



It's official: the DSF Land Trust is now Accredited!

DSF Updates: February 28, 2023

For the shortest month of the year, DSF held a great event ice fishing out in Chalk Pond, [hired a new hatchery technician](#), and got our Land Trust accredited!

There is still time to sign up for our four-week course with [Sunrise Senior College](#), see details below to register!

Keep reading below to learn more about DSF programs this spring.

March 8th - Union River Information Session



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.

"DSF was built over 40 years ago on a foundation of supporters who were interested and invested in what we do to protect and conserve Atlantic Salmon and other sea-run fish. Today is no different, **we rely on your support and we cannot thank you enough for your membership.**

Please consider donating today to help us continue our community and wildlife advocacy: <https://www.mainesalmonrivers.org/donate>"

Peter Gray Parr Project Updates



We're looking forward to receiving our first batch of eggs from Craig Brook National Hatchery next week!



We are excited to involve the community in salmon rearing with the Fish Friends Program. Kids from Jonesport to Eastport will help DSF raise salmon to fry and release them into the Pleasant River.

The USFWS Matching Challenge grant for the Peter Gray Parr Project is back up for 2023.

**Each year we need to raise \$137,000 to DOUBLE the fund.
Donate now to help us meet our match!**

Donate to the
Challenge

SMELT FRY: 2023

YES - we are bringing it back!

DOWNEAST SALMON FEDERATION

presents the 20th annual

SMELT FRY

&
Fisheries Celebration

April 29th, 2023

on the Pleasant River
Columbia Falls, ME



Save the date!

**April 29th, 2023
from 12pm - 4pm
at DSF's**

**Pleasant River Hatchery
in Columbia Falls, ME**

We will have (gluten-free!) fried smelts, blueberry crumble with certified organic blueberries, beer from Airline Brewing, and much more to offer at our Smelt Fry!

Our Smelt Fry menu is sponsored in part by [Healthy Acadia](#) and [Smithereen Farm](#).
As you know, almost everything DSF does is in partnership.

Interested in becoming an individual or corporate sponsor?

Sponsor the Smelt
Fry

It's official: the DSF Land Trust is accredited!

We're excited to share with you that we have been awarded accreditation!



After a rigorous verification process, Downeast Salmon Federation has proven that we have sound finances, practice ethical conduct and responsible governance and can ensure lasting stewardship. A win for conservation and our community!



Help DSF's Land Trust continue our excellent track record of great work with a donation! Any vehicle with high clearance will do to help us cross rugged Maine roads as we monitor our 4500 acres of conserved land.

Get in touch with us to donate a
vehicle

Springtime Sunrise Senior College course

Sunrise Senior College exists "to provide a community of life-long learners with curriculum and special activities for all people at least fifty (50) years of age and their partners/spouses."



DSF is teaching topics such as: conservation hatcheries, wild Atlantic salmon life cycles, land trust and habitat conservation practices, habitat restoration, and how DSF engages the community.



Come learn from the team! Every class will cover a new topic and will be taught by DSF's experts in the field.

The four-week series features Monday classes
at 2 - 3:30pm from March 13th to April 3rd.

Register by clicking the link below.

[Register for Fisheries and Restoration in Downeast Maine](#)



DSF is hiring!

Do you want to work with the Peter Gray Parr Project, raising and supporting endangered Atlantic salmon at our conservation hatchery?

We are looking to fill our hatchery team for the 2023 season!

We are accepting applications for a Seasonal Part-Time PGPP Hatchery Technician through March 3rd, so click the link below for more information and details on how to apply.

Work with
us!



A new year for Maine's wild Atlantic Salmon

We are on our 3rd year of the USFWS Matching Challenge Grant! Every year, we have to meet our benchmark, \$167k, in order to match the full \$750k of the 5-year long fund.

We did it in 2021 and 2022, and we need your help in 2023.

**Help us get a jump on the new year of our 2023
USFWS Matching Challenge Grant.**

**Please consider giving to ensure a future for wild Maine salmon
and the programs that support them here at DSF.**

**Let's start Maine strong: your donation has the
potential for DOUBLE impact!**

Visit our website and donate today:

**DONATE
NOW**





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