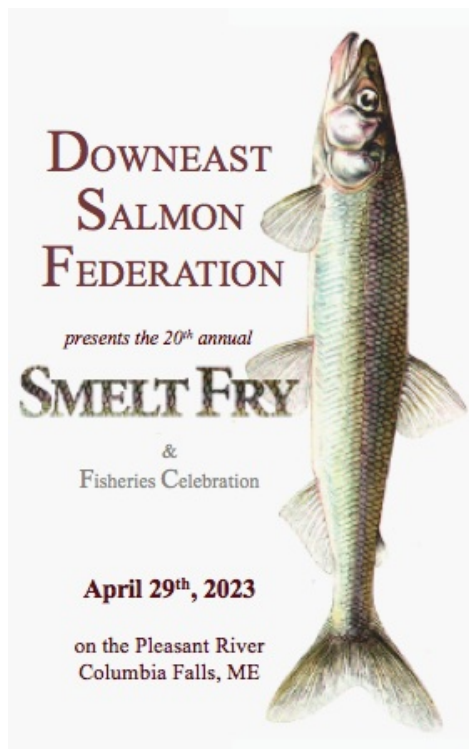




DSF Events Calendar this spring

We've got quite a bit planned this spring for the community, from free ice fishing to film screenings, plus ways to learn more about DSF projects and what they do for Downeast Maine wild salmon habitat. And did we mention we're bringing the Smelt Fry back?!

Scroll down for all of this and more from DSF's events calendar.



Sponsor the Smelt Fry

DSF's Smelt Fry April 29th

We are pleased to announce that after a hiatus due to COVID-19, we are bringing back the Smelt Fry!

We are in the process of reimagining the event, but here's what we do know:

April 29th, 2023, you can come and join us in Columbia Falls, ME for fried smelt, noon - 4PM!

Come support heritage fishery and bring the whole family to enjoy local fish sourced right from the Pleasant River, beer from Airline Brewing, and healthy side dishes.

Free Ice Fishing
February 18th
10am - 2pm

FREE ICE FISHING DAY

Warden Phil White Memorial Family Ice Day

SPONSORED BY THE SCOUTS,
DOWNEAST SALMON FEDERATION,
MANO EN MANO, & LEGION POST #8



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

10 - 2

Chalk Pond, at Route 193 & Route 9
Traps, Bait, Holes, Hot Dogs & Bonfire Provided

NO LICENSES REQUIRED

Dress warm with extra mitts for kids

Call Jon Gay 598-7545 or Peter Duston 546-7559

No fishing license needed! Come to Chalk Pond and try ice fishing, and get the kids involved, too!

Co-hosted by Mano en Mano and Legion Post #8, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be provided for all who attend.

Union River Session

March 8th

6 - 8pm



Curious about our progress on the Union River?

Join us in Ellsworth Moore Center

125 State St, Ellsworth, ME

March 8th from 6 - 8pm

Hear from Dwayne Shaw and other speakers to get updates about the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and court proceedings regarding the relicensing of two Brookfield dams on the Union River. This event, sponsored by The Union Salmon Association, will have a Q&A session to follow.

Two fly tying workshop

April 5th & April 12th

5 - 7pm

Join us this April for TWO
Fly Tying Workshops!



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Co-sponsored by
Downeast Coastal Conservancy and
Downeast Salmon Federation

All ages
welcome
to come and
learn fly tying
with us!



Wednesday, April 5th
Wednesday, April 12th
from 5 – 7PM

DSF's East Machias Hatchery
13 Willow St.
East Machias ME

Interested in getting into fly fishing? Come learn how to tie flies with us this April! These workshops are co-sponsored by Downeast Coastal Conservancy and will be held at DSF's East Machias facility.

13 Willow St
East Machias, ME

Register for the
workshop

These workshops will be followed by a casting workshop in early June.
Stay tuned for more info!

Health Champions film screening
April 4th
5 - 7pm



Dwayne Shaw and DSF's work promoting healthy habitat is featured in this 30-minute film alongside other Health Champions.

Join us at DSF's East Machias Facility to hear from the Health Champions and view the film on **April 4th from 5 - 7PM** while enjoying some healthy snacks! This screening is put on in collaboration with Healthy Acadia.

If you'd like to get a preview of the film, they are showing it virtually tomorrow
FEBRUARY 16th
from noon to 1PM.

Find more information on the virtual showing here:

<https://www.healthyacadia.org/ce-together-community-health-champions>

Narraguagus Marsh Talk

April 20th
5 - 7pm



Are you curious about DSF's latest projects in salt marsh restoration around Downeast Maine?

Join us in Milbridge on April 20th from 5- 7 PM to learn about how we are working with state and federal agents to restore Maine's marshlands. Reach out to Kirstin at kirstin@mainesalmonrivers.org for more info.

LOCATION TBA

Alewife Days

May 19th and May 20th
9am - 3pm



Alewife Days will again be held in Pembroke this year to celebrate the river herring run in collaboration with the [Greenhorns](#).

Join us for fresh smoked alewives, conversation and community at this event where you can even try dip netting (fishing license required) for alewives on the Pennamaquan River!



More opportunities for the community

DSF is teaching a **class for seniors at Sunrise Senior College**. The four-week series features Monday classes at 2 - 3:30pm from March 13th to April 3rd.

Learn more and register here:

<https://machias.edu/ssc/class/fisheries-and-restoration-in-downeast-maine/>



River Camp is a free overnight camp for high school students to learn about and work in conservation projects in Downeast Maine. Put on by the Cobscook Institute and hosted at DSF's

Camp Wigwams, the 2023 session goes from July 31st to August 14th this summer and is now open for applications! Learn more here:

cobscookinstitute.org/rivercamp



Sponsored by DSF and Downeast Trout Unlimited, the Machias Chapter of **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing** is a group for veterans to find community in fly fishing. PHWFF meets every second Thursday at the East Machias Hatchery (13 Water St). Join our next session **Thursday March 9th from 6 -8pm**. Reach out to Mike Manning at mike.manning@projecthealingwaters.org for more information!



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