

Gorham Groups Invited to Take Part in Memorial Day Parade

**GORHAM, ME (May 10, 2023)**

– Gorham Recreation Department is calling all Gorham churches, community organizations, clubs, neighborhood groups, businesses, school groups, sports clubs and anyone else wishing to be part of the Memorial Day Parade!

Parade steps off at 11am and ends at Eastern Cemetery on Johnson Rd.

There is no charge to be in the parade. All we ask is that you register your float or unit so we can plan accordingly for the "line up" on the morning of the parade.

Register online: <https://gorhamme.myrec.com>

Line up begins at 10am - parade leaves Village School at 11am. For those who would like to view the parade, it starts at 11 am from Village! We hope to see you out there!

Camp for Kids, Adults with Disabilities to Hold Open House

ROME, ME (May 9, 2023) – Pine Tree Camp's traditional summer overnight week-long camp sessions and summer day programming return to full capacity this June, bringing Maine kids and adults with disabilities back to camp for a much-needed time of friendship, fun and freedom to explore.

Parents, caregivers and families are invited to an open house on Saturday, May 20 to meet the team and experience Pine Tree Camp first hand. Tours will be offered throughout the day and families will have the chance to check out cabins, see the dining hall, explore campus and experience fully accessible activities, including: biking, archery, hiking and a special scavenger hunt.

Tucked along the shore of picturesque North Pond in Rome, Pine Tree Camp's barrier-free setting and professional staff ensure that outdoor activities like swimming, fishing, kayaking, boating, hiking, biking, archery, and even camping in a tent under the stars are completely accessible to all. Full tuition assistance is available.

Register at this link: <https://pinetreesociety.wufoo.com/forms/z6vtrgr4135fymi/>

Open House is Saturday, May 20 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Pine Tree Camp, 114 Pine Tree Camp Road in Rome, Maine 04963

More About Pine Tree Camp: Established in 1945, Pine Tree Camp is Maine's only American Camp Association-accredited camp for people with disabilities. Every year, hundreds of Maine children and adults with disabilities arrive at Pine Tree Camp in Rome and their lives are transformed. Year-round, campers experience freedom and independence by actively participating in outdoor activities like kayaking, boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, biking, archery, snowshoeing and even ice-fishing thanks to Pine Tree Camp's 285-acre, fully-accessible campus on North Pond. Full tuition assistance is available. No camper has ever been turned away due to their ability to pay. <https://pinetreesociety.org/camp-home/>

Help Gorham HS Ice Hockey, Golf Teams at Scramble

**GORHAM, ME (May 10, 2023)**

– Please join Gorham High School Ice Hockey and Golf teams to help both these programs with their fundraising needs. Our teams rely on your help and kindness to make our seasons possible!

The GHS Ice Hockey and Golf Teams are two high school sports that rely on a lot of fundraising to help offset the costs to families for our kids to participate in these amazing sports. Sports are so important for mental and physical health so we want all students to be able to participate. Both golf and ice hockey require the use of outside facilities that have large

fees associated with them. These fees continue to increase over the years and when this happens the fees will get put on the families to cover, which means sometimes students can't participate.

Ways you can help:

Play in Golf Tournament!

Help with one of our Sponsorships!
Help add to our Silent Auction with any donation! For example: Gift certificates, services, or anything with value that we can auction off!

The Scramble is Monday June 26th at 8:30am at Toddy Brook Golf Course, North Yarmouth

Gorham Football Seeks Donations

GORHAM, ME (May 10, 2023)

– Gorham Football is looking for help from our Community for raffle items for the upcoming Father & Daughter dance on Saturday, May 20th! Gift Certificates to your business, assortment baskets,

products you sell or from a local business & experience gifts are all options when choosing what you would like to offer! Traditionally, this has been their biggest fundraiser so a great opportunity to spotlight your business and support Gorham

Youth! Please contact Jennie Hezlep Corkum on Facebook to donate!

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

UMaine Extension Announces Interactive Plant Sales Map



Cumberland Plant Sale in Portland

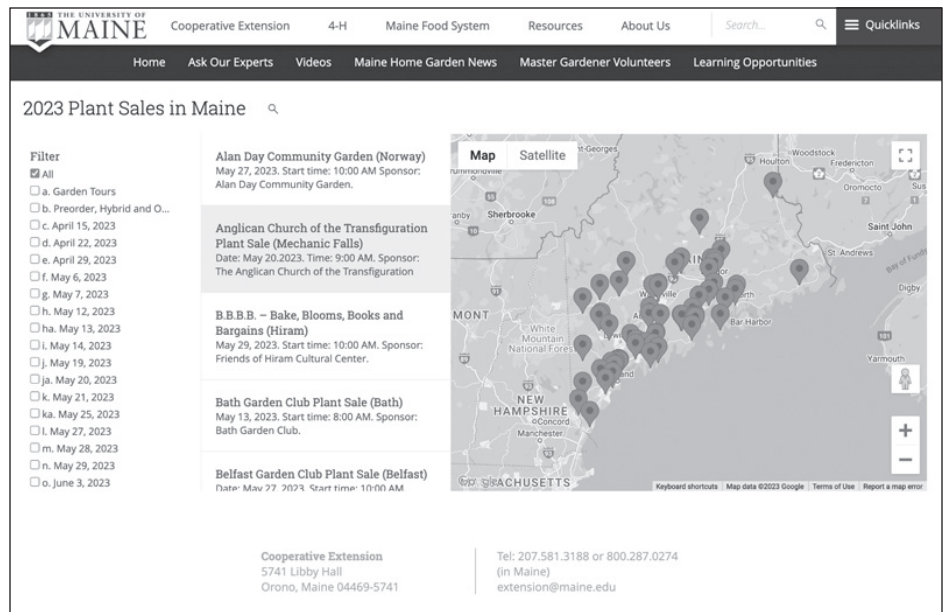
ORONO, ME (May 14, 2023) — The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program’s interactive plant sales map has been updated just in time for planting season.

The “2023 Spring Plant Sale Fundraisers in Maine” map allows us-

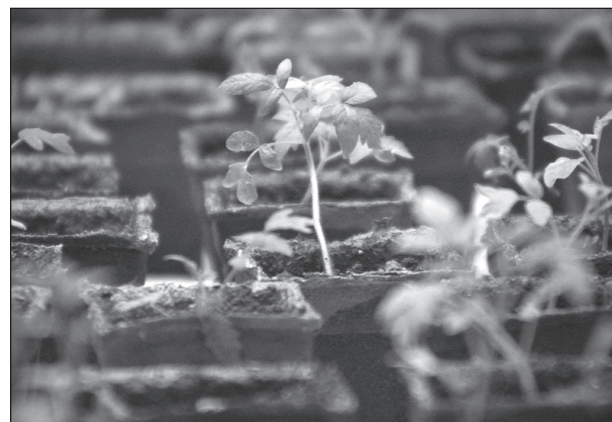
ers to search for plant sales throughout the state by location, date or name in alphabetical order. The listings also include garden tours. Find more information about the map and how to add a plant sale on the UMaine Extension website.

Another timely re-

source is the UMaine Extension free downloadable publication “Best Practices for Plant Sale Donors and Buyers in Maine.” Being an informed plant sale donor or buyer reduces the chance of spreading invasive pests and helps raise funds for organizations running sales like garden



A screenshot of the website which shows locations of Plant Sale locations



Many seedlings and plants are for sale across the state of Maine; check out this handy resource to find them

clubs, land trusts and conservation groups.

More information is available on the Extension Garden and Yard website, or by contacting 207.353.5550; isabella.viselli@maine.edu.

Send all items for What’s Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

Collins Calls for Support to Combat Maine Opioid Epidemic

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 11, 2023) — At a hearing to review the fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, urged FBI Director Christopher Wray and DEA Administrator Anne Milgram to provide support for the Southern Maine Gang Task Force and the New England Prescription Opioid Task Force.

Senator Collins said: Last month, em-

ployees of a restaurant in Auburn, Maine, were shocked when they opened a box that they expected to contain mugs that they had ordered, and instead, they found 14 kilograms of fentanyl. That’s an amount that is sufficient to kill the entire population of Maine, five times over. Fortunately, the employees immediately called the local police, who are now working with federal partners on what is clearly a major interstate trafficking network.

The FBI and the DEA play a key role, in working with state and

local law enforcement partners, in combating drug smuggling, violent crime, and gangs in local communities. Director Wray, we’ve had the opportunity to discuss the importance of these relationships during your visit to Maine last year, which was very much appreciated. In particular, I’m hoping for continued collaboration and support for the Southern Maine Gang Task Force and the New England Prescription Opioid Task Force, which launched last June to address the illegal opioid prescriptions in Maine and in New Hampshire.

Director Wray and Administrator Milgram, as you implement the budget, will you ensure that these programs receive as much support as possible?

Director Wray:

Certainly, on my end, these are both team efforts that are very important to me. And I know that, as you may recall from my visit, I guess last August, we are working more closely than ever with our state and local partners in Maine. It meant a lot to me when one of our longtime state law enforcement partners said he’d seen the

FBI move from what he called, ‘promise to presence,’ meaning, instead of just talking about being there for them, we were just there and we could be counted on. And that’s the kind of thing that I’m very grateful for. And that’s the goal that I’m shooting for, with all of our offices.

Administrator Milgram:

Senator, for us, we are incredibly fortunate to have more than 3,000 taskforce officers across the United States, and we also have incredible partnerships with state and local law enforcement. So, in the example from

the restaurant that you just gave in Maine, our agents responded, and are actively working that investigation right now in partnership with the local police. The work that we did for Operation Last Mile, those 300 arrests, all of those were done in partnerships with local police, police chiefs, police departments, and sheriffs. We could not do the work that we’re doing across our communities without them. And so, we are incredibly supportive of that work and of anything that brings us together, sharing information and working with them.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Baccalaureate Mass Held at Saint Joseph College



by Jesus. His invitation to 'Follow me' is not just a charge to apostles and disciples. It is a call to all of us who find the meaning of life in the message of Jesus and in his commandment to love God and love one another."

Friday's Mass was concelebrated by Monsignor Marc Caron, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Portland, and Fr. Louis Phillips, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Windham.

On Saturday, close to 500 students will receive master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees from the college during its 110th Commencement.

As part of the Mass, the bishop sprinkled the graduates with holy water as a reminder of baptism and an expression of goodness for all present.

"May the Lord guide us to build communities which care for each other wherever we find ourselves. We do this for our own health and the health of those with whom we share the world," the bishop told those gathered on Friday. "Do good with what you have earned."

Saint Joseph's College of Maine was founded in 1912, originally based on the grounds of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Portland and moved to the shore of Sebago Lake in Standish in 1956. The college's undergraduate, graduate, and lifelong learning programs transform people of all faiths and ages into 21st Century leaders with the purpose and skills to sustain their communities. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and

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STANDISH, ME (May 12, 2023) ---"Congratulations! It means 'well done,' 'compliments on your achievement,' and 'you've done it!' And you have! You have worked hard and earned the degree which will be awarded. This is a great achievement."

The words of Bishop Robert Deeley were met with smiles of anticipation and accomplishment by the soon-to-be graduates before him as he celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass on Friday morning, officially kicking off Commencement Weekend at Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish.

Hundreds gathered

for the celebration, which was held outdoors and under a large tent constructed at the campus for the weekend's festivities. Students and faculty wore robes and marched in a procession at the start of the Mass, which was a beautiful gathering that offered thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon the graduates and their families and friends, many of whom were in attendance.

Bishop Deeley told the Class of 2023 that this joyful weekend is also a celebration of what Saint Joseph's College of Maine is all about: academic achievement at the service of the common good grounded in appreciation

of God's goodness to us.

"Mindful of that spiritual environment within which you have received your education rooted, as it is, in the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel, we come this morning to pause ahead of the celebration of the academic achievements of tomorrow and we take this opportunity to be grateful for the gifts received," the bishop said during his homily. "In this celebration of the Mass, we give thanks to God for the good that has been accomplished in the many classes, papers, projects, and activities you have undertaken which happily now result in the degrees that will be awarded. And, as we look

back in gratitude, we look forward in our prayer this morning in hope. We ask God to continue to guide and assist you as you move forward in life."

The bishop told the students that as they prepare to move forward, they should be mindful of the words of Jesus in the Gospel.

"The (words) remind us of God's care for us. 'Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?' As you move forward, always remember, God is with you."

Bishop Deeley also

told the graduates to remember that we thrive, not as individuals, but in community.

"Friendship, community, the kind of activity we are doing together this morning, the kind of gathering we find in Church, is good for us," he said. "So, part of what you have learned here at Saint Joseph's is the fact that we do better when we do things together in community. We make the biggest difference in our world when we work to make life better for those around us. We are called to build a community which becomes a light to the world, showing a way to live in accord with the Gospel message preached

Clothes Galore at Gorham's Mission of Hope Clothes Closet

GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2023) -- The FREE Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church (Mission of Hope Clothes Closet) is open to all who need Fellowship, Friendship and Clothes. We are located at 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, and we are open

on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month from 9 o'clock AM to 12 Noon.

We focus on clothes and accessories (gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) and welcome your donations during our operating hours. Clean clothes in good shape help

the most, as they go right out to help people locally or in nearby communities. An attempt is made to have season appropriate clothes

available to you. After we have displayed them for a time, they are donated to serve the people in need in Ukraine.

In addition to helping folks find clothes, we want to spend time with you! There are tables to sit, talk and to share a cup of coffee

and usually a goodie with volunteers or others. Come see us! You might make a new friend. All are Welcome!

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Weaving the Webb



Paddlers carry to the Webb River put-in



A canoeist challenges the waves



A kayaker descends a rapid

By Ron Chase

Hidden away in the rural community of Carthage, except for locals, Webb River is relatively unknown. Whitewater boaters are an exception.

Each spring, scores of enthusiastic paddlers converge on the Webb as soon as ice is out for some excellent Class II/III whitewater. A free-flowing river, it's unique in that a comparatively large watershed keeps water levels elevated longer than other mountain freshets.

I first "discovered" the Webb in the spring of 1989. The late Terry Tzovarras and I were returning from paddling exploits on the Sandy River. Traveling south from Weld on Route 142, we crossed a bridge

over an engaging stretch of whitewater. Shortly after, two more appealing rapids appeared beside the road. Promptly halting our journey, we completed a shuttle and our first descent was accomplished. I've been hooked ever since.

The Webb is also a favorite of my outdoor club, the Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society. We frequently schedule spring trips on the Webb and when the water level is sufficient, I often announce impromptu club outings.

Determining the actual water level is problematic. Several years ago, two club members painted a gauge on a bridge abutment at the bottom of Schoolhouse Rapid in the tiny hamlet of Berry Mills.

Unfortunately, it's often difficult to find someone to check the gauge and I live 75 miles away.

The U.S. Geological Survey maintains gauges on many rivers and streams throughout the country and the information is available online. Apparently unaware of the Webb's significance, they've omitted that important waterway. However, I have a system. If the online gauges for nearby Sandy and Swift Rivers are high, history tells me the Webb will be runnable. Since extrapolating gauge readings is an imperfect science, I often follow-up with a call to a friend who lives much closer than I.

As usual, I began checking the Sandy and Swift River gauges in late March. After several days of exceptionally warm weather an early April

snowmelt caused the gauge levels to rise dramatically. A call to my friend confirmed the Webb was running at a juicy flow.

My club email proposing a trip for the following day received positive responses from two enthusiastic Chowderheads. We were on for the first rousing Webb outing of the year.

The three of us were greeted with bluebird skies and temperatures in the seventies when we met at the traditional takeout on Route 142 next to the last significant rapid. This was the same spot where Terry and I left a vehicle 34 years ago. A check of the gauge at Berry Mills indicated the level was a feisty 1.2. Two kayakers and a solo canoeist, we drove a few miles north and carried through the woods for about 200 yards to a steep attenuated rapid.

That's where the entertainment began. The Webb is a continuum of fun rapids separated by short stretches of quick water.

Attempts to surf a wave on the first falls failed. The water was too pushy.

Navigating stimulating wave trains, dodging rocks, and surfing waves, we cruised through a series of narrow Class II/III rapids while carefully watching for a downed tree that had blocked most of the river in this section last year. The river gods smiled on us as the hazardous obstruction had partially washed away.

Below the Route 142 Bridge, we encountered easier whitewater and quick water for a short distance. Just downriver of a small bridge, we angled right over a ledge drop followed by another pitch that required avoiding a large boulder midstream. Soon after, where the river flows under a canopy of hardwoods, the most entertaining wave surfing of the day ensued.

After traversing through a long falls and enjoying more play spots, we arrived at the beginning of four closely connected rapids that are collectively the most difficult whitewater on the river. The second necessitated maneuvering through a maze of boul-

ders ending with an abrupt right turn; and the fourth, Schoolhouse Rapid, required negotiating around several pour-overs before we passed under the bridge at Berry Mills. Easier rapids followed to the final falls, a technical Class III.

Our first successful descent of the Webb was completed. Several more will undoubtedly follow before whitewater paddling ends in the fall.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates trips on the Webb and eight more exciting Maine whitewater rivers.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is available at www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco or in bookstores and through online retailers. His previous books are *"The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery"* and *"Mountains for Mortals – New England."* Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net

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MaineDOT Finalizes Statewide Active Transportation Plan

PORTLAND, ME (April 28, 2023) -- The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) has released the final version of the first-ever Statewide Active Transportation Plan. This is an important step in making Maine safer for people biking, walking, and rolling. It sets a path forward for investments, programs, and policies for active transportation. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) plans to carefully monitor progress on all the deliverables mentioned in the plan.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine was part of the team that created the plan. We are proud to have led the public outreach and meeting facilitation for the plan process, which involved hundreds of people at dozens of meetings and thousands of Mainer's leaving comments. During this process, the public resoundingly asked for more, better, and safer bicycle

and pedestrian accommodations in the transportation system.

As with any new initiative, there are things that are great about this plan, and things that still need some improvement.

Things the BCM likes and applauds about this plan include that:

This is a first for Maine, and it will help guide the build out of active transportation facilities for years to come.

It makes a strong statement on the importance of active transportation in the state

It had a robust stakeholder and public input process, and captures specific desires on the part of the public

It covers a good mix of infrastructure, policies and programs, and educational efforts, and offers a well-rounded approach to improving active transportation in Maine.

Areas where the BCM feels more work is needed include:

The development of a timeline. The majority of the Implementation Strategies in the plan have no target dates or milestones identified to assess progress. Without a schedule and performance targets, it risks being only aspirational.

The development of specific performance measures. The plan should set targets linked to the timeframe for policy reviews, and for specific infrastructure improvements.

The development of a funding plan. While the plan names current funding sources and the need to identify more funding sources, it doesn't set new funding targets or outline when or how this will happen. The plan needs to include funding targets as well as a calendar and plans for hitting them.

BCM looks forward to continuing to work with the MaineDOT, partners, stakeholders, and the public on making the plan a reality.

Auburn Celebrating Its First Lobster Festival on Saturday, May 6



Exchange Club Volunteers Karen Mathieu and Tim Rucker with Michelle Gosselin Ervin of Hearth & Key Realty



Jeff & Jennifer Carleton with son Ben & friend enjoying the photo props



Camdan Poisson applying Temporary Tattoos at the Hearth & Key Realty Booth



Hearth & Key Photo Booth Table with Festive volunteers: Tiana Lacombe, Tim Ervin, Accalia Jackson and Sue Emert



Lobster Buoys painted by community members



Simones/Landy Family all smiles



Hearth & Key Realty Agents volunteered their day checking IDS at the registration table: Brooke Lacombe, Amy Borland, Hailey Lebel

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Arts & Entertainment

MSMT Sets Sail with TITANIC Season Opener

BRUNSWICK, ME (May 9, 2023) -- The sinking of the Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912, remains the quintessential disaster of the twentieth century. A total of 1,517 souls — men, women, and children — lost their lives (only 711 survived). The musical Titanic examines causes, conditions, and characters involved in this ever-fascinating drama. This is the factual story of that ship — of her officers, crew, and passengers — but she will not serve as merely the background against which fictional narratives are recounted. The central character of our Titanic is the Titanic herself.

In partnership with The Fulton Theatre, Maine State Music Theatre (MSMT) is gearing up for the launch of their 64th season with the soaring and epic musical Titanic. With music and lyrics by Maury Yeston and

book by Peter Stone, Titanic premiered on Broadway in April of 1997 and went on to win five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Of note, Grammy nominated Yeston is a long-time friend of MSMT and currently serves as an Advisor to the Board of Trustees. Titanic will open on June 7 at The Pickard Theatre on the campus of Bowdoin College, where it will run through June 24, 2023.

“I cannot wait for the spectacle that is Titanic to wash over the town of Brunswick,” says Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark, now entering into his tenth year of leadership for MSMT.

Titanic arrives to MSMT direct from a record-breaking and critically acclaimed run in Lancaster, PA at The Fulton Theatre, where it was heralded as “luxurious, first-class entertainment” by

Broadway World, praised for its “very talented and diverse cast.”

MSMT’s cast of Titanic features (in alphabetical order): Jonathan Arana, Kelly Autry, Linda Balgord, Nick Case, Michael Di Liberto, Kevin Earley, David Girolmo, Blake Hammond, Matthew Hydzyk, Michael Iannucci, Ian Knauer, Andrew Kotzen, Charis Leos, Eric Jon Mahlum, Alan Mendez, Carolyn Anne Miller, Sarah Miramontes, Manna Nicholos, Michael Nigro and Kat Wolff.

Also featured are the 2023 MSMT Singers: Collin Flanagan, Jasmine Gillenwaters, Jalen Kirkman, Elijah Koch, Chelsea Pena, Camila V. Romero, Albert Sterner and Cari Walton. The MSMT Singers will be performing in the ensembles of Titanic and 9 to 5 as well as all Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA)

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Kevin Early and cast of Titanic

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Senate Republicans Discuss State's Looming Net-Energy Billing Crisis

AUGUSTA, ME (April 22, 2023) – During a press briefing on Tuesday, Senate Republicans discussed the recent testimony by Maine Public Advocate William Harwood that alarmed some lawmakers when he disclosed Maine ratepayers were on the hook for hundreds of millions of dollars per year in solar subsidies.

According to Harwood, who testified before the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee last Thursday, Maine ratepayers will have to shoulder the burden of about \$220 million per year in stranded costs due to the state's net-en-

ergy billing program. The cost recovery, which will be passed on to Maine ratepayers through the state's power distribution and transmission companies, begins in July when the Maine Public Utilities Commission is set to raise electricity rates.

The recovery method is essentially how the state is paying what some call exorbitant solar subsidies that Harwood now says is unsustainable. He first warned the public about the issue back in January; but according to Sen. Matt Harrington, R-York, the EUT Committee hasn't revisited the topic since then.

"There has not been



Sen. Matt Harrington, R-York, talks about the need for the Legislature to address an issue that Maine Public Advocate William Harwood brought up months ago – the looming crisis of net-energy billing. (photo courtesy of Senate Republican Office/Mike Fern)

a whole lot of interest in truly addressing this issue, despite the Public Advocate time and time

again testifying before the committee to address [it]," Harrington said during the briefing. "We've seen bills

from the majority party to add electric bicycles, electric vehicle rate rebate programs, electric school buses – these seem to be the priority of the majority party. We're not in the driver's seat – Democrats are – but we hope they will heed the advice of the public advocate."

When Senate Republicans first covered the topic during a press briefing in January, some estimates by the energy industry had speculated that the costs could go as high as \$400 million per year. Since then, Harwood estimated the costs around the \$220 million/year figure. Still, Sen. Trey Stewart, R-Aroostook, said the

problem dates back years and Maine Democrats have refused to solve the looming crisis.

"The other side cares about all kinds of other things. We care about lowering the cost of energy for Maine people and figuring out what makes sense to do it. We're not opposed to solar; we're opposed to solar that increase costs to ratepayers," said Stewart. "Until we are addressing costs, we need to be prioritizing these people because if you increase the cost of energy in Maine, then the person who is on a fixed income has to make a really tough choice – do I keep the lights on or do I buy prescription drugs?"

Know Your Machine this Spring

ALEXANDRIA, VA (April 10, 2023) -- Spring is here and as we get out our lawn mowers and other outdoor power equipment out from storage to work in our yards, businesses and other green spaces, it's important to keep safety in mind.

"Think safety first," says Kris Kiser, President

and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

"I can't stress enough to review manufacturer's

safety guidance before starting up any equipment—especially your lawn mower. Review your owner's manual and do maintenance on your equipment," said Kiser.

OPEI offers these tips for readying and using your outdoor power equipment:

- Know not all

lawn mowers are the same. Whether your mower is a garden tractor, zero turn mower or other, it has a unique design, requirements, weight classification, and other differences that impact how to use it safely. The newest machines have the latest safety standards.

- Know your specif-

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St. Joseph

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Titanic

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Scouting Training Round-Up



Trainers. Walter Fails of Farmington, Chris Fox of Mechanic Falls, and Scott St.Amand of Gardiner were three of the trainers at Camp Bomazeen on May 5-7 for 20 Scout leaders who were training in the outdoor programs. Fails is the Trainer for Scout Troop leaders in Kennebec Valley. Fox is the Training Chairman in Abnaki District and St.Amand is the Kennebec Valley District Cub Leader Trainer.

MAINE (May 12, 2023) — Leaders from Cub Packs and Scout Troops around the area recently completed a variety of training programs. “It is encouraging to see so many Scout leaders coming out to learn new skills,” said Walter Fails of Farmington who is the Chair of Training for Scout Troops in Kennebec Valley District. “Every Scout deserves a trained leader because trained leaders deliver better and safer Scouting programs.”

At Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade, twenty Scouting leaders from across Pine Tree Council completed the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training for Cub Scout leaders and the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training for leaders in Scout Troops. The training courses were held over

the weekend of May 5-7. Both programs provide an opportunity for leaders to learn how to offer Scouting’s outdoor programs safely. “We all had a great time sharing experiences and knowledge,” said Scott St. Amand of Gardiner who heads up Cub Scout Leader Training for Kennebec Valley District and was one of the trainers for the weekend. “It was great to see the comradery, and willingness to jump in and help each other learn new skills.”

The following leaders completed IOLS Training: Christopher Bishop of Whitefield who is a leader in Troop 609 B(Boys) in Windsor, Christopher Winkley of Troop 73 B in Portland, Ethan Olsen of Troop 58 B in North Yarmouth, Stephanie Charron of Troop 333 G (Girls) in Acton, Emily Hinman of Troop 93 B in Falmouth,



Rope Work: Adam Wright of Lewiston, Doug Woodbury of Rockport, and Jon Martin of Augusta demonstrate round lashings. They learn the skill so that they can then instruct their Scouts on the skill.

Jon Martin of Troop 603 B in Augusta, Danielle Morse of Troop 403 B in St. Albans, Doug Woodbury who lives in Rockport and is a member of Camden Pack 200, Daniel Mason of Troop 110 B in Sabattus, Adam Wright of Lewiston Troop 116 B, Eben Mann of Troop 110 B from Litchfield, Stephen Polley is a leader in Vassalboro Troop 410, Shawn Hayden of Skowhegan Troop 485 B. Those completing requirements for the BALOO Training: Frederick Pullen of Pack 445 in Winslow, Tom Ancona of Pack 36 in Falmouth, Jeffrey Hartley of Pack 306 in Shapleigh, Ian Feldman of Pack 36 in Falmouth, Jason Middleton of Pack 36 in Falmouth, Matt Tepelmann of Pack 200 in Camden, and Christopher Santiago of Pack 410 in Vassalboro. Santiago also recently completed more than five hundred hours of online training to complete the District Committee functions. Chris Fox

of Mechnic Falls is the Abnaki District Training Chair and help with the training at Camp Bomazeen. “My favorite part of training is how collaborative the discussions can be,” Fox said. “Everyone’s an expert in something and we all learn as much or more from each other as we do from the ‘trainers.’”

Shelley Connolly of Pittsfield completed Short Term Camp Administrator training with Western Los Angeles County Council on April 29. Shelley is going to be running the Summer Camporee at Camden Hills State Park July 30-August 1 and she will be helping set up the schedule, program, etc for the Scouts BSA Weekend at Bomazeen. “This was an online course,” Connolly said. “Favorite part of the course was having four trainers who are professionals within that Council. They complimented each other well and were very knowledgeable. The



Riddle: Drew Riddle of Randolph received his Wood Badge beads and certificate during the annual Pack and Troop 672 campfire. His son Webelos Cub Joshua, his wife Christina who is also the Webelos Leader for Pack 672, and his son 2nd Class Scout Connor look on after Karen Norton, the Wood Badge Course director, has finished the presentation. Karen is wearing the mask.

resource folder they sent was immense. I have eighteen official documents to use as resources. Secondly, we had to think through the risk management components of a particular and everyone in the course worked collaboratively.”

Drew Riddle of Randolph received his Wood Badge Beads on May 7 held at the West Gardiner Nature Trail during the annual campfire for Pack and Troop 672 based in Gardiner. Riddle is a leader in both programs. Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. The training is designed for all Scout leaders in BSA, including Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing leaders, as well as District and Council leaders. The focus of Wood Badge is leadership skills. In fact, the leadership skills

learned in a Wood Badge course are the same skills that Fortune 500 companies send their executives to learn at multi-week seminars. “I recommend Wood Badge training,” Riddle said. As part of his Wood Badge ticket, he developed a binder of resources for other leaders and will be completing various training courses such as Waterfront and Shooting Sports in order to allow the Pack and Troop more program opportunities and he became a Merit Badge counselor. “I really enjoyed meeting the other Scouting leaders in the Wood Badge Training program. I liked learning how things function and how things get done in Scouting.” The next Wood Badge course will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond on September 2-4 and October 7 & 8- they must complete both weekends to qualify.

King Co-Sponsors Legislation to Help Small Businesses

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 27, 2023) — U.S. Senators Angus King (I-Maine) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) today introduced the Providing Resources for Emergency Preparedness and Resilient Enterprises (PREPARE) Act to help small businesses prepare for future natural disasters. The legislation reauthorizes the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Pilot Program so that small businesses can use low-interest loans to pro-

tect their property from future disaster-related damage. The legislation is also cosponsored by Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine).

“From coastal floods to brutal ice storms, Maine has seen an increasing number of natural disasters that throw communities into chaos and wreak havoc on local economies,” said Senator King. “These crises are not going to stop and it’s absolutely essential that we help Main Street family businesses take the

necessary steps to prepare. The most cost-effective approach is to take proactive action before disaster strikes. The PREPARE Act prevents costly repairs by helping vital small businesses make protective improvements to weather whatever storms may come. As the effects of climate change continue to alter our nation, this bipartisan effort will only become more necessary; let’s pass it now, so small Maine businesses can prepare for the next crisis.”

“Small businesses in America should be able to prepare for unplanned disasters. The PREPARE Act would allow small businesses the opportunity to invest in mitigation before a disaster strikes, saving businesses and taxpayers money, as well as reducing potential property damage,” Rubio said.

“Small businesses are the engine of our economy, but one disaster could quickly wipe out a small business that a family spent years

or even generations to build,” said Senator Collins. “This bipartisan bill would provide low-interest loans to allow small businesses to protect their property from future disasters, limiting potential damage and helping them to recover more quickly when catastrophes strike.”

“Thank you to Sen. Angus King and co-sponsors including Sen. Susan Collins for championing the PREPARE Act. Maine is a small business state, and this pro-active, forward-thinking legislation will help keep Maine’s economy strong in the face of foreseeable disasters,” said Julia Munsey, president and CEO, Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

Specifically, the PREPARE Act would: Create an updated Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program for small business concerns

to proactively take out a low-interest loan (up to \$500,000) for the purpose of implementing mitigation measures to protect their property from future disaster related damage.

Authorize \$25 million annually (FY2024 to FY2028) for the program

Task SBA with establishing and carrying out an advertising and outreach program related to pre-disaster mitigation.

Task SBA with issuing guidance to ensure borrowers purchase and maintain insurance coverage over the duration of the loan.

Require SBA to conduct initial reporting and a program evaluation annually thereafter.

Increase, from 20 to 30 percent, the limit on existing SBA Physical Business Disaster Loans a borrower may use towards post-disaster mitigation.

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WASHINGTON D.C. (April 22, 2023) — The Department of the Interior today announced a \$35 million investment in fiscal year 2023 funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for 39 projects in 22 states that will address outdated or obsolete dams, culverts,

levees and other barriers fragmenting our nation's rivers and streams. Today's announcement is part of the Department's five-year \$200 million commitment to restore free-flowing waters, allowing fish migration and protecting communities from flooding rivers and streams. It

is also part of an over \$3 billion investment in fish passage and aquatic connectivity projects under the Investing in America agenda, which includes funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastruc-

ture Law provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in our nation's rivers, streams and communities and help restore habitat connectivity for aquatic species around the country," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "As the effects of climate change continue to intensify, Trib-

al Nations in particular are facing unique climate-related challenges that threaten resources vital to Indigenous communities. These fish passage investments will support community-led transitions and facilitate long-term conservation and economic growth in these areas."

Each of the funded projects was developed collaboratively by local partners and selected through a competitive process led by an interdisciplinary panel of experts from multiple federal agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. *See Climate, page 16*

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Student Loan Borrowers in Maine Approved for Loan Forgiveness

MAINE (May 8, 2023) -- Today, to mark Public Service Recognition Week, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced it has approved nearly 616,000 borrowers nationwide for approximately \$42 billion in Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) since October 2021.

PSLF covers public employees—such as teachers, firefighters, and members of law enforcement, as well as those who work for a non-profit organization—in a variety of fields by forgiving the remaining federal student loan balance for those who make the required 120 qualifying monthly payments.

In fact, PSLF is making an incredible difference for public servants in Maine:

Between October 2021 and May 2023, the Department has approved approximately 3,000 borrowers in Maine for more than \$184 million in loan forgiveness under temporary changes the Biden-Harris Administration made to the PSLF Program. That's more than \$61,000 per borrower!

While hundreds of thousands of Maine borrowers already have benefited from PSLF, more will benefit as the program continues.

The Department is announcing the implementation of improvements to the PSLF Help Tool, which borrowers use to apply for the program. These updates will, for the first time, let borrowers complete the entire PSLF application process online, and borrowers will no longer need

to fax or mail in their application with a wet signature. Allowing borrowers to submit e-signatures for themselves and request e-signatures from their employers will significantly decrease processing time. In addition, borrowers can now digitally track the status of their PSLF form in the My Activity section of their StudentAid.gov account, where they can see updates such as whether their employer has digitally signed their PSLF form and when their form has been processed. This upgrade is in addition to the Biden-Harris Administration's long-term improvements to the PSLF program, slated to take effect in July 2023, which will provide lasting benefits for borrowers.

"Since Day One, the Biden-Harris Administration has worked relentlessly to fix a broken student loan system, including by making sure we fulfill the promise of Public Service Loan Forgiveness for those who have spent a decade or more serving our communities and our country," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "To date, the Biden-Harris team has kept that promise for more than 615,000 teachers, nurses, social workers, servicemembers, and other public servants by approving a combined \$42 billion in student loan debt forgiveness. The difference that Public Service Loan Forgiveness is making in the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans reminds us why we must continue doing everything we can to fight for borrowers and why families cannot afford to have progress derailed by partisan politi-

cians. During Public Service Recognition Week—and every week—we thank all those who serve our communities."

The targeted debt relief announced today is part of the Department's ongoing efforts to ensure that the PSLF program fulfills the promise made to Americans who enter public service and that they receive the debt forgiveness they have earned by serving their communities and the country. Public Service Recognition Week celebrates individuals who serve the United States and local communities as an employee of Federal, state, local, or tribal government.

PSLF is one of several student loan forgiveness programs established by law. It supports public employees—such as teachers, firefighters, and members of law enforcement, as well as those who work for a non-profit organization in a variety of fields—by forgiving the remaining federal student loan balance for those who work in public service and make the required 120 qualifying monthly payments.

Borrowers across the country have benefited from the Department's efforts to ensure that all public servants can more easily access this targeted debt relief. Of the nearly 616,000 borrowers whose loans have been approved for forgiveness, nearly 610,000 borrowers have already seen their loans discharged, and the rest will soon follow.

In addition to the borrowers who have been approved for forgiveness, more than two million borrowers now have an approved PSLF Form and are

on the path to forgiveness. More public service employees around the country continue to apply as they become aware of the PSLF Program.

Continuously Improving the PSLF Help Tool

The Department remains committed to making it easier for borrowers to know if they are eligible for PSLF, certify their employment, apply for forgiveness, and track their progress. For the first time since the program began, borrowers can now sign and submit their PSLF form digitally and track its status throughout the process.

"FSA is making the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program as easy as possible so all public servants can finally get the loan forgiveness they have earned," said Federal Student Aid Chief Operating Officer Richard Cordray. "The improved PSLF Help Tool is another step forward to modernize and simplify the process for people who rely on us to carry out the law effectively."

In the past, borrowers had to take multiple steps to complete and submit their PSLF Form. In most cases, they had to print and sign their form, obtain signatures on the printed form from one or more employers, then submit the completed form and related documents by mail or fax. Now, borrowers can complete the entire process digitally on StudentAid.gov via the PSLF Help Tool.

The newly updated PSLF Help Tool enables borrowers to sign and submit their PSLF form digi-

tally; identify employers that need to sign the form and request an e-signature; and track the status of their form. These major changes to the PSLF application process are improving the experience both for public servants and for the employers who need to certify their employment.

Long-term Improvements to PSLF Program Through Regulations

In October 2022, the Department announced final regulations for the PSLF Program that will deliver lasting improvements for borrowers. These improvements will go into effect July 1, 2023, and are detailed in this fact sheet. The improvements include:

helping borrowers earn progress toward PSLF,

simplifying criteria to help borrowers certify qualifying employment, and

providing opportunities for borrowers to get help correcting PSLF account problems.

Borrowers with Direct Loans who work in public service are also likely to benefit from the one-time account adjustment announced by the Department last year. Borrowers with other types of federal loans have until the end of 2023 to consolidate into the Direct Loan program to receive credit for qualifying payments under this adjustment.

In addition to this one-time account adjustment, the Department also announced earlier this year new proposed regulations that would transform income-driven repayment (IDR) plans to better serve borrowers. The regulations

would create the most affordable IDR plan that has ever been available to student loan borrowers, allowing those with incomes under \$30,500, or under \$62,400 in a family of four, to qualify for \$0 monthly payments. They will also simplify the program and eliminate common pitfalls that delay borrowers' progress toward forgiveness.

Historic Progress on Targeted Loan Relief

The PSLF approvals announced today are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's broad efforts to support students and provide more than \$66 billion in targeted loan relief to nearly 2.2 million borrowers so far, with more on the way. Actions include:

Establishing a fair and accessible bankruptcy discharge process to help struggling borrowers discharge their federal student loans.

Providing \$9.1 billion in relief for 425,000 borrowers who have a total and permanent disability.

Approving \$14.5 billion in borrower defense claims to nearly 1.1 million borrowers whose schools were found to have cheated them out of their promised education, including extending full relief to approved claims and approving new types of claims.

Providing \$1.26 billion in closed school discharges to 107,000 borrowers who attended the now-defunct ITT Technical Institute, which failed to deliver on the promises it made to students.

Restoring eligibility for federal student aid to almost 7.5 million borrowers to help them get back on track to complete their credential or degree.

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May 19

LEWISTON -- 2pm at the Lewiston Public Library: SMALL OFF THINGS WITH SUZANNE FARRELL SMITH

Suzanne Farrell Smith will read and discuss her book Small Off Things. Followed by a talk from Dave Bilodeau about Lewiston's Project Support You.

Calendar

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May 19

ROCKPORT -- DaPonte String Quartet Concert Series 3, Program: Beethoven String Trio in G Major, Op. 9, no. 1 & Brahms Piano Quartet in C Minor, Op. 60 with pianist Laura Kargul at 7:00 pm, Union Hall, Rockport. Information and tickets available at dapontequartet.org

May 20

MINOT -- Baked Bean & Casserole Supper (with pie for dessert) at Minot United Methodist Church, Corner of Rt. 11 and Empire Rd. Minot. Saturday May 20th 2023 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, children under 12 are free. Please come and join us!

May 20

LEWISTON -- Concert: The Midcoast Symphony Orchestra presents "French Impressions" with guest conductor Hiroya Miura. The performance, featuring French composers, is on May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. For info and tickets visit https://www.midcoast-symphony.org/tickets or call 207-481-0790. Tickets \$24.50 (advance) \$25

(cash or check) at the door. Under 18 and college students with ID are free.

May 21

SANFORD -- DaPonte String Quartet Concert Series 3, Program: Beethoven String Trio in G Major, Op. 9, no. 1 & Brahms Piano Quartet in C Minor, Op. 60 with pianist Laura Kargul at 3:00 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, Sanford. Information and tickets available at dapontequartet.org

May 26

PORTLAND -- DaPonte String Quartet Concert Series 3, Program: Beethoven String Trio in G Major, Op. 9, no. 1 & Brahms Piano Quartet in C Minor, Op. 60 with pianist Laura Kargul at 7:00 pm, St. Lukes Cathedral, Portland. Information and tickets available at dapontequartet.org

May 27

AUBURN -- The Maine Iris Society will hold its 2023 Median Iris & Spring Flower Show on Saturday, May 27th, from 1:30pm to 4pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr, Auburn. Admission is free. Please note that bare-root iris rhizomes will not be

available this year; however, there will be a sale of potted perennials.

May 27

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May 27

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night Church Supper @ 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray. Handicapped accessible. Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

The Menu includes: Variety of Casseroles & Salads, Baked Pea Beans, Red Hot Dogs, Breads, Assortment of Desserts & Beverages

June 3

AUBURN -- The West Auburn Congregational Church will be holding a Homemade Dinner on June 3 from 4:30 to 6 pm at 811 West Auburn Road, Auburn Maine. We will be serving Chicken Pot Pie, Macaroni and Cheese, Salads, Rolls, Beverage and Dessert. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00, (Children 5 to 10 \$5.00 and under 5 free). We have to

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LEWISTON -- PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES, held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Monday 11:15am-12:30pm starting March 6th, 2023 at the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department

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This program is free and recommended for homeschool families with children of all ages. No registration is required. Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

Field Funding Campaign

The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

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Trip includes 5 days, 4 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, visit to two UNESCO world heritage sites, visit to the Mission San Jose, visit to the ALAMO, boat ride along the Paseo del Rio known as the River Walk, National Museum of the Pacific War and so much more.

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Trip includes 10 days, 9 nights lodging, and 12 meals, including Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona,

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Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg & Historic Norfolk - May 22 - 27, 2023

Trip includes 5 nights lodging and 8 meals, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, narrated Norfolk Naval Base Harbor Cruise, admission to the Nauticus & Battleship Wisconsin, visit to Mariner's Museum and Park, admission to Virginia Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center and free time on Virginia Beach and the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. A \$75 deposit pp is due when signing up. Price is \$809 pp double occupancy and includes bus driver's tip. For more information on any of our trips, please contact Claire Bilodeau (207)784-0302 or Cindy Boyd (207)345-9569.

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Climate

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vice, the U.S. Forest Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. Nine of the projects receiving investments will be led by Tribal partners, and many will help with conservation efforts for threatened or endangered species.

“Across the country there are millions of barriers that block viable corridors for fish and other aquatic wildlife to access spawning grounds, food sources and safe water. This historic law is giving these aquatic species a chance,” said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Martha Williams. “Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law bolsters our efforts to improve fish passage that ultimately conserves freshwater and migratory fish and wildlife, promotes safer community infrastructure, and encourages climate resiliency.”

Projects will be funded in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Details are available on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s website.

This investment delivers on one of the America the Beautiful initiative’s six early focus areas (supporting collaborative conservation of fish and wildlife habitat and corridors) and is consistent with the

Administration’s Corridors and Connectivity Guidance.

The rivers, streams and coastal systems of North America once supported vast annual runs of fish such as Atlantic salmon, American shad, Pacific salmon and steelhead. These species and many others, including some at-risk and listed species, depend on connected streams and high-quality habitat to survive. During the past 200 years, many of these populations have decreased drastically, in large part due to the proliferation of barriers like dams and undersized culverts, and watershed development that blocks fish from their natural migrations.

The Service’s National Fish Passage Program is a leader in pulling partners together to restore connectivity to fragmented rivers. The program provides financial, engineering and planning assistance to communities, Tribes, states and landowners to support barrier removal and river restoration projects. Since 1999, the program has worked with over 2,000 partners to remove or bypass over 3,400 barriers to fish passage and re-open access to over 61,000 miles of upstream habitat for fish and other animals.

Today’s announcement comes as the Endangered Species Act turns 50 years old in 2023. Throughout the year, the Department is celebrating the ESA’s importance in preventing imperiled species’ extinction, promoting

the recovery of wildlife and conserving the habitats upon which they depend. The ESA has been highly effective and credited with saving 99% of listed species from extinction. Thus far, more than 100 species of plants and animals have been delisted based on recovery or reclassified from endangered to threatened based on improved conservation status, and hundreds more species are stable or improving due to the collaborative actions of Tribes, federal agencies, state and local governments, conservation organizations and private citizens.

A multi-agency interactive map featuring Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funded fish passage projects can be viewed on the newly launched Fish Passage Portal.

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