

## Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2010 Accomplishments

### Media

Print: Outings, Speaker Series, Androscoggin River Reclassification,  
Atlantic salmon ESA & CWA lawsuits, Phragmites Eradication,  
Television: Invasive Plant removal

### Volunteers

Approximately 3500 volunteer hours (438 days)  
120 volunteers

### Membership

370 members (13 new members)  
Speaker Series-320 people  
Outside 2010 (Paddle Series and Walks-115people)  
Newsletters – 3

### Grants

\$22,500: Healthy Rivers Healthy Gulf Initiative & Houdlette Conservation Project

### Funds Leveraged

\$708,000

### Outreach Presentations

DMR Spring Running, Augusta  
Celebrate Bowdoinham  
Wildlife Appreciation Day at the State House  
Merrymeeting Arts Center  
Ducks Unlimited  
Wind Power Forum (co-sponsor with PeaceWorks Brunswick)  
Sweetser Healthy Family Fun Day  
Visits to Thornton Oaks Retirement Center  
Bath Chamber of Commerce

### Education

Two Bay Days (260 students)  
Hall-Dale on the Bay (80 students)  
School Visits (25 visits, 840 students, 37 teachers, 13 schools)  
Non-School Outreach programs (10 programs, 326 participants, including the DaVinci Experience- Summer Camp (50 students), Wildlife Appreciation Day (100 legislators & visitors) and library, YMCA and scout visits  
Celebrate Bowdoinham- educational activities

### Conservation and Stewardship

Houdlette Conservation Project  
Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition  
Continuous Landowner Outreach  
Outreach Mailings: Richmond, Dresden, Woolwich  
Ongoing Stewardship Activities

### Research

Phragmites removal project on the Abbagadasset River  
Phase 1 Archaeology Survey-Houdlette  
Assisted MDIF&W with bald eagle breeding surveys  
Water Quality Monitoring – 26 sites  
Distribute and post Androscoggin Upgrade Report  
Assist DEP on Androscoggin water monitoring  
Complete and post Land Use and Vegetation Change Report

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

Filed Notices of Intent to Sue-Atlantic salmon ESA & CWA violations  
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage  
Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs  
Land for Maine's Future  
Sears Island  
Maine Power Reliability Project  
St. Croix Alewives Access: International Joint Commission  
Testimony and comments on the Androscoggin River upgrade  
Fish Consumption Advisories posted

### Primary Partners

Friends of Casco Bay  
Friends of Sebago Lake  
Penobscot Bay Watch  
Forest Ecology Network  
National Environmental Law Center  
Friends of Kennebec Salmon  
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies  
Bowdoin College Arctic Studies  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of Marine Resources  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Androscoggin River Alliance  
Bowdoinham Public Library  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
Maine Coast Heritage Trust  
Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition  
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport  
Chop Point School  
Environment Maine  
The Archaeological Conservancy  
Bowdoinham Public Library