

PRESS RELEASE

Natural Resources Council of Maine to Recognize Wiley Rein Attorneys for Their Pro Bono Work

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On October 16, the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) will present to three Wiley Rein attorneys its 2008 Environmental Award for their pro bono efforts to help protect Maine's environment.

Partners Charles Owen Verrill, Jr. and M. Evan Corcoran, and associate Paul A. Dame, will receive the award in recognition of their successful representation of a coalition of environmental groups in a lawsuit that allowed the removal of the Fort Halifax dam on the Sebasticook River. The dam's removal earlier this year has allowed the river to flow freely and native sea-run fish to return to the area. The award will be presented at the group's annual meeting in Maine, which spotlights the theme, "Daring to Make a Difference: Courage, Innovation and Environmental Activism in Maine."

The NRCM is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine's environment. The organization works to improve the quality of Maine's rivers, reduce toxic chemicals threatening the health of Maine families and wildlife, decrease air and global warming pollution and conserve Maine lands.