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Environmentalists and Fishermen Bring Earth Day Challenge of A Maine Law That Blocks River Herring from Native Habitat St. Croix River Alewife population has plummeted by over 90 percent

PORTLAND, ME – Fishermen and river herring advocates are challenging a 2008 Maine Law that unconstitutionally blocks alewives and river herring from 98 percent of their native habitat in the St. Croix River Basin. Two Maine fisheries officials responsible for placing physical barriers called “stop logs” that prevent fish from migrating past the Grand Falls Dam on the St. Croix River are named in the suit filed today in U.S. District Court.

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**GROUPS SUE MAINE HYDRO DAM OWNERS, SEEKING PROTECTIONS FOR ENDANGERED ATLANTIC SALMON**

Lawsuits Under Endangered Species Act And Clean Water Act Claim Turbines Kill Salmon, Dams Block Migration Kennebec and Androscoggin River Dams at Issue

PORTLAND AND BANGOR, MAINE: Two conservation groups, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay and Environment Maine, in an effort to protect the nearly-extinct Atlantic salmon populations of the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers in Maine, filed lawsuits on January 31, 2011 against multiple dam owners and operators on the rivers, claiming they are violating the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Clean Water Act (CWA).

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Grant to protect Pleasant River land  
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ADDISON, Maine — For 30 years, conservationists and land trusts have worked to protect the Pleasant Bay area — named by the state of Maine as one of the top shorebird habitats and migration areas on the