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Dear Kennebec Pro-Am Tournament Donators and Participants,

Your support of this tournament is more than just another great day on the water. The Kennebec River has long been known as the premier east coast fishery for migratory striped bass, but it is so much more. You see we have a very special population of native striped bass that live and spawn in this great river and your support is helping us learn much more about them.

The Department of Marine Resources', Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat, is in year two of a multi-year study to learn the habits of these native striped bass. If we are to conserve and protect this population we need to know much, much more - *something as simple as where they are spawning is still an unknown.*

Once again anglers are showing their support and a high level of cooperative conservation. Without your support we would have a greatly diminished ability to fund this key research. So thanks to all of you who participated by donating to, and fishing in this event.

Tight lines,

Pat Keliher  
Director  
Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat