



## Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition

### 2011 Common Environmental Agenda

Maine's extraordinary environment forms the backdrop for who we are and what we value as individuals and as a state. Our jobs, our health, our time with family and friends, our community values, and our identity as Maine people all have their roots in our beautiful environment. When we work together to protect it, Maine people and businesses can thrive.



#### **Bisphenol-A (BPA) Rule: *Protect Maine Children from Toxic BPA***

No child should be exposed to toxic chemicals in their baby bottles or sippy cups. BPA is linked to a staggering number of health problems, and it is everywhere. But safer alternatives to BPA already exist. We all have a stake in helping kids and families stay healthy so the rule requiring safer alternatives to BPA in reusable food and beverage containers (including baby bottles and sippy cups) should be promptly approved by Maine's Legislature.



#### **An Act to Reduce Maine's Oil Dependence: *Build a Clean Energy Future for Maine***

Breaking Maine's oil habit will strengthen our economy, reduce pollution, and improve health. More than half of Maine's energy comes from oil, leaving us extremely vulnerable to volatile oil prices while harming public health and the environment. Many of the solutions to our oil dependence would build Maine's economy while reducing pollution. Maine lawmakers should pass the 'Get Maine Off Oil Bill' to create clear goals that give us control over our energy future.



#### **Land for Maine's Future Bond: *Protect Maine's Natural Legacy***

Protecting Maine's natural resource based infrastructure preserves our way of life and secures an economic future for our children. The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program has an outstanding record of success at protecting Maine's natural legacy and a history of bipartisan support. Maine's Legislature should pass the Land for Maine's Future Bond and help protect the water, land, and wildlife that are the heartbeat of Maine people and Maine's economy



#### **Responsible Recycling Report: *Get Hazardous Materials out of Community Landfills***

Turning today's trash into tomorrow's products creates new opportunities for Maine people and businesses to prosper. Solid waste costs account for more than 10% of municipal budgets and are growing every year. Many consumer products contain toxic materials, which threaten our health and the environment when disposed of in incinerators or landfills. Maine's product stewardship laws for computers, TVs, printers, cell phones, mercury thermostats and light bulbs are innovative and effective success stories that are reducing pollution, cutting costs, and creating jobs. The Responsible Recycling Report identifies new opportunities that should be supported by Maine lawmakers.



#### **Stay on the Trail: *Ensure No Weakening of Maine's Water, Land, and Wildlife Protections***

Maine will face many challenges and opportunities in the months and years to come. How we respond will impact our future in significant ways. It will be tempting to take shortcuts and it will be easy to get off the trail, headed in the wrong direction. Every step we take must maintain our forward-thinking approach to natural resource stewardship and reflect the core values that Maine people hold dear. There is a clear path forward, with bridges to the future for protecting the good health, good jobs, and quality of life that Maine's environment provides to all of us.

# A Trail Map to Prosperity

Maine's beautiful environment is the foundation of our prosperity and our way of life. It's part of our history and part of our future. It's the basis for how we work, how we relax, and how we sustain ourselves and our families.

**We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine's economy can thrive.**

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*Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition is a partnership of 25 environmental, conservation, and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides for all of us.*

American Lung Association of Maine  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
Atlantic Salmon Federation  
Bicycle Coalition of Maine  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Environmental Health Strategy Center  
Environment Maine  
Environment Northeast  
Friends of Casco Bay  
Maine Audubon  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Congress of Lake Associations  
Maine Council of Churches  
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited  
Maine Conservation Voters Education Fund  
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association  
Maine People's Alliance  
Maine Rivers  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter  
RESTORE: The North Woods  
Sierra Club, Maine Chapter  
The Ocean Conservancy  
The Wilderness Society  
Toxics Action Center

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