



For more than 50 years, people who love Maine have placed their trust in the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) to protect what makes our state special, including our lakes, rivers, and coastal areas. We are a nonprofit membership organization harnessing the power of science, the law, and supporters from across Maine and beyond. In addition to water resource protections, we work to reduce toxic chemicals that threaten the health of Maine families and wildlife, decrease air and global warming pollution, and conserve Maine lands. We have a long, strong history of success working with lawmakers, community and business leaders, and public health professionals. Most of all, we work with Maine citizens to ensure safeguards for our environment, now and for future generations. Among our many successes protecting Maine's waters:

- ★ As a founding member of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, we were instrumental in **removal of the Great Works Dam** this past June as an important step toward opening up more than 1,000 miles of river habitat for endangered Atlantic salmon and other native fish while increasing energy generation on the river.
- ★ We defeated efforts to roll back laws and regulations that **protect Maine's wetlands from inappropriate development**, including in habitats important for herons, ducks, and other wildlife.
- ★ We helped keep the **Penobscot River's** wild, spectacular West Branch free-flowing by defeating the Big A dam.
- ★ We helped pass—and many times have defended—**Maine's returnable bottle law and billboard ban**, keeping our roadways and water bodies clean and scenic.
- ★ We led efforts for **removal of the Edwards and Fort Halifax dams**, resulting in the largest alewife run on the eastern seaboard and the return of Bald Eagles, Osprey, and other wildlife to these magnificent waterways.
- ★ We **protected Maine's Downeast fishing industry** from oil spills in Passamaquoddy Bay by stopping the proposed Pittston oil refinery in Eastport.
- ★ We stood up to out-of-state lobbyists to convince lawmakers to pass a **first-in-the-nation electronics ("e-waste") recycling law** to protect Maine people, wildlife, and our environment from toxic chemicals that could leach into streams, lakes, and rivers by requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for the products they make.
- ★ We helped turn out **more than 1,400 people in Portland to rally against a toxic tar sands pipeline project** that would put Sebago and other lakes, rivers, and even Casco Bay at risk.
- ★ We are **leading efforts to protect Maine from open-pit metal mining** that could put Maine's water resources and wildlife habitat at risk from sulfuric acid, arsenic, and other pollutants.
- ★ As the 2013 legislative session continues, NRCM will be working tirelessly to keep strong safeguards in place for Maine's water, land, air, and wildlife.

Our success comes from a level of expertise unmatched by any other group. That includes making sure our members and the public are aware of the issues and know what that they can do to help. NRCM is honored to be the most respected organization working to protect Maine's environment. Donations to NRCM are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Visit us online at www.nrcm.org.