OPINIONS/ARTICLES

A moment in local history: The Bellows Falls Canal, by Alan F. Rumrill

The Keene Sentinel

Three brothers of the Atkinson family of London were granted exclusive rights to build the canal and erect a dam across the river. The original name of ...

This river is now a person

Grist

... which was granted legal personhood in 2017 in a settlement between the government and the Maori people, and the Klamath River in California.

NORTHEAST NEWS

One of the largest dams in New Jersey a step closer to being removed

WFMZ Allentown

Removal of the dam will make the Musconetcong River free flowing from the Delaware River all the way up to Bloomsbury. Jennings said it will allow ...

Power giant sues Maine over plan that could force removal of 4 Kennebec dams

Bangor Daily News

AUGUSTA, Maine — The owner of four dams on the Kennebec River sued the state of Maine on Tuesday seeking to halt a plan backed by Gov.

Brookfield Renewable Partners subsidiary sues state over plan that could remove dams

Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel

The dam owners want to stop the process that would amend the Kennebec River Management Plan, which includes provisions supporting hydro ...

Brookfield seeks to stop plan for sea-run salmon on Kennebec

WRAL.com

The process is playing out as one of the dams is up for license renewal through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The agency considers state ...

Owner Of Kennebec River Dams Sues State Over Proposed Changes That Could Lead To Their ...

Maine Public

That amendment recommends the removal of two dams — and a study of the proposed removal of two other dams — from Waterville to Skowhegan. But ...

Removing Dams Could Save Atlantic Salmon From Extinction

EcoWatch

The Sandy may be good salmon habitat, but it's also hard to reach. Brookfield's four dams stand in the way of fish trying to get upriver. At the lowest dam ...

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Maine drops plan targeting removal of 4 Kennebec River dams, citing mistakes

Bangor Daily News

Maine has dropped a controversial Kennebec River plan that called for the removal of up to four dams after state marine officials realized they did not have the authority to amend the plan under state law.

Kennebec River dams will remain intact after amendment for removal is dropped

NewsCenterMaine.com WCSH-WLBZ

Kennebec River dams will remain intact after amendment for removal is dropped. This video file cannot be played. (Error Code: 102630). Local leaders ...

Town Officials Applaud Decision To Reboot Kennebec River Salmon Restoration Project

Maine Public

Municipal officials in towns along the Kennebec River are applauding a state decision this week to reboot its planning process for restoring ...

Fish expected to swim up new Westbrook fish ladder in June

pressherald.com

Channels and pools form where a dam once stood on the Presumpscot in Westbrook. In addition to traveling the new fish ladder, which is downriver ...

Swanzey to hold information session on Upper Wilson Pond Dam project

The Keene Sentinel

A high hazard dam is one that would likely cause loss of life if it failed, due to its size and location. Town Administrator Michael Branley said there are ...

Swanzey to consider several options for Upper Wilson Pond Dam

The Keene Sentinel

Specifically, Swanzey is looking at rehabilitating the town-owned dam to maintain its current water levels, partially removing it and lowering the level of ...

Go With the Flow

The Keene Sentinel

In order to generate hydroelectricity, a dam must be built on a large river ... "When it comes to dams, we interact with them in two basic ways," Urffer ...

KLAMATH RIVER

Haaland dives headfirst into Klamath water issues

Herald and News

The Secretary also withdrew an August 2020 decision by Reclamation concerning Klamath River flows for the Yurok Tribe's Boat Dance. The traditional ...

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SNAKE RIVER

Some green groups oppose lower Snake River dam removal plan

Idaho State Journal

BOISE (AP) — A coalition of 17 environmental groups is speaking out against a key part of a sweeping plan to remove the lower Snake River dams to \dots

Groups' reps pen a letter against breaching

Lewiston Morning Tribune

It lies at the center of the scientific debate over dam breaching. Fisheries scientists in favor of breaching say fewer dams would increase salmon survival ...

Sustainability Center panel discusses Rep. Mike Simpson's Northwest in Transition Plan

Argonaut

According to Simpson's proposal, the breaching process for Lower Granite Dam and Little Goose Dam would begin in summer 2030, while the ...

Tribes call on Biden, Congress to remove Snake River dams

Post Register

SEATTLE (AP) — A coalition of Northwest tribal leaders called on President Joe Biden and Congress last week to remove four massive dams on the ...

As the debate over removing the Snake River dams churns, tribes quietly lead the way in ...

wenatcheeworld.com

When Little Falls Dam was built in 1911, it blocked the migratory chinook salmon from returning to their birth stream to spawn. No one cried as this little ...

Idaho Legislature comes out against Simpson's salmon recovery plan

Twin Falls Times-News

... recovery proposal that calls for breaching dams along the Snake River. ... or breaching dams along the Columbia and Snake rivers and tributaries.

Supporters of Snake River dam removal make their case in Congress

Yakima Herald-Republic

... the Idaho Republican's bid to include \$33.5 billion in the package to breach the four lower Snake River dams and replace the benefits they provide.

Amid mounting opposition to Rep. Mike Simpson's plan to save Snake River salmon, supporters of ...

The Spokesman-Review

... mounting opposition to Rep. Mike Simpson's plan to save Snake River salmon, supporters of dam removal hope for bipartisan backing in Congress.

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OTHER US NEWS

Seven Infrastructure Problems in Urgent Need of Fixing

The New York Times

The Biden administration has pledged a \$2 trillion investment in the nation's infrastructure. With century-old water systems and schools vulnerable to earthquakes, there is no shortage of need. (BTF note: Dams are mentioned in this article about the Biden infrastructure plan.)

Federal agency to add warning signs at dams across Pa., after boy dies in 'drowning machine' pennlive.com

The drowning of an 11-year-old boy at a low head dam in the Codorus Creek on property owned by the Army Corp of Engineers has prompted the ...