# **2002 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### Education

- Bay Day (275 students)
- Hall-Dale on the Bay (100 students)
- Curriculum Binder (10 lesson plans about the Bay for 4th grade)
- Web site updates
- Initiate and facilitate oral history projects on which Heather Perry and Bowdoin College are now working
- Exhibit at Pejepscot Historical Society
- Presentations at Communities of Merrymeeting Bay Business Association annual meeting and League of Women Voters meeting

# Membership

- Paddle Series (25 attendees)
- Speaker Series (400 attendees)
- Source to the Sea Trek (30 attendees)
- Newsletters

# Conservation and Stewardship

Acquisitions and Donations

- Bishop 125 acres, 4,000' shoreline in Bowdoinham
- Palmer Pond 80 acres, one mile of wetland shoreline in Dresden/Pittston/Alna

#### Easements

- Two easements, 35 acres, 3000' of shoreline
- Six easements in progress, 150 acres

## Stewardship

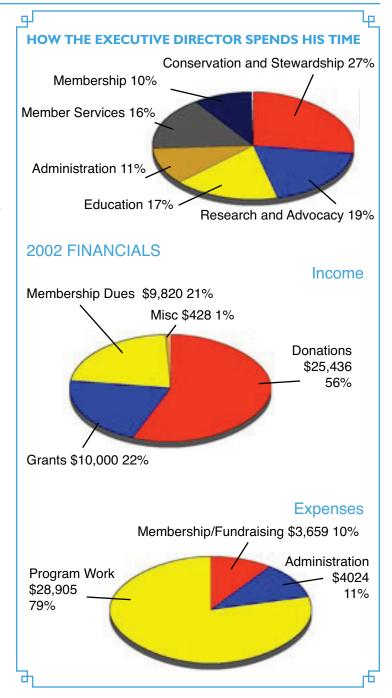
• Working to resolve first easement violation (ATV Trail)

## Research

- Mussel project final report and follow up
- Coordinated on Plant Transect project with Bowdoin College/John Lichter
- Final Sediment data
- Coordinated on Invasive Plant project with The Nature Conservancy
- Boat Count
- Water Quality Monitoring 13 sites
- Water Quality Monitoring applying for EPA Certification

### Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)

- Speed limit signs
- Merrymeeting Bay sanctuary signs
- SAPPI relicensing
- Kennebec River reclassification
- Distribute "In Harm's Way"
- Bowdoinham marina
- Richmond marina
- · Pesticides in and around schools
- Dioxin monitoring program
- Mercury amalgam
- Fort Halifax dam removal
- Kennebec wild salmon genetics
- Baldacci commissioners letter
- Fish consumption advisories



- Sprawl workshops (Topsham, Dresden, Richmond)
- Identify two Kennebec PCB hotspots, initiate DEP corrective measures at one.

#### **Primary Partners**

- The Nature Conservancy
- Bowdoin College Environmental Studies Department
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Maine Natural Areas Program
- Friends of Casco Bay
- Maine Toxics Action Coalition
- Applied Biomonitoring
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust