



Reduce Carbon Pollution and Strengthen Maine's Economy

Enact LD 797 for a comprehensive strategy to tackle climate change.

A clear road map for curbing harmful carbon pollution will create jobs and protect the health of Maine's people and our environment for future generations.

Mainers know we need to tackle climate change *now* to protect our health and way of life. The impacts of climate change are already here, including:

- The Gulf of Maine's increasingly warm and acidic waters are becoming inhospitable to species that we have long relied upon, like Atlantic cod and the American lobster, spelling long-term disaster for Maine's fishermen as well as businesses like whale-watching tours, fishing guides, and seafood restaurants.
- Longer, warmer summers, which mean more ticks jeopardizing our native moose population (cutting into sportsmen and sightseer tourism) and our health – the number of annual cases of Lyme disease has increased ten-fold since 2001.
- Increased rainfall, severe storms, and rising sea levels are causing coastal erosion and smaller beaches, stronger storm surges, and more flooding. Increased tidal flooding caused by sea level rise alone has already led to nearly \$70 million in lost value right here in Maine since 2005.

We can cut carbon pollution and use our natural resources to grow Maine's economy *at the same time.*

- Tackling climate change means weaning ourselves off of fossil fuel to generate electricity. This means new, *good* jobs in Maine in renewable energy, including solar, and less dependence on volatile fuel imports.
- Investment and innovation in energy efficiency, battery storage and transportation electrification also spell exciting growth opportunities for the State.
- Maine's forestry industries, farmers and landowners can profit by managing their lands to maximize carbon sequestration.



LD 797 will:

- Strengthen our commitment to reduce carbon pollution over the long run while aligning the State's carbon levels with prevailing science;
- Bring Mainers to the table for an inclusive process to study our options and develop a wide-ranging plan for making sure we achieve those carbon levels in a way that benefits the State and grows our economy;
- Put Maine's Department of Environmental Protection in charge of implementing the plan and keeping us on track; and
- Encourage investment in natural solutions to generate new revenue streams for Maine's traditional industries

Support LD 797: An Act To Limit Greenhouse Gas Pollution and Effectively Use Maine's Natural Resources

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Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 34 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.

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 communities can thrive.

Acadia Center	Maine People's Alliance
Appalachian Mountain Club	Maine Public Health Association
Atlantic Salmon Federation	Maine Rivers
Bicycle Coalition of Maine	Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Conservation Law Foundation	Midcoast Conservancy
Environmental Health Strategy Center	Natural Resources Council of Maine
Environment Maine	Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
Friends of Casco Bay	RESTORE: The North Woods
Islesboro Island Trust	Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions	Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Maine Audubon	The Ocean Conservancy
Maine Center for Economic Policy	The Trust for Public Land
Maine Conservation Alliance	The Wilderness Society
Maine Council of Churches	Toxics Action Center
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited	Upstream
Maine Interfaith Power & Light	350 Maine
Maine Lakes Society	
Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association	