

**Subject:** Atlantic Salmon and the Endangered Species Act

**Story Summary:** At the end of 2000, the federal government listed the Atlantic Salmon as an endangered species in eight Maine coastal rivers. The state is worried about the impact on the rural economy, and doubts any wild, native salmon even exist anymore. Offshore in sea farms though there are plenty of Atlantic salmon.

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**Suggested Lead:** Maine's farm, forestry and aquaculture industries feel threatened by the listing of Atlantic salmon as an endangered species in eight rivers. Stewart Truelsen reports from the Down East coastal region.

**Suggested Supers:** Washington County, ME  
@ :06

Bob Hammond  
Maine Farmer  
@ :36

Robert Ramsay  
Maine Logger  
@ :49

Steve Page  
Atlantic Salmon of Maine LLC  
@ 1:24

Sen. Marge KilKelly  
(D) Maine Senate  
@ 1:54

Stewart Truelsen  
Reporting  
@ 1:54

**Atlantic Salmon and Endangered Species Act  
Stewart Truelsen Reporting  
May 24, 2001**

<p>Bob Hammond running his hand across blueberry bushes, blossoms,</p>	<p>SOT/ THESE ARE WILD BLUEBERRIES. WE HAVE NOT PLANTED ANY OF THEM. THEY GROW HERE NATURALLY.</p>
<p>Hammond walking on blueberry barren  Locator-<b>Washington County, Maine</b>  Tractor and fire rig behind it</p>	<p>VO/ MAINE'S WILD BLUEBERRIES GROW ON BARREN GROUND--HENCE THE NAME BLUEBERRY BARRENS. EVEN WHEN PRUNED WITH FIRE, WILD BLUEBERRIES GROW A CROP NEXT YEAR.</p>
<p>River shots, Pan of fish ladder  Cranberry bog, blueberry barrens, Loading firewood logs on truck</p>	<p>VO/ IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE WITH WILD ATLANTIC SALMON. THEY LEFT THESE WATERS IN BIG NUMBERS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. NOW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS LISTED THE SALMON AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES IN EIGHT RIVERS. CRANBERRY BOGS, BLUEBERRY BARRENS, WOODLOTS, ANY ACTIVITY NEAR THE RIVERS, FACE TIGHT FEDERAL REGULATION.</p>
<p>Soundbite  <b>Bob Hammond</b> <b>Maine Farmer</b></p>	<p>SOT/ AND I DON'T NEED SOME BUREAUCRAT IN WASHINGTON TELLING ME THAT THIS IS THE WAY THAT IT OUGHT TO BE. THEY DON'T KNOW AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.</p>
<p>Soundbite  <b>Robert Ramsay</b> <b>Maine Logger</b></p>	<p>SOT/ IF WE HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS, TIMBER HARVESTING WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF A RIVER, NEAR A RIVER WILL BECOME NONEXISTENT.</p>
<p>Soundbite, Hammond</p>	<p>SOT/ IF SOMETHING IS REALLY ENDANGERED, HOW IT CAN IT BE ENDANGERED WHEN THEY ARE</p>

	RAISING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SALMON TWO OR THREE MILES OFFSHORE.
Captain at wheel, shots from boat of water ahead and wake behind Salmon worker tossing feed over pens, Fish breaking surface	VO/ HAMMOND IS RIGHT. MAINE HAS A BOOMING AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY OFF ITS COAST. HERE, THE COLD WATERS HELP GROW EXCELLENT ATLANTIC SALMON. THERE ARE 70,000 TO 80,000 SMALL FISH IN ONE OF THESE PENS.
Soundbite  <b>Steve Page</b> <b>Atlantic Salmon of Maine, LLC</b>  Netting small fish, worker adjusting rigging, Worker looking through monitor, fish as seen through underwater camera	SOT/ WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WILD FISH SWIMMING IN THE RIVERS BUT WE DON'T THINK ANY OF THE FISH IN EXISTENCE ANYMORE ARE REALLY TRULY WILD, NATIVE FISH. THE BREEDING PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 150 YEARS NOW TO BREED SALMON THROUGH THE FEDERAL HATCHERIES HAS BEEN MIXING DIFFERENT GENETIC STRAINS FROM MANY DIFFERENT PLACES.
Capitol building, Zoom out as Senate leader bangs gavel	VO/ MAINE IS CHALLENGING THE FEDERAL LISTING, WHICH IGNORED THE STATE'S OWN RECOVERY PLAN.
Soundbite  <b>Sen. Marge Kil Kelly (D)</b> <b>Maine Senate District 16</b>	SOT/ I FEEL THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED IN A WAY THAT THERE'S MORE RESPECT AND THAT THERE'S MORE OF AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE DO KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN THE STATE OF MAINE, AND WE REALLY DON'T, I BELIEVE, NEED TO HAVE THEM TELL US WHAT WE NEED IN THE STATE OF MAINE.
Big fish jumping, Woman weighing and checking fish at processing plant, Zoom out from Machias storefront to town	VO/ IF ATLANTIC SALMON REMAIN ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST, AQUACULTURE TOO WILL FACE NEW LIMITATIONS. FROM DOWN

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