

FRIENDS OF MERRYMEETING BAY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Media

Print: Approximately 17 articles:
Archaeology, Education, DEP/Mussels, Land Conservation,
Environmental Bond Issue

TV: 2 Networks:

Archaeology

Radio: Maine Public Radio:

Dam Removal/Fish Restoration

Membership

355 members [41 new members this year]

Volunteer days - over 300

Speaker Series - 500 people

Paddle Series -16 people

Newsletters - 4

Funds Leveraged

\$190,000

Outreach Presentations

UMO MidCoast Senior College Kennebec Trip: 40 people

Androscoggin Source to the Sea Trek-12 people

Education

Bay Day (600 students - up from 275 in 2002)

Hall-Dale on the Bay (100 students)

Curriculum Binder, increased distribution

Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship

Total Protected – 112 acres, 6,350' of shoreline

Acquisitions [with The Nature Conservancy]

Gallant - 25 acres, 3500' shoreline, 12 acres wetland, in
Bowdoinham

Peddicord - 33 acres, 1600' shoreline, 10 acres wetland in
Bowdoinham

Frye - 17 acres, Bowdoinham

Easements

One easement, 35 acres, 1250' of shoreline, Dresden

Two easements in progress, 100 acres, 3600' shoreline in
Richmond & Woolwich

Stewardship

First easement violation (ATV Trail) resolved

Research

Caged Mussel projects on Kennebec & Androscoggin

Choice View Farm Archaeological Dig with Maine Historic
Preservation Comm.

Coordinated on Invasive Plant project with The Nature
Conservancy

Water Quality Monitoring – 16 sites [up from 13]

Water Quality Monitoring – applying for EPA Certification

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)

Speed Limit Signs

Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs

SAPPI Relicensing Permit

Kennebec River Reclassification Upgrade [SUCCEEDED]

Sunday Hunting [LD 679 & 755]

Water Reclassification [LD 1529]

Organic Farming Incentives on Leased State Lands [LD 315]

Limit State Land Ownership [LD 348]

Atlantic Salmon Commission [Budget]

Swan Island [Budget]

Cumulative Effects on Protected Natural Resources [LD 242]

Land for Maine's Future [LD 92 & 176]

Limitation of State Funds for Land Conservation [LD 94]

Dioxin Monitoring Program/Surface Water Ambient Toxics
Program

Fort Halifax Dam Removal [Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission]

Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Fish Consumption Advisories

EPA-Right-To-Know Web Access, Toxic Use Reduction

Gulf Island Pond

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

Department of Marine Resources

Friends of Casco Bay

Maine Toxics Action Coalition

Applied Biomonitoring

International Paper

SAPPI

Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant

Maine Rivers

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

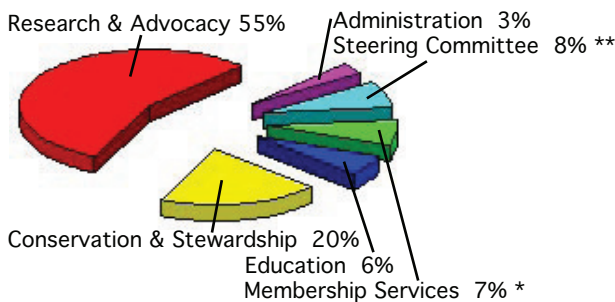
Environment Canada

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition

Patagonia Outlet, Freeport

HOW THE CHAIR SPENT HIS TIME

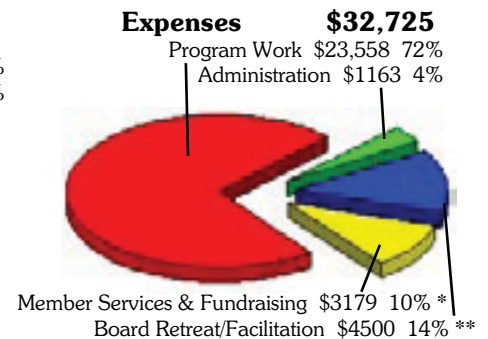
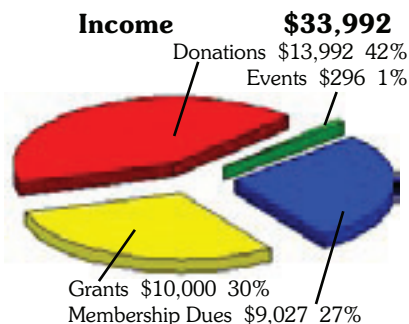


* Includes quarterly newsletter production and mailing

** One Time [hopefully] Event. Largely reflects major effort and expense of multiple Steering Committee meetings, facilitation and retreat.

Important to remember is that while our budget is relatively small, FOMB is exceptionally good at utilizing in-kind & small cash contributions to leverage funds from other organizations, companies, & state & federal agencies. In 2003 we leveraged approximately \$190,000 towards research & land conservation efforts. Your donations to FOMB go a very long way!

2003 FINANCIALS



Steve Taylor, [former] Treasurer