

# PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION TRUST

## ADDITIONAL QUOTES SHEET

### *Penobscot River Trust Purchases Three Dams from PPL Corporation* **Monday, December 20, 2010**

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"Black Bear looks forward to developing new hydropower in the Penobscot watershed as part of the Penobscot Project's new balance between energy production and fisheries. We look forward to working together with the Penobscot Trust, in its new role as dam owner, and other project partners to realize both energy and fisheries benefits for Maine."

- **Scott Hall, Vice President, Environmental & Business Services, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC**

"NOAA has long hoped to see the Penobscot River's Atlantic salmon, herring, sturgeon and shad swim freely to their spawning grounds upstream. We are pleased that, after over ten years of planning, it will soon be a reality."

- **Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries**

"This precedent-setting project demonstrates how we can redesign the way we use rivers to provide enduring benefits for fish, wildlife and people - with no net loss of hydroelectric power generation in the watershed. Birds - including herons, osprey, and bald eagles; fish - including striped bass and endangered Atlantic salmon; and other wildlife will have more and better habitat as we restore the ecosystem by reconnecting the watershed with the sea. When wildlife benefits, people benefit. For example, visitors and residents contribute more than \$865 million a year to Maine's economy when they engage in wildlife watching activities."

- **Marvin E. Moriarty, Northeast Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

"This may well turn out to be the most important day for Atlantic salmon in the past 200 years. The Penobscot Project is our best, and perhaps last 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 could not allow this to happen".

- **Bill Taylor, President, Atlantic Salmon Federation**

"The purchase of dams announced today is great news for the people and wildlife of Maine's largest river - the Penobscot. Maine can look forward to a day very soon when the river will produce hydropower and provide a host of other economic opportunities, while allowing sea-run fish to reach 1,000 miles of their historic Penobscot River habitat."

- **Brownie Carson, Natural Resources Council of Maine**

"The check is signed and it's official. This is a major milestone in the effort to restore the Penobscot River. We aren't just buying dams, we are buying a restored river, revitalized fish runs, and a reconnection to culture and heritage. That's something you can't put a price tag on."

- **Rebecca Wodder, President, American Rivers**

"This is how we meet the needs of nature and people. At the end of the day, we will have at least the same level of energy production as when the project began, but millions of fish will now return to spawning grounds lost to them a century ago. This will be good for river communities, and good for both sport and commercial fishermen."

- **Mike Tetreault, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine**

"Acquiring the three dams on the Penobscot River moves us that much closer to the real goal, which is restoring access to over 1,000 miles of habitat for wild Atlantic salmon. Opening up the river will provide a host of benefits to other vital species such as shad and herring."

- **Chris Wood, President and Chief Executive Officer of Trout Unlimited**

"Maine Audubon celebrates this milestone day, because it heralds so many ecological and economic benefits for the Penobscot River's wildlife and people. For anyone who loves to watch wildlife, a restored Penobscot River will put on a great show. That's crucial for river communities and the economy of Maine, where wildlife watching brings more than \$800 million into the state."

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