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During the first Chief Worumbo Canoe and Kayak Race on the Androscoggin River in the town of Lisbon in 1998, we were advised to try not to fall in the water or get wet, since the river was polluted. People avoided the River then because of the known pollution and terrible smell. The Androscoggin has come a LONG way since then, and not just from Umbagog. The USMLA Senior College kayaking club has accessed the River from many sites, from Turner, Auburn, Lewiston, Lisbon, Topsham, and Brunswick. And the walking paths along the River in each of these sites have offered so much to citizens-kids riding bikes, rollerblading, baby carriages, runners, birders. A gem. Please keep the progress going and reclassify the River from Class C to Class B. This is so important to provide momentum for further conservation efforts and upgrades. We love our River.