In July, I paddled the beautiful Allagash River for five days. My friends and I enjoyed the river’s whitewater stretches and meandering bends, the mountains on the horizon, and the beautiful wildflowers along the shore. I am deeply grateful that the Allagash will remain intact forever.

The year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the designation of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. This anniversary has special significance for the Natural Resources Council of Maine: a small group of Maine men and women founded NRCM in 1959, compelled in large part by a proposed dam that would have flooded the Allagash River. We helped build support for wilderness protection, and within a decade the Maine Legislature enacted the law that now protects the Waterway. There are not very many rivers in the U.S. that allow you to disappear for a week in the wild. The Allagash remains a natural treasure because Maine citizens stood together to protect it.

NRCM went on to tackle countless other environmental threats, becoming the leading voice for our water, air, forests, and wildlife at the State House. Behind every victory was a group of citizens, standing up and fighting for this special place we call home.

This past legislative session was the most difficult that we have faced. Many environmental values—from conserving land for future generations to recycling—were under attack. Governor LePage, industry lobbyists, corporate giants, and some elected officials pursued many types of legislation that threatened the nature of Maine. In particular, the governor’s hard-ball antics were often unbelievable. Yet, despite it all, we won our defensive battles time and time again.

One of our hardest-fought issues involved the fight to keep Maine free of mining pollution. This four-year saga began in 2011 when Canada’s J.D. Irving Ltd. sought legislation to weaken Maine’s mining regulations in order to allow mining at Bald Mountain in Aroostook County. Twice now the LePage Administration has submitted weak mining rules to the Legislature, and twice we have led the effort to defeat them. We helped marshal NRCM members and other concerned citizens, including many from Aroostook County. These people contacted their legislators and testified about how devastating an open-pit mine at the Bald Mountain site, near the important habitat of the Fish River and the Fish River Chain of Lakes, would be. NRCM helped enact our current strong mining laws in the early 1990s and, for now, they remain in place because of our success again this year. We will remain vigilant in case Irving and their supporters in the Legislature take another run at this issue next year.

Another major challenge arose when one small word—“and”—was mistakenly left out of the 2013 omnibus energy law. NRCM’s team of experts bolstered efforts to have the word restored and with it, the $1 billion in efficiency savings it would generate. The governor is not a fan of energy-efficiency investments and vetoed the attempt to restore the “and.” Working with our members and allies, the Legislature unanimously overrode the governor’s veto.

The governor continued his push to overharvest trees from Maine’s public reserved lands. These are iconic places treasured by Mainers and visitors alike, such as Bigelow Mountain, the Kennebec Highlands, and the Cutler Coast. As I write, Governor LePage still refuses to release Land for Maine’s Future bond money—funds overwhelmingly approved by Maine voters—unless and until he is allowed to cut our public reserved lands beyond the sustainable levels established by science. We will stand firm on both of these issues—releasing the Land for Maine’s Future bonds and stopping overharvesting—until they are appropriately resolved.

Despite little progress on enacting good solar energy policies, we will keep pushing. Solar energy makes so much sense for Maine people, reducing carbon pollution, increasing our energy independence, and providing good-paying jobs. We will be serving on a stakeholder group this fall to bring a strong solar law back to the Legislature in 2016.

As you read through this report, you will see many examples of how, standing together, we can block harmful proposals that threaten Maine’s environment. Some come back year after year, like Coca-Cola’s efforts to weaken the bottle bill this session. NRCM is always there, pushing back and pushing forward. Working as one, we can make good ideas a reality outside of the State Legislature, too, like creating a new National Park east of Baxter or improving the sustainability of our communities. This work spans generations, from the historic efforts of our forebears to the growing number of young professionals who are engaging with us through our new NRCM Rising program.

I want you to know how much we appreciate your support as a member. This work can be very tough, especially during times like these. But by standing together, we can continue to protect Maine and the beautiful environment we all cherish.

Lisa Pohlmann, Executive Director
IN THEIR OWN WORDS
NRCM MEMBERS SHARE WHY THEY SUPPORT OUR WORK

“NRCM does such a great job of protecting the environment! I’m a loyal member!”
—Susan Anghinetti, Bar Harbor

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—Derek Berg, Cape Elizabeth

“Although from Virginia, I support NRCM because of their work to protect a true national treasure, Maine’s pristine and diverse landscape.”
—Ernest Wright, Richmond, Virginia

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‡ Passed away 2015
The 2015 legislative session brought serious challenges to the quality of life we value so greatly. From efforts to weaken Maine’s mining protections to the disturbing case of the missing “and” that could have cost Mainers millions of dollars in higher energy bills, the Maine Legislature took up many complex and potentially destructive environmental issues this session.

Fortunately, we have NRCM in our corner. The staff has deep technical knowledge, a long history of working with legislators, and a nuanced understanding of the political landscape. The NRCM team reacted with tremendous agility as issues and political discourse changed by the hour. Throughout the session, NRCM was there, doing the necessary work of protecting Maine’s environment.

Throughout the session, they fought—continually, methodically, and successfully—to protect the nature of Maine.

NRCM’s 16,000+ members and supporters are paramount to the organization’s efforts to safeguard Maine’s waters, air, forests, and wildlife. In our small state, a handful of calls from constituents may be all it takes to affect a legislator’s vote. Your calls, emails, testimony, and face-to-face engagement with Maine’s policy makers has played an essential role in many of the successful outcomes this session. With the recent launch of NRCM Rising, we have added hundreds from the next generation of environmentally conscious caretakers of our state. Thank you for heeding the call when NRCM’s staff members have asked for your help.

And thank you, especially, for your membership in NRCM. You enable NRCM to be strong, diligent, and effective in protecting the nature of Maine. You are part of the NRCM team, and for that I am grateful.

Kate Rush, NRCM Board President
EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Bangor Greendrinks for the Park
Bangor Greendrinks featured NRCM and our work in support of the proposed new National Park. Good group of folks, good local brew, good cause!

Citizen Action Day at the State House
More than 70 NRCM supporters joined us this year, hearing updates on our priority issues then heading to the State House to speak with their legislators. (Pictured, left to right, Elissa and Allen Armstrong, Maryann and Larry Larson, and Sarah Lakeman meet with their legislator, Senate President Justin Alfond—third from left.)

Summit for the Climate and Economy
NRCM was proud to sponsor and help develop the Climate and Economy Summit at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. As NRCM Executive Director Lisa Pohlmann said to kick off the event, “Maine has abundant clean energy resources, has taken major steps to cut carbon pollution, and is well positioned as the country moves further in this direction.” Keynote speaker Dan Reicher, former U.S. Assistant Energy Secretary, recognized that Maine is ahead of pace to meet coming EPA Clean Power Plan standards.

Touring Mt Abram’s Solar Installation with Senator King
NRCM Clean Energy Director Dylan Voorhees joined Senator Angus King to tour Mt. Abram in Greenwood. This locally owned, family-friendly ski area now hosts the second-largest solar power array at a North American ski area. (Pictured, left to right: Mt. Abram co-owner Rob Lally, Senator Angus King, General Manager Dave Scanlan, co-owner Matt Hancock, and NRCM’s Dylan Voorhees.)

Dippin’ & Dashin’ for Climate Protection
This year’s annual NRCM Polar Bear Dip & Dash was our biggest yet! Hundreds dipped, dashed, and had a great time in support of our climate work. The event received wide media coverage, which helped us raise awareness about the threat climate change poses to Maine’s environment. Together, all participants raised nearly $20,000 in support of our energy work. Shout out to our business sponsors for helping us make a big splash!
Skiing the Park
NRCM members enjoyed a beautiful ski on the lands proposed for a new National Park.

Back Cove Cleanup
More than 20 volunteers joined NRCM for a cleanup of Back Bay along Baxter Boulevard, in support of Portland’s bag and polystyrene foam container ordinances. In two hours, we collected 44 pounds of trash, most of which was single-use plastics and polystyrene.

EPA Citizens Hearing
Maine citizens turned out in droves to express their support for President Barack Obama’s plan to cut carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by 30 percent by 2030. (Pictured: former Director of the Maine Bureau of Health and NRCM board member Dr. Lani Graham speaks in support of the plan.)

Member Paddle On Megunticook Lake
Almost two dozen members joined us for a relaxing paddle on Megunticook Lake in Camden, followed by a picnic lunch.

Perfect Puffin Cruise
Calm seas, the stunning Maine coast, and lots of puffins up close—a perfect evening for the 80 NRCM members, staff, and board who cruised out of New Harbor on the Hardy Boat to Eastern Egg Rock to enjoy some of Maine’s favorite summer residents.

NRCM Rising at Baxter Brewing
NRCM launched NRCM Rising to engage the next generation of environmental leaders. Thanks to Baxter Brewing Company in Lewiston for hosting one of our kickoff events!

No Ordinary Day in Augusta
NRCM’s second annual Not Your Ordinary 5K was great fun for a great cause: raising awareness and funds for our work protecting Maine’s extraordinary environment. The run went along the Kennebec River Rail Trail to Hallowell and back, with nature-themed challenges taking place in Augusta’s Capitol Park. Thanks to all participants and our wonderful sponsors!
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Left to right, by line: Lisa, Todd, Leslie, Dylan, Nick, and Sarah Cathy, Belinda, Eliza, Beth, Joyce, and Toby Matthew M., Allison, Emmie, Ryan, Judy, Kathy, and Leisa Gretta, Stacie, Pete, Gabby, and Mathew S.
# Natural Resources Council of Maine

## Statement of Activities
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