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LD 430

In Maine, we've seen what happens when rivers are given the chance to run free again.

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River Downeast, the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers farther west, or the countless smaller rivers in between, when once-outdated dams are removed, vibrant river ecosystems return.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. Please don't let this pass.