

PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION TRUST

ADDITIONAL QUOTES SHEET

*Fisheries Restoration, Energy Balance
Closer to Reality on Penobscot River*

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"This project is nothing less than a remarkable model for how Maine can maintain important hydropower generation on our rivers while taking the steps needed to restore our native sea-run fisheries. A diverse mix of energy sources along with healthy fisheries in rivers such as the Penobscot are both high priorities for my administration."

- Governor John Baldacci, State of Maine

"The Penobscot River Restoration Project really represents a great example of where a diverse array of interests are working unselfishly for a worthy cause. This river and its tributaries have more potential habitat for migratory fish populations than any river in the north Atlantic and provides us with our best opportunity to recover the overall population of Atlantic salmon in the continental United States."

- Dr. William Brennan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has a long history of working to restore Atlantic salmon to Maine's rivers and streams in partnership with the Penobscot Indian Nation, State of Maine, NOAA and many others. We look forward to the day when the Penobscot River Restoration Trust calls us together again to celebrate the restoration of historic river habitat for sea-run fish, including sturgeon and striped bass, as well as for other fish, birds and wildlife."

- Marvin E. Moriarty, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Northeast Region, Department of Interior

"Today we are celebrating a big step forward for one of the most significant watershed restoration projects in U.S. history. As we stand on the banks of the Penobscot River, we can feel the power of history in the making. Our decision to purchase these dams means that the Penobscot will be a healthier river in the future. By rebalancing ecological function and power generation in Maine's largest watershed, we will create benefits for nature and communities along this river for generations to come."

- Brownie Carson, Natural Resources Council of Maine

“The Penobscot Project is our best, and perhaps only, chance of restoring a major run of wild Atlantic salmon in the United States. Without this project, salmon could become extinct on our watch and we can not allow this to happen.”

- Bill Taylor, President, Atlantic Salmon Federation

"Raising the \$25 million needed to purchase the three dams was no small feat. The next phase will require a similarly focused and collaborative effort among federal, state, and private donors, but the pay-off both for Atlantic salmon and Penobscot River communities will be worth every last penny."

- Charles Gauvin, President and Chief Executive Officer for Trout Unlimited

“This is one of the most important river restoration projects our country has ever seen. Of the more than 700 dams that have been removed from our rivers, this effort on the Penobscot stands out because of the ground-breaking collaboration, and the balance we will strike for the river’s health, energy production, and new economic opportunities. Communities in Maine and across the country will look to the Penobscot as a model for what they can achieve on their own rivers.”

- Rebecca Wodder, President, American Rivers

"The Nature Conservancy is proud to be part of this innovative and unprecedented project. The benefits of this work will be felt -- in countless ways and for hundreds of miles -- by people and wildlife alike."

- Mike Tetreault, State Director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine.

“Maine Audubon celebrates this milestone day, because it heralds so many days of wide-ranging ecological benefits for the Penobscot River’s wildlife and people. The Penobscot River of the future will nourish abundant species and put on a great show for everyone who loves to watch wildlife.”

- Dr. Sally C. Stockwell, Director of Conservation, Maine Audubon

"This project is leading to the most comprehensive restoration of diadromous species on the east coast. The benefits of this effort will range from the watershed to the Gulf of Maine."

- Commissioner George Lapointe, Department of Marine Resources