

**PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION TRUST**

**PRESS RELEASE QUOTE SHEET**

*Private Donors Invest \$10 Million in Penobscot River Restoration Project*

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The Penobscot Indian Nation is heartened by the generosity and involvement of so many supporters sharing in the vision for a restored Penobscot River and a renewed future for us all.

**Kirk Francis, Chief**  
Penobscot Indian Nation  
207-817-7350

The individuals and organizations who contribute both their support and their money to the Penobscot River restoration are investing in the conservation future of the river and our fish and wildlife resources. The Service stands proudly in this important partnership, along with a nod to the Fish and Wildlife Foundation's valuable leveraging of donations. We look forward to the day when Atlantic salmon and other fish swim freely upstream. Their return to the Penobscot Indian Reservation helps us honor our trust responsibilities to these First Americans.

**Marvin E. Moriarty, Regional Director**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast  
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I congratulate the Penobscot River Restoration Trust for reaching this important fundraising milestone. NOAA is proud to be a partner in this important project, one that will open access to nearly 1,000 miles of aquatic habitat and help restore migratory fish species, including Atlantic salmon, sturgeon and American shad.

**Dr. Bill Hogarth, Fisheries Service Director**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
978-281-9136 (Regional Office – Jack Terrill)

As water quality in Maine's rivers improves, people are recognizing that restored rivers can provide new and improved opportunities for Maine's communities and economy. Maine voters recently passed a bond initiative that included \$5 million for sustainable riverfront development. Combined with efforts like the Penobscot River Restoration Project, the future of Maine's watersheds is looking bright.

**Patrick Keliher, Director**  
Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat,  
Maine Department of Marine Resources  
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This is the best news for Atlantic salmon in the United States in the past 100 years. The Penobscot project truly represents the last, best chance to save Atlantic salmon from extinction in the U.S. and will certainly benefit other beleaguered salmon rivers along the Maine coast.

**Bill Taylor, President**  
Atlantic Salmon Federation  
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Today, communities all across Maine are one step closer to making the dream of a healthy, thriving Penobscot River a reality. With the holidays season before us we look forward to the Congress and the President matching this gift from the community.

**Rebecca Wodder, President**  
American Rivers  
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This extraordinary generosity demonstrates a broad commitment to reconnecting Maine's largest watershed to the sea, now and for future generations.

**Brownie Carson, Executive Director**  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
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The Conservancy believes this project has tremendous value as a model of how many different kinds of interests can find common cause in restoring an ecosystem on which we all depend. This is a model of collaboration that can be held up throughout the world as nations try to balance the need for energy with the need to keep our rivers sustainable for the people and fish and mammals. The work this community is doing to restore the Penobscot River will be a guide.

**Michael Tetreault, Executive Director**  
The Nature Conservancy in Maine  
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Private investment has helped inspire the commitment of the President, the Senate and the House of Representatives to invest in the future of the Penobscot River for Maine and the nation. All of the project's partners extend their appreciation to Maine's Congressional delegation for supporting this collaborative approach to improving our treasured natural resources while enhancing the economic and social benefits we can derive from them.

**Elizabeth Maclin, Vice President for Eastern Conservation**  
Trout Unlimited  
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I grew up on the Kenduskeag Stream and my grandparents lived on the Penobscot River – I swam there quite often as a child. With my love of birds, which will benefit from newly reopened stretches of river, I am thrilled at the idea of the river getting restored to its original state, especially given that we are not going to lose hydropower.

**Judy Markowsky, Director**  
Maine Audubon's Fields Pond Nature Center in Holden  
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