

PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION TRUST

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Penobscot River Restoration Project Makes Significant Breakthrough – Congress and NOAA Commit \$10 million

As part of this important partnership, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been proud to contribute both financially and technically toward this momentous project that will restore free access for important migratory fish in the Penobscot River. This honors our trust responsibilities to the Penobscot Indian Nation and all American people.

Marvin E. Moriarty, Regional Director

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Given the difficult fiscal climate in Washington, the leadership of Maine's Congressional Delegation is inspiring. Their work only strengthens the commitment of my board to ensure the success of this project which holds so much hope for rebuilding the last significant run of Atlantic salmon in the U.S.

Bill Taylor, President

Atlantic Salmon Federation
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We are very excited about this extraordinary federal investment in restoration of the Penobscot, a river of international importance because it holds highly significant habitat for wild Atlantic salmon. It is a wise and timely investment that will help reconnect Maine's largest watershed to the sea, and enable salmon and 10 other species of sea-run fish to begin to use historic spawning areas.

Brownie Carson, Executive Director

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A river full of herring, salmon, otter, osprey and bald eagles is closer to becoming a reality for the people of Maine. Anglers, canoers and kayakers, river guides and birdwatchers will enjoy the benefits of restored fisheries and re-opened sections of the river and contribute to a diversified economy throughout the region. Maine's most popular outdoor recreational pursuit - wildlife watching - pumps 1.5 billion dollars into Maine's economy each year. A revitalized Penobscot River will serve to boost the assets our riverfront communities offer to residents and visitors alike.

Kevin Carley, Executive Director

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PPL commends the Penobscot Trust and its partners for securing this important investment in the Penobscot River Restoration Project. We look forward to working with all of the project partners to fully implement this innovative approach to balancing hydropower, fisheries and wildlife on the Penobscot.

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