

## 2013 Legislative Bill Tracking

NRCM reviews every bill under consideration at the State House to determine which ones deserve support and which ones should be opposed based on their potential impact on Maine’s environment. This page provides information on the priority bills that NRCM followed during the 2013 legislative session.

**Note:** Bills are listed in order by bill LD number (found in the left column).

<b>Bill Information</b>	<b>NRCM Position</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
Click below for State House Bill Info page. Select “Bill Text and Other Docs” for bill language.	Click link to read NRCM Position Memo on the bill.	Upcoming public hearings, work sessions, media links, action alerts, and more.
<a href="#"><u>Open up St. Croix River to alewives</u></a> (LD 72)	<a href="#"><u>NRCM Supports NRCM testimony</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>NRCM press release Bill became law. Read April 23rd press release.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>An Act to Ban Agenda 21</u></a> (LD 220)	<a href="#"><u>NRCM Opposes NRCM testimony</u></a>	Judiciary Committee voted against the bill by a vote of 11-2.
<a href="#"><u>Allowing larger-sized groups on Allagash Wilderness Waterway</u></a> (LD 269)	<a href="#"><u>NRCM Opposes NRCM testimony</u></a>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> the ACF Committee voted against the Allagash bill by a vote of 9-4.
<a href="#"><u>Move oversight of Maine’s bottle bill from Dept. of Agriculture to DEP</u></a> (LD 291)	<a href="#"><u>NRCM Supports NRCM testimony</u></a>	Public hearing was held March 5th.
<a href="#"><u>Loophole in Kid-safe Products Act</u></a> (LD 365)	<a href="#"><u>NRCM Opposes</u></a>	Public hearing was held on Thursday, April 11th.

<p><a href="#">Changes to wind permitting process</a> (LD 385)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Supports</a></p>	<p>Public hearing was held on Thursday, March 28th</p>
<p><a href="#">Weaken Maine laws governing road signs</a> (LD 483) Other bills related to road signs are LDs <a href="#">332</a>, <a href="#">404</a>, and <a href="#">407</a></p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Opposes LD 483 testimony</a> Read NRCM testimony against <a href="#">LD 332</a>, <a href="#">LD 404</a>, and <a href="#">LD 407</a></p>	<p>Referred to <a href="#">Committee on Transportation</a>. Public hearing was Friday, March 8th. <a href="#">The sign bills have been mostly defeated.</a></p>
<p>Bills that would weaken protections for vernal pools and wetland and wading bird habitats. (LDs <a href="#">674</a>, <a href="#">793</a>, <a href="#">794</a>, and <a href="#">824</a>)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Opposes</a></p>	<p>LDs 624, 793, 824 were defeated in Committee. LD 794 to be carried over to next year.</p>
<p><a href="#">Merger of the Departments of Agriculture and Conservation</a>(LD 837)</p>	<p>NRCM Opposes</p>	<p>The bill passed the House, 93-49, and it is now before the Senate. The bill as passed includes a directive to fill the Land for Maine’s Future staff director position.</p>
<p><a href="#">Final adoption of a rule to prohibit the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in infant formula and baby food packaging</a> (LD 902)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Supports Facts about LD 902</a></p>	<p>Public hearing was held on Wednesday, April 10. LD 902 was enacted in the House and Senate and went to governor’s desk for signature.</p>
<p><a href="#">Restore Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code</a> (LD 977)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Supports</a></p>	<p>Public hearing was held on Monday, April 1st. <a href="#">Learn more about MUBEC.</a></p>

<p><a href="#">Protect children and pregnant women from toxic chemicals</a>(LD 1181)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Supports</a></p>	<p>Public hearing was held on Thursday, April 11. <a href="#">Read LD 1181 fact sheet.</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Protect water quality from open-pit mining</a> (LD 1302)</p>	<p><a href="#">NRCM Supports the Majority Report.</a> <a href="#">NRCM Testimony</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Passed in the House on June 5th.</a> Senate voted against Majority Report by a vote of 18-17. Bill did not pass.</p>
<p><a href="#">Create a product stewardship program for paint</a> (LD 1308)</p>	<p>NRCM Supports <a href="#">NRCM Testimony</a></p>	<p>Passed in the Senate by a vote of 28-7 and in the House by a vote of 92-44 on June 17th. <a href="#">Read NRCM fact sheet on the bill.</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Omnibus Energy bill</a> (LD 1559)</p>	<p>NRCM Supports</p>	<p>June 7 update: Bill passed Senate by a vote of 29-6. Was vetoed by the governor, but the <a href="#">House and Senate overrode the veto.</a></p>
<p>Six bills have been introduced by lawmakers who are concerned about a possible <b>East-West highway and energy corridor</b>. <a href="#">See details about these bills here.</a></p>		