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Protecting the Nature of Maine

For more than 60 years, NRCM has brought together people, businesses, and organizations to protect the places and way of life that make Maine so special.

Founded in 1959 by a group of Maine people who came together to protect the Allagash River, the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) is a statewide nonprofit membership organization dedicated to restoring and conserving Maine's environment, now and for future generations.

Get Involved Today!

NRCM works side-by-side with Mainers in all 16 counties to protect the woods, waters, and wildlife that make Maine such a special place to live, work, and explore. Join us!



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Healthy Waters
Protecting the health of Maine's rivers, lakes, streams, and coastal waters



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Mobilizing the Power of People Who Care About Maine

NRCM harnesses the power of the law, science, and the voices of more than 25,000 supporters to build a healthier environment for future generations.

Building Strong, Enduring Partnerships

We seek out diverse allies and listen to the needs of local communities to build fair, equitable outcomes. NRCM works with people across Maine who share our values and goals.

- Collaborated with conservationists, Maine Tribes, and scientists to restore the health of the Penobscot and lower Kennebec Rivers, bringing back millions of sea-run fish
- Worked alongside community leaders in the Katahdin region to create the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument
- Teamed up with land trusts, hunters, anglers, Maine Guides, and other outdoor businesses to help conserve thousands of acres of public and working lands by securing funding for the Land for Maine's Future program



Fishing in Kennebec River
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Crafting Effective Policy Change

NRCM advocates for bipartisan solutions on the local, state, and federal level that lead to clean air and water, healthy forests, and thriving local communities.

- Led campaign to pass a first-in-the nation law to save taxpayer money by requiring corporations to pay for wasteful packaging
- Rallied support for new laws to expand solar energy, reduce air pollution, and create a statewide climate action plan
- Protected Maine's scenic beauty by passing and defending a ban on billboards along state highways

A Fearless Watchdog for Maine's Environment

NRCM stands up for the health of Maine people and the environment on which we all depend.

- Protected the unique character of the Moosehead Lake region from the sprawling Plum Creek development proposal
- Safeguarded the Lakes Region and Casco Bay from ExxonMobil's risky and polluting tar sands oil pipeline and export terminal proposal
- Protected the Fish River from an open-pit metal mine proposed by J.D. Irving in Aroostook County