

# 2009 Accomplishments: How We Protected Merrymeeting Bay

## Media

- Print: Outings, Speaker Series, Androscoggin River Reclass, Thwing's Point Dig, Patagonia Voice Your Choice, Salmon ESA listing, Chops Hydro Project, Coyotes
- Television: Speaker Series on Local Cable (Brunswick)
- Video: MSN/Kashi Documentary on FOMB (about 2,500 views by 12/4)



Fourth graders and FOMB volunteer Nate Gray investigate a beach seine catch at Bay Day

## Volunteers

- Approximately 4036 volunteer hours (505 days)
- 120 volunteers

## Membership

- 434 members (13 new members)
- Speaker Series - 193 people
- Outside 2009 (Paddle Series & Walks -68 people)
- Newsletters - 3

## Grants

- \$22,500: staffing & Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf initiative (HRHG)

## Outreach Presentations

- DMR Spring Running, Augusta
- Richmond Days
- Celebrate Bowdoinham
- Wildlife Appreciation Day at the State House
- Patagonia Voice Your Choice
- Merrymeeting Arts Center
- Ducks Unlimited

## Conservation and Stewardship

- Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition
- Continuous Landowner Outreach
- Ongoing Stewardship Activities

## Education

- Two Bay Days (280 students)
- Hall-Dale on the Bay (80 students)
- School Visits (20 visits, 840 students, 37 teachers, 13 schools)
- Brunswick Naval Air Station Kid Fest (150 students)
- The DaVinci Experience- Summer Camp (45 students)
- Bowdoinham Library (20 participants)
- Celebrate Bowdoinham- educational activities
- Web site updates-extensive additions to Cybrary & Friends of Merrymeeting Bay links

## Research

- Final Report- Circulation Study
- Web Posting- Circulation Study
- Thwing's Point archaeology dig
- Phragmites removal project on the Abbagadasset River
- Assisted MDIF&W with bald eagle breeding surveys
- Completed field portion 10 year update of aerial vegetation and land use study

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

- Chops Hydro Project defeated
- Successfully expanded Atlantic salmon ESA listing
- Expanded salmon critical habitat designation
- Two Fish Passage bills submitted (hydro & non hydro dams)
- Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage
- Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs
- Land for Maine's Future
- American Eel Protection
- Sears Island
- Testimony and comments on the Androscoggin River upgrade
- Resolve enacted on Androscoggin reclass
- Fish Consumption Advisories posted
- Co-sponsor Pharmaceutical Disposal legislation- LD 821
- Coyotes

