

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 38: WATERS AND NAVIGATION
Chapter 3: PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATERS
Subchapter 1: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Article 2: POLLUTION CONTROL

§418-A. Protection of the lower Penobscot River

1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the lower Penobscot River is a unique and valuable natural resource. The lower Penobscot River serves as an example to the Nation that good public policy carefully implemented can restore and preserve our natural resources. The river has supported, and is again beginning to support, the greatest run of Atlantic salmon in North America, providing a unique fishing opportunity for Maine residents. The Legislature declares that the preservation and restoration of the lower Penobscot River is of the highest priority.

[1981, c. 674, (NEW) .]

2. Prohibition. To protect water quality and aquatic resources, fisheries and fishing opportunities, and as an exercise of the public trust of the State, no person, firm, corporation, municipality or other legal entity may erect, operate, maintain or use any dam on that portion of the Penobscot River downstream from the Bangor Hydroelectric Company Dam located at Veazie to the southernmost point of Verona Island for any purpose not previously authorized by act, resolve or operation of law, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

[1981, c. 674, (NEW) .]

3. Study authorized. Any person, firm, corporation, municipality or other legal entity may study the feasibility of erecting, operating, maintaining or using a dam for hydroelectric generation on the portion of the Penobscot River described in subsection 2.

[1981, c. 674, (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY
1981, c. 674, (NEW).