

Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition

2010 Common Environmental Agenda

Maine's extraordinary environment forms the backdrop for who we are and what we value as individuals and as a state. Our jobs, our health, our leisure activities, our community values, and our identity as Maine people all have their roots in our beautiful environment

When we work together to protect our environment, Maine people and Maine businesses can thrive. Our environment is the foundation for our prosperity and our way of life.

Protecting and preserving Maine's environmental legacy takes vision and vigilance. Whether it's responding to emerging concerns, or taking advantage of new science and technology opportunities, we need to maintain our forward-thinking approach to natural resource stewardship.

Maine lawmakers play an important role in conserving our extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine's economy can thrive. With their help we can take important steps in protecting the good health, good jobs, and the quality of life that our environment provides for all of us.

Support for the Common Environmental Agenda will:

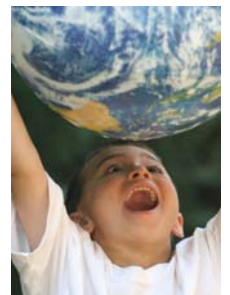


Protect Maine's natural legacy

- Protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and their economic value by closing loopholes that allow road development without review (LD 1538)
- Ensure the sustainability of Maine's fisheries, aquatic wildlife, and recreational fishing industry by adopting important rules regarding stream crossings (No LD yet)

Improve air quality and build a cleaner energy future

- Reduce sulfur emissions and their dangerous health effects while improving visibility at Maine's many scenic parks and public lands (LD 1662)
- Guide new development to encourage clean and energy-efficient design that reduces carbon dioxide pollution and creates new jobs for Maine (LD 891)



Prevent exposure to dangerous chemicals

- Streamline Maine's pesticide notification system for land managers, neighbors, community members, and enforcement agencies (LD 1547)
- Get hazardous materials out of community landfills by expanding Maine's partnerships with manufacturers of consumer products (LD 1631)
- Protect Maine people and wildlife by closing loopholes that allow the toxic and unstable chemical DECA to be used in plastic shipping pallets (LD 1568)



Ensure our current environmental protections are maintained

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American Lung Association of Maine
Appalachian Mountain Club
Atlantic Salmon Federation
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Conservation Law Foundation
Environmental Health Strategy Center
Environment Maine
Environment Northeast
Friends of Casco Bay
Maine Audubon
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Congress of Lake Associations
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited
Maine Conservation Voters Education Fund
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Maine People's Alliance
Maine Rivers
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Northern Forest Alliance
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
RESTORE: The North Woods
Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
The Ocean Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
Toxics Action Center

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