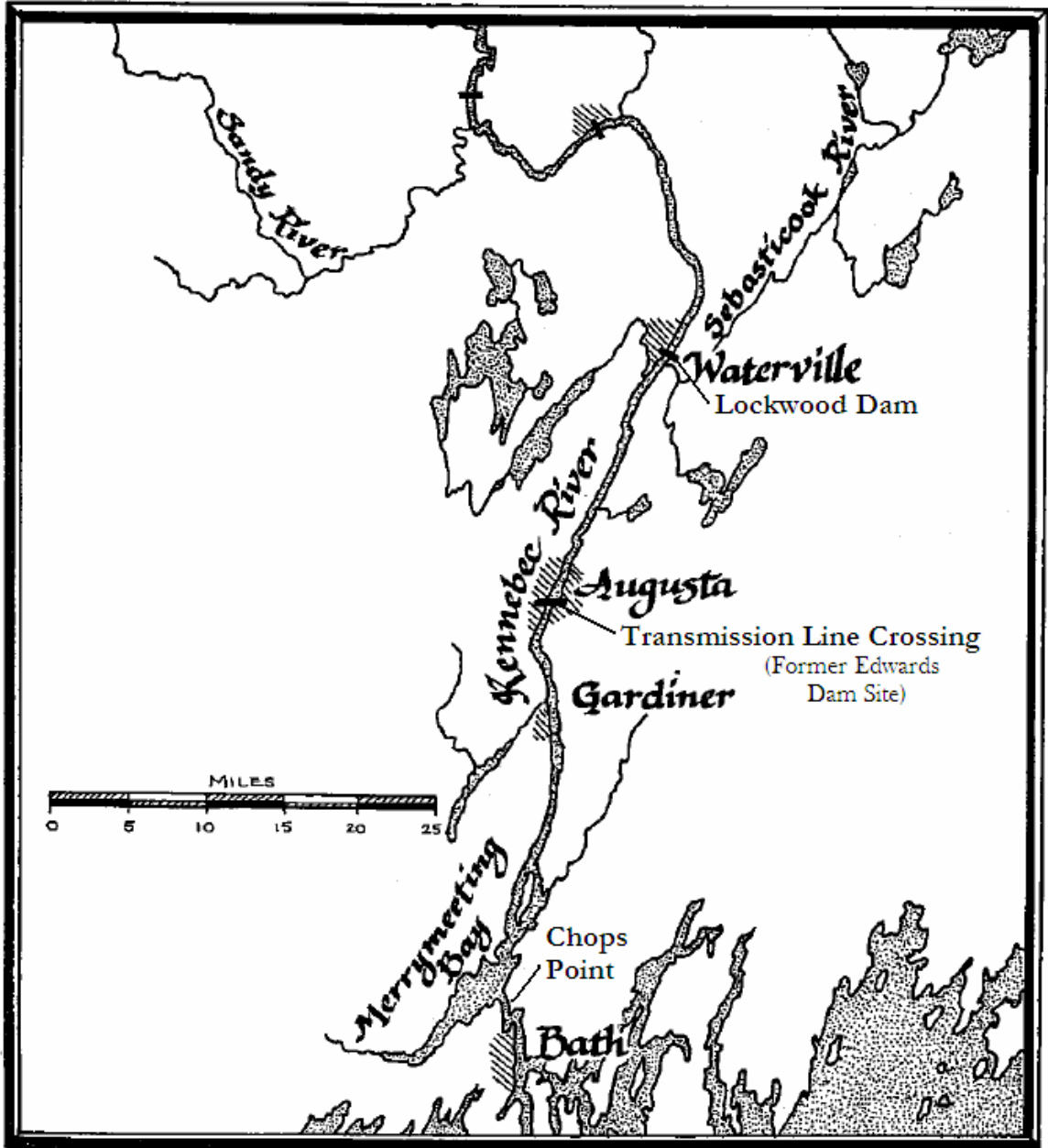


Appendix A: Kennebec River Survey



Please use the above map as reference to sections II and III of this survey.

The following survey asks your opinions regarding the Kennebec River fishery and your fishing activity on the river. All responses will be held strictly confidential. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

I. General Fishing Information – This section is aimed at your general fishing activity in Maine.

1. In what year did you first fish in a freshwater fishery in Maine?

2. In what year did you first fish in a saltwater fishery in Maine?

3. Approximately how many days per year do you fish the following types of fisheries in Maine:

Lakes or Ponds: _____ days.

Streams or Brooks: _____ days.

Rivers: _____ days.

Coastal or Ocean Waters: _____ days.

4. Please indicate the types of fish species that you have targeted while fishing in Maine. Check all that apply.

Alewives _____

Muskellunge _____

American Eel _____

Pickrel _____

Brook Trout _____

Pike _____

Brown Trout _____

Pollock _____

Bluefish _____

Rainbow Trout _____

Blue-back Trout _____

Shad _____

Cod _____

Smallmouth Bass _____

Crappie _____

Smelt _____

Flounder _____

Splake _____

Hornpout _____

Striped Bass _____

Lake Trout (Togue) _____

Sunfish _____

Landlocked Salmon _____

White Perch _____

Largemouth Bass _____

White Catfish _____

Mackerel _____

Yellow Perch _____

Others: _____

In 1999, the Edwards Dam, which was located on the Kennebec River in Augusta, was removed. The removal of the dam allowed anadromous fish (fish that live in salt water, but breed in fresh) to reach an additional 17 miles of spawning habitat in the river. This river habitat had been unreachable for these fish since 1837.

Please circle the number which most closely represents your perception of the river since the removal of the dam:

5. In your opinion, do you think that the removal of the Edwards Dam has been beneficial?

Yes	No	No Opinion
1	2	3

6. Since the Edwards Dam was removed, I feel that the water quality of the Kennebec River has:

Worsened	Remained the Same	Improved a Little	Improved Significantly	Improved Dramatically	No Opinion
1	2	3	4	5	6

7. Since the Edwards Dam was removed, I feel that the amount of wildlife surrounding the river has:

Decreased	Remained the Same	Increased a Little	Increased Significantly	Increased Dramatically	No Opinion
1	2	3	4	5	6

8. Since the Edwards Dam was removed, I feel that the numbers and types of fish in the river have:

Decreased	Remained the Same	Increased a Little	Increased Significantly	Increased Dramatically	No Opinion
1	2	3	4	5	6

II. Freshwater Fishing on the Kennebec River – This section asks about your fishing activity in the un-dammed, freshwater parts of the Kennebec River. That is, the stretch of river from Lockwood Dam in Waterville, to tidal water in Augusta. The tidal water is marked by a transmission line crossing above the river (please refer to map on cover page).

1. Have you ever fished the Kennebec River between the Lockwood Dam in Waterville and the transmission line crossing in Augusta?

Yes _____

No _____

If you answered No to question 1, please turn to page 4.

2. Approximately how many days a year do you fish the Kennebec River between the Lockwood Dam in Waterville and the transmission line crossing in Augusta?

_____ days per year.

3. In what year did you first fish this stretch of the Kennebec River?

4. In what year was your most recent trip to this stretch of the Kennebec River?

5. Based on the last time you fished, what are the approximate costs you have paid for the following items on a typical one-day *freshwater* fishing trip to the Kennebec River? If you do not purchase any of the following, please enter 0.

Transportation (Gas, Oil, Tolls, Vehicle Rental, etc.):	\$ _____
Public Transportation (Airline, Bus, etc.):	\$ _____
Food and Beverages (Restaurants, Snacks, etc.):	\$ _____
Lodging (Hotels, Cabins, Camping permits, etc.):	\$ _____
Guide Fees:	\$ _____
Bait (to be used on one trip):	\$ _____
Boat Rental (Canoe, Kayak or other):	\$ _____
Shuttle Service:	\$ _____
Fuel for Boat:	\$ _____
Other:	\$ _____
	\$ _____

How many people do these expenses cover? _____ people.

Consider a full day (8 hour) guided fishing trip on the Kennebec River covering water from either Waterville to Sidney or Sidney to Augusta. All flies, lures and/or bait would be provided as well as fishing rods and a lunch, snacks and drinks for the trip. The trip would be run on the guide's fishing boat.

6. If this trip targeted brown trout, what is the maximum amount that you would pay for this trip for yourself?

I would pay \$_____ for this trip.

7. If this trip targeted smallmouth bass, what is the maximum amount that you would pay for this trip for yourself?

I would pay \$_____ for this trip.

Please turn to Section III on the next page.

III. Tidal Water Fishing on the Kennebec River - This section asks about your fishing activity in the tidal parts of the Kennebec River. That is, the stretch of river from the transmission line crossing in Augusta, to Chops Point on Merrymeeting Bay (please refer to map on cover page).

8. Have you ever fished the Kennebec River between the transmission line crossing in Augusta and Chops Point on Merrymeeting Bay?

Yes _____

No _____

If you answered No to question 8, please skip page 6.

9. Approximately how many days a year do you fish the Kennebec River between the transmission line crossing in Augusta and Chops Point on Merrymeeting Bay?

_____ days per year.

10. In what year did you first fish this stretch of the Kennebec River?

11. In what year was your most recent trip to this stretch of the Kennebec River?

12. Based on the last time you fished, what are the average costs you have paid for the following items on an average one-day *tidal water* fishing trip to the Kennebec River? If you do not purchase any of the following, please enter 0.

Transportation (Gas, Oil, Tolls, Vehicle Rental, etc.):	\$ _____
Public Transportation (Airline, Bus, etc.):	\$ _____
Food and Beverages (Restaurants, Snacks, etc.):	\$ _____
Lodging (Hotels, Cabins, Camping permits, etc.):	\$ _____
Guide Fees:	\$ _____
Bait (to be used on one trip):	\$ _____
Boat Rental (Canoe, Kayak or other):	\$ _____
Shuttle Service:	\$ _____
Fuel for Boat:	\$ _____
Other:	\$ _____
	\$ _____

How many people do these expenses cover? _____ people.

Consider a full day (8 hour) guided fishing trip on the Kennebec River in the tidal area, between the transmission line crossing in Augusta and Chops Point on Merrymeeting Bay. All flies, lures and/or bait would be provided as well as fishing rods and a lunch, snacks and drinks for the trip. The trip would be run on the guide's fishing boat and would depart on the river at a location of your choice between Augusta and Merrymeeting Bay.

13. If this trip targeted striped bass, what is the maximum amount that you would pay for this trip for yourself?

I would pay \$_____ for this trip.

14. Consider a situation where Atlantic Salmon had once again become a species available for targeted fishing. If this trip targeted Atlantic Salmon, what is the maximum amount that you would pay for this trip for yourself?

I would pay \$_____ for this trip.

Currently, saltwater sportfishing in Maine does not require purchase of a fishing license. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife regulates all freshwater fishing license sales in Maine. All proceeds from fishing licenses are used to fund the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, which in turn is used to protect natural resources in the state of Maine. In other words, all money collected from fishing license sales stays within the agency. The Maine Department of Marine Resources is the agency responsible for the management of saltwater sport fishing in the state of Maine.

15. If the state of Maine were to establish a saltwater sportfishing license that was required by all who fish in saltwater fisheries in Maine, with the funds for the licenses going to the Department of Marine Resources for the enhancement of Maine's recreational saltwater fish species, would you purchase this license? (Check one)

Yes _____

No _____

If Yes, what is the most you would pay for the license?

I would pay \$_____ for the license.

If No, why not?

IV. Information about You – This last section is aimed to collect some general information about you. Your answers will be held strictly confidential and will be used anonymously in comparison to responses of other people. All questions are optional, but are greatly appreciated.

1. How old are you?

_____ years old.

2. I am

Female _____

Male _____

3. What is your zip code?

4. If you are a Maine resident, how many years have you lived in the state?

_____ years.

5. If you are not a Maine resident, how many years have you fished in the state of Maine?

_____ years.

6. What level of education have you completed? Please circle one.

a) Eight years or less

b) Some high school

c) High school

d) Some college

e) Associate degree

f) B.A. or equivalent

g) M.A. or equivalent

h) Advanced degree (M.D., Ph.D., etc)

7. Which bracket comes closest to your total 2005 household income, before taxes? Please circle one.

a) Less than \$10,000

b) \$10,000 to \$19,999

c) \$20,000 to \$29,999

d) \$30,000 to \$39,999

e) \$40,000 to \$49,999

f) \$50,000 to \$59,999

g) \$60,000 to \$69,999

h) \$70,000 to \$84,999

i) \$85,000 to \$99,999

j) \$100,000 or more

Thank you very much for your participation in this survey. Your responses will be held in strict confidentiality. If you have any comments regarding an aspect of this survey, feel free to use the space below to share them. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the final report based on the results from this survey, please provide your name and address below. Thanks again.