



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. NRCM is a nonprofit membership organization harnessing the power of science, the law, and supporters from across Maine and beyond. NRCM works to protect Maine waters, reduce toxic chemicals that threaten the health of Maine people and wildlife, decrease air and global warming pollution, and conserve Maine lands. NRCM has a long history of success working with Maine citizens, lawmakers, community and business leaders, and health professionals to protect our environment for future generations.

NRCM is proud to be working with the Passamaquoddy People, federal officials, legislators, scientists, lobstermen and fishermen, conservationists, and others, to open the St. Croix watershed to alewives for the benefit of the people, fish and wildlife throughout the Gulf of Maine. NRCM's other successful efforts to protect Maine's waters include:

- As a founding member of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, NRCM was 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. NRCM serves on the steering committee of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust and plans are in the works to build on this success, as the Veazie Dam is removed in the summer of 2013.
- NRCM helped lead successful efforts to restore the Kennebec River watershed, through the **removal of the Edwards and Fort Halifax dams. This work has resulted** in the largest alewife run on the eastern seaboard and the return of Bald Eagles, Osprey, and other wildlife to these magnificent waterways.
- In the 1970s and 80s, NRCM **protected Maine's Downeast coast and fishing industry** from oil spills in Passamaquoddy Bay by working to stop the proposed Pittston oil refinery in Eastport and other proposed oil refineries.
- In the late 1980's NRCM helped keep the **Penobscot River's** wild, spectacular West Branch free-flowing by defeating the proposed "Big A" dam.
- NRCM 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. NRCM was also instrumental in passing a series of laws that ban the use of toxic chemicals in a variety of consumer products sold in Maine.
- NRCM successfully worked in coalition with others to defeat 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.
- NRCM is helping to lead opposition to a **proposal to send toxic tar sands through a 60-year-old pipeline** that crosses many rivers in Maine and runs past Sebago Lake on its way to Casco Bay putting people, waters, wildlife and jobs at risk.
- NRCM is **leading efforts to protect Maine from open-pit metal mining** that could put Maine's lakes, streams, groundwater and coastal waters and wildlife habitat at risk from sulfuric acid, arsenic, and other pollutants.