

Penobscot River Science Steering Committee
CHARTER

Mission: To guide and facilitate ecosystem monitoring and research opportunities related to barrier removal in the Penobscot River watershed, estuary, and bay.

Goals:

- + Provide guidance on priority scientific issues for the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, state and federal agencies, and other organizations.
- + Exchange information and share data from Penobscot River research and monitoring.
- + Identify opportunities for collaborative research and education related to ecological restoration.

Background

The Penobscot River Restoration Project proposes to remove the two lowermost dams on the mainstem Penobscot River and construct a natural bypass channel at a third dam. The Penobscot River Science Steering Committee was formed in 2005 to help organize and coordinate scientific research and monitoring related to the project (as recommended by the 2004 Penobscot River Science Forum). The committee is coordinated by the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at the University of Maine.

Members of this ad hoc advisory committee, who volunteer their expertise, represent the following organizations and interests:

American Rivers
Bates College
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences
Boston College
Boreal Songbird Initiative
BSA Environmental Consulting
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture
Lower Penobscot Watershed Coalition
Maine Audubon
ME Coop. Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
ME Dept. of Environmental Protection
ME Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ME Dept. of Marine Resources
Maine Sea Grant
Penobscot Nation
Penobscot River Restoration Trust
Senator George J. Mitchell Center
The Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter
The Nature Conservancy, Eastern Region
Freshwater Program
Trout Unlimited
University of Maine
University of Southern Maine