be required to meet uniform standards that will reduce energy use and protect the family budget. This important legislation is a good example of how NRCM works for energy solutions that also help Maine people save money.

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NOVEMBER 09



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November 2009

North Bubble, Acadia National Park, by Stacie Haines

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time ends	2 Full Moon ☉ (Beaver Moon) 1976: Maine voters approve "Bottle Bill" 1999: Land for Maine's Future program receives \$50 million bond	3 1987: Maine voters approve \$35 million Land for Maine's Future bond Election Day	4	5 1991: Maine voters support Sensible Transportation Policy Act, granting input from citizens on transportation decisions, an NRCM-led campaign.	6	7
8	9 Last Quarter ☾	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14
15 1990: The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 become law, sponsored by Maine's Senator George Mitchell	16 New Moon ●	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 First Quarter ☽	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	 <p>Stetson Wind Farm, Washington County, by Pete Didisheim/NRCM</p>				 <p>Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org</p>

Powering Up for Wind

NRCM played a lead role on the Governor's Task Force on Wind Power Development. The group produced a plan to make Maine a leader in wind power development, ensure Maine people receive tangible benefits, and protect Maine's quality of place. NRCM is proud to be a bold voice advocating for wind projects in Maine and to have contributed to Maine's leadership in the region in wind power production, with 42 MW now operating, 189 MW under construction, and over 500 MW in development. By reducing use of fossil fuel, we curb global warming pollution and help keep Maine, Maine.

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DECEMBER 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Natural Resources Council of Maine www.nrcm.org	 Popham Beach State Park, Phippsburg, by Jim McQuaide	1 Full Moon ☉ (Cold Moon)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Last Quarter ☾	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 New Moon ●	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 First Quarter ☽	25	26
	Winter Solstice		1981: Congress withdraws funding for Dickey-Lincoln dam. NRCM helped lead effort that protected Allagash Village and the St. John River		Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30	31 Full Moon ☉ (Blue Moon) New Year's Eve	 Allagash River, by Brownie Carson	

Daring to Make a Difference

NRCM continues to face down many challenges. These include deep-pocketed industries that would stop passage of new laws and undo past protections. It also means stepping beyond the traditional role of "environmental organization" and reaching out to businesses, municipal officials, and others with whom we can work together for a common goal. With the support of our members, NRCM will continue to lead the way in 2009, and for the next 50 years, daring to make a difference for Maine's environment.

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DARING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR MAINE'S ENVIRONMENT

Our Mission

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is Maine's leading organization protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine's environment, today and for future generations.

We work to improve the quality of Maine's rivers, reduce poisonous chemicals threatening human and wildlife health, decrease air and global warming pollution, and conserve Maine lands, including our treasured North Woods. NRCM harnesses the power of science, the law, and the voices of more than 12,000 supporters statewide and beyond. Together, we are making a difference. Special thanks to all of our members.



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