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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restore salmon habitat

Growing up in the Bangor area helped me realize what makes our part of the state a real gem. And as a state representative, I am proud to protect the woods, lakes and streams right outside our doorstep.

Last week, Gov. John Baldacci met with Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne to talk about a plan that would improve our natural environment by restoring critical Atlantic salmon habitat in the Penobscot River. I would like to add my support to this issue.

Reopening 500 miles of Atlantic salmon-spawning habitat will help to protect part of what makes Maine great: clean woods and waters that are filled with native plants and animals. This project is a good solution for restoring the natural habitat by removing two dams on the Penobscot River and creating a fish bypass around the dam between Veazie and Howland.

If you would like to send an e-mail supporting this project and our environment, you can go to <http://www.doi.gov/contact.html>. You can also send letters of support to Secretary Dirk Kempthorne by writing to Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

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