

## RESOLUTION 93-3

### *In Opposition to the Proposed Basin Mills Hydroelectric Dam, Maine*

WHEREAS the Penobscot River has been nationally designated as a model river for the restoration of Atlantic salmon and other anadromous fish, particularly American shad and river herrings; and,

WHEREAS the proposed Basin Mills Dam will destroy riverine habitat and create an additional obstacle to fish passage to over 90% of the anadromous fish habitat of the Penobscot River Basin; and,

WHEREAS the proposed mitigation for this dam is inadequate to compensate for habitat loss and the cumulative effects of another dam on the lower main stem Penobscot River; and,

WHEREAS the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has an interest in aquatic habitat and shad and river herrings through its Habitat Committee and Interstate Fisheries Management Program respectively;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is opposed to the construction of the Basin Mills Hydroelectric project as proposed because of the failure to provide full mitigation for the effects of this project on aquatic habitat and the anadromous fish resources of the Penobscot River Basin, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governors of the State of Maine, the Maine Congressional delegation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. *Adopted at the ASMFC Annual Meeting, November 14-18, 1993, Newport, RI.*