

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

### PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT

**The Penobscot River Restoration Trust**, a Maine and federal non-profit organization, will hold a series of public scoping meetings on December 5 and 6 to solicit comments regarding the Trust's proposal to decommission and remove the Veazie and Great Works dams on the Penobscot River, and to remove the flashboards and lower the impoundment of the Howland dam on the Piscataquis River and build a fish bypass channel around the Howland dam. The proposed action is the result of an agreement among the Trust, PPL Maine, LLC and PPL Great Works, LLC (owners of the dams), the State of Maine, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Penobscot Indian Nation, and several conservation groups.

The purpose of the public meetings is to provide a description of the proposed action, and to solicit comments from state and federal agencies and the public on the issues that should be analyzed prior to the filing of necessary regulatory applications to authorize the proposed action, including applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

A Scoping Document, which describes the proposed action, as well as alternative actions, that the Trust plans to analyze in conjunction with its applications to the FERC, including a schedule of activities and further opportunities for public comment, is available for review at locations in the watershed, at the Trust's website ([www.penobscotriver.org](http://www.penobscotriver.org)), or by contacting the Trust at (207) 699-9492 to request a copy.

The schedule for public meetings is as follows:

#### **Daytime Scoping Meeting**

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 5, 1:00-4:00 pm

Location: Penobscot County Conservation Association in Brewer

#### **Brewer Evening Scoping Meeting**

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Penobscot County Conservation Association in Brewer

#### **Howland Evening Scoping Meeting**

Date & Time: Thursday December 6, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Howland Town Office

In addition to the opportunity for comment at the meetings, which will be transcribed and made a part of the record of the FERC proceedings, interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments by **December 18, 2007**, addressed to

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