



Dr. Henry Jennings, PhD, director
Maine Board of Pesticides Control
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Dear Dr. Jennings

Friends of Penobscot Bay is a nonprofit citizens association dedicated to stewardship of Maine's biggest bay. Our membership includes leaders of Penobscot Bay's lobstering community and representatives of Penobscot Bay's other fisheries

We were glad to learn from your testimony on Thursday that the Maine Board of Pesticides Control is committing resources to sampling Maine's coastal sediments for their pesticide loads, and that the Board's Environmental Risk Advisory Committee will direct this effort.

Over the past year the Friends of Penobscot Bay has worked with researchers from University of Maine, Unity College and St Joseph's College, as well as the concerned public, on sampling and testing our bay's sediments and intertidal organisms for acidity, metals and other wastes.

Please let us know how we can best work with the Pesticides Control Board's Environmental Risk Advisory Committee to help make your testing initiative as thorough and successful as possible. We understand that volunteers from Friends of Casco Bay have been helpful in sample gathering for pesticides in Casco Bay, and we are pleased to offer the same volunteer deployment services in Penobscot Bay.

Learning about the level of pesticides in our lobsters and other seafood species, and what strategies to take to limit pesticide entry into our bay is very important to us! In summary we'd like to work with the Pesticides Control Board's Environmental Risk Advisory Committee to help make the Penobscot Bay portion of your coastwide testing initiative as thorough and successful as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely

Harlan McLaughlin

Harlan McLaughlin, president

Friends of Penobscot Bay