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Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the many people and organizations responsible for the success of the Penobscot River Restoration Project. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend today's celebration of the accomplishments of this initiative.

This project is bringing the Penobscot River, a jewel of Maine, back to its former brilliance. A unique collaboration among industry, federal, state and tribal governments, environmental and sports groups and others created and is now implementing an ambitious blue print that will allow sea-run fish to return while also permitting the power of these great waters to be harnessed for our people.

As a recreational angler, member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and advocate for clean, renewable energy, I am particularly gratified by the success of this project. I look forward to the day when I can take my grandchildren to the banks of the Penobscot to seek out now rare fish and other wildlife. We will give thanks for all who have made this future possible.

With best wishes for continued success,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Allen".

Tom Allen  
Member of Congress

THA/jc