Doris Luther Hollis Center LD 430

PLEASE VOTE on LD 430.

Whether it's the Pleasant River Downeast, the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers farther west, or the countless smaller rivers in between, when once-outdated dams are removed, vibrant river ecosystems return.

This has allowed communities to celebrate the rivers that are essential to their history. Healthy waterways also mean the return of wildlife—from eagles to Atlantic sturgeon—in greater numbers.

But right now, a bill in the Maine Legislature threatens future river restoration efforts like these statewide. LD 430 would impose a moratorium on dam removals until 2027, a drastic step that would derail any projects in the near term to restore rivers and the fish, wildlife, and communities that rely on them.

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee is holding a public hearing on LD 430 on Monday, April 7, at 10:00 AM. Submitting testimony is one of the most powerful ways to stand up for Maine's rivers.