



Otter Falls ([Pleasant River Preserve](#)) in the snow.

## DSF Updates: January 25, 2023

It's a new year at DSF!

It's been a snowy January here Downeast. Are you looking for some local spots to enjoy the wintery weather with snowshoeing, skiing, and cozy walks by the water? Look no further than DSF Land Trust properties:

[www.mainesalmonrivers.org/dsf-land-trust](http://www.mainesalmonrivers.org/dsf-land-trust)

Through all the snow and winter fun, DSF has made some big steps this month, starting 2023 and our 41st year in operation strong.

We are getting ready for salmon rearing, [teaching a four-week course with Sunrise Senior College](#), and making a donations call for a high-clearance vehicle to support our efforts with the Land Trust.

Plus, in 2023, **we are bringing back the Smelt Fry!**  
After a long break due to COVID, we will be scaling down considerably, but we are so excited to be planning the event.

Keep reading below to learn more and get involved



"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>"

*Dwayne M*

### Peter Gray Parr Project Updates



### SMELT FRY: 2023

**YES - we are bringing it back!**

Pictured: spawning broodstock  
Atlantic salmon from [Green Lake  
National Fish Hatchery](#).

Until we receive our eggs from  
Craig Brook National Hatchery,  
the PGPP team is working on  
readying our East Machias and  
Columbia Falls facilities to  
welcome over 350,000 wild  
Atlantic salmon eggs. The eggs  
will grow into young fish through  
the year, to be released as fry in  
May and as parr in October.



To get ready for eggs, Assistant  
Hatchery Manager Alex has applied  
a fresh layer of epoxy to the egg  
platform, which will hold stacked  
trays of salmon eggs. The epoxy  
layer waterproofs the platform,  
ensuring the eggs remain in a  
hygienic environment as we cycle  
river water in through the trays.



After taking a pause with COVID  
complications, we are pleased to  
announce that we are bringing  
back the Smelt Fry this year.

**Save the date!**

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

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

We are changing how the Smelt  
Fry will look this time around,  
scaling down a bit after a big  
break, but we are committed to  
showing up for the community  
this year!

The Smelt Fry shines light on our  
Downeast fisheries & community.  
As you know, almost everything  
DSF does is in partnership.

Interested in becoming an  
individual or corporate sponsor?

**Sponsor the Smelt  
Fry**

## **Call for donations! DSF needs high clearance**

Adding an extra truck to our fleet  
made 2022 stocking season a breeze:  
we cut stocking time by 15%, getting

## **Springtime Sunrise Senior College course**

Sunrise Senior College exists  
"to provide a community of  
life-long learners with

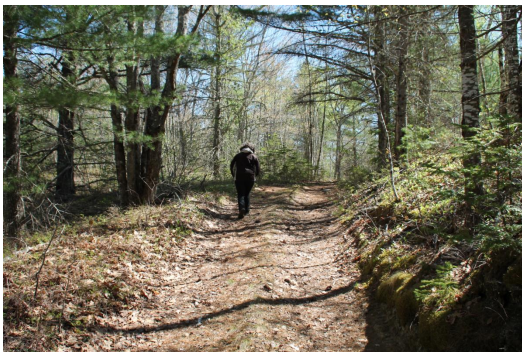
endangered Atlantic salmon into  
Maine rivers in record speed.



Now, the DSF Land Trust needs  
some love!

**Do you have a high clearance  
vehicle you no longer use?**

Please consider making it a tax-  
deductible donation to DSF.



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

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!  
Full- and part-time positions available.

See 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 2022, making just \$74 over our goal. Thank you!!!

**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!**

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## **Visit our website and donate today:**

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NOW**



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