

The First Virtual Androscoggin River Watershed



Workshop

**December 2, 2020
(9:30 to 11:15)**



Via Zoom, from our homes to your home or office

As with many gatherings over the past eight months, our 25th Annual Watershed Conference was cancelled, but we have scheduled a Virtual Workshop with some interesting topics and a brief general discussion session.

The workshop should be of interest to anyone who has an interest in the land and water resources in the Androscoggin watershed. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts, outfitters, tourism service providers, land trusts, and municipal officials will find sessions of interest.

9:30-10:00

**Presentation by Judy Camuso, Commissioner
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Ms Camuso will provide a discussion of the vision of the Department for the future and outdoor engagement and increased usage due to Covid-19.

10:00-10:30

Land Conservation in the Upper Androscoggin Watershed

This session will provide information on several key tracts of land that are being conserved in the Gilead and Shelburne area of the watershed, featuring a number of islands and shoreline along the Androscoggin.

10:30-10:50

Brook Trout Habitat Improvement Projects

The emphasis of this session will be on the brook trout habitat improvements in upper watershed. ARWC has been working with a number of partners, including the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Wagner Forest Management. Over the late summer and fall, two grossly undersized culverts that prevented fish passage were replaced by bridges and erosion was mitigated along a section of the Success Pond Road. The tributary streams on thousands of acres of conserved land provide important network of brook trout habitat. The session will also briefly cover some brook trout habitat protection projects on the Maine side of the border.

10:50-11:00

Update on Androscoggin River Watershed Council Activities and Programs
Androscoggin River Trail Improvements

Plans for the Source to Sea and Adventure Race

11:00-11:15

Facilitated, Open Discussion of the Androscoggin, its tributaries and its watershed

There is a lot going on along the Androscoggin. This discussion will help ARWC to focus our activities for the upcoming year and for our next in-person conference to be held some time in the coming year (hopefully). Topics of interest may include

*Uses and conflicts for River Recreation in Maine and NH,
Hydro Power, Recreation and Fish Passage
Fishery Resources*

Registration

Please register at www.androscogginwatershed.org with your email address so that we can send you a Zoom invitation to join. There is no charge for this workshop thanks to our generous sponsors. Donations to assist with our on-going programs are always welcome. Every little bit helps especially this year with the conference and Source 2 Sea cancelled.

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