

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2016 Accomplishments

Media

Print & TV: (Over 20-US & Canada) GMO Atlantic salmon, Outings, Brunswick Fish Kill, Presumpscot River CWA, Education, Speaker Series

Volunteers

Approximately 3802 volunteer hours (475.25 days)
120 volunteers

Membership

425 households
Speaker Series – (290 people)
Outside 2016 (Paddle Series & Walks – 111 people.
Newsletters – 4

Grants

\$10,000- Staffing

Outreach Presentations

Maine Maritime Museum Cruises & Paddles (80 participants)

Education

Two Bay Days (325) students) 7 schools
School Visits (76 visits, 1976 students, 46 teachers, 16 schools)
Non-School Visits (300 people)
Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship

Additional easements in progress
Continuous landowner outreach
Ongoing stewardship activities
Monitor all easement & fee properties

Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 21 sites
Carp Tagging Study

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

Lawsuit-GMO Atlantic salmon
FERC fish kill reporting
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage
Smart Meters
Topsham plastic bag referendum
Posting Fish Consumption Advisories
Presumpscot R. CWA-FERC & agency comments

Primary Partners

Friends of Casco Bay
The Archaeological Conservancy
Kennebec Reborn
Avian Haven
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Maine Maritime Museum
Department of Marine Resources
Bowdoinham Public Library
Maine Land Trust Network
Friends of Sebago Lake
Department of Environmental Protection
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport
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