

PPL Selling Maine Dams To Restore Salmon Run

PPL Corp. last week announced the Penobscot River Restoration Trust has raised the \$25 million necessary to purchase three PPL-owned dams along the Penobscot River in eastern Maine, clearing the way for a deal to open nearly 1,000 miles of the river to Atlantic salmon and other migratory fish.

Pennsylvania-based PPL has agreed to sell the dams to the trust, which plans to remove dams at Veazie and Great Works and to decommission the dam at Howland but leave it in place and install a bypass channel for fish passage.

The Penobscot River once supported one of the largest runs of Atlantic salmon in the United States. Its restoration is expected to have significant economic benefits for businesses in the area as the prized Atlantic salmon returns along with other migratory species such as American shad and river herring.

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