Salmon Protection Groups Target Dam Owners

PORTLAND, Maine - Two environmental groups in Maine are suing multiple dam owners and operators, accusing them of stalling in their efforts to protect endangered wild Atlantic salmon.

The lawsuits by Friends of Merrymeeting Bay and Environment Maine target dams on the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers, where salmon were declared endangered in 2009.

Ed Friedman from the Merrymeeting Bay group says "the clock will strike midnight" for remaining salmon if something isn't done by dam owners. The federal government says only five adult salmon returned to the Kennebec and 10 returned to the Androscoggin last year.

The Endangered Species Act authorizes citizens to sue those who're harming an endangered species. The lawsuit says salmon are being killed by spinning turbines.

Maine Deals With Latest Storm

PORTLAND, Maine — Most employees of the state of Maine got some extra time off thanks to the latest snowstorm to sweep the state.

Fight Club Broken Up

TURNER, Maine — Maine State Police say they have broken up a "fight club" at Leavitt Area High School in Turner.

Fire Destroys Antique Cars In Falmouth

FALMOUTH, Maine - A Maine fire chief says an early morning fire in Falmouth destroyed a garage and the eight vehicles inside.

Jury Rules Man Who Held Students Hostage Not Insane

BELFAST, Maine - A Maine jury says a 57-year-old man it had found guilty of taking a Stockton Springs fifth grade class hostage at gunpoint in 2008 was sane when he did it.

Time Warner Cable, WGME Parent Company Reach Agreement

NEW YORK - Time Warner Cable says it's reached an agreement with Sinclair Broadcasting to carry its local stations on Time Warner's cable systems.

Post Office Studying Distribution Centers

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - The U.S. Postal Service plans to study whether some operations at its processing and distribution center in Portsmouth should be consolidated.
Three Counties Declared Disaster Areas
AUGUSTA, Maine - Governor Paul LePage says three Maine counties have been declared disaster areas by President Obama for damages suffered from heavy rains and flooding from December 12 to 19.

Husson To Build New Building
BANGOR, Maine - Husson University trustees have given their approval for a new five-story building on campus.

Mink Hits The Jackpot
BROWNVILLE, Maine - The owner of a Maine store that sells live bait for ice fishing says his tank became "fish heaven" for a mink.