

WERU Issues & Programs Q2 2019

Program Name: Power for the People, 4-02-19, 10 a.m.

Program Topic: Maine Green Power Program

Key Discussion Points

- a) Maine renewable power sources
 - b) Maine green power program and how to sign up
 - c) Proposal for a consumer owned utility in Maine
- Guest: Kay Mann, Outreach Coordinator, Maine Green Power
Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No
Host: Steve Kahl

Program Name: Healthy Options, 4/3/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: Wellspring, Inc. and the treatment of substance abuse and addiction

Key Discussion Points:

- a) What is the Wellspring program?
- b) What have we learned about the “physiology of addiction”?
- c) Why do we look at addiction as a chronic disease?
- d) What are specific treatments and techniques used in the residency programs at Wellspring that have been so effective?
- e) What are the particular challenges that women with children face in their recovery?
- f) What steps are necessary in order to protect children from starting down the road to addiction?

Guests: Suzanne Farley, Lisa Williams

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Host/Producer: Rhonda Feiman Co-Producer: Petra Hall

Program Name: Maine Currents, 4/4/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: Bree Newsome, then 30 years old, became famous in June of 2015 when she climbed the flagpole outside the State House in Columbia, South Carolina and took down the Confederate Flag.

Maulian Dana is Tribal Ambassador of the Penobscot Nation, who has – among other things- been a leader in the movement to discontinue the use of Indian mascots in Maine. They spoke about the legacy of systemic racism in the US and what can be done to dismantle it, at an event in Blue Hill last weekend sponsored by Americans Who Tell the Truth.

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Amy Browne Audio recorded by: Matt Murphy

Program Name: RadioActive, April 4, 2019, 4:30p.m.

Topic: Penobscot Nation & Other Affected Communities Speak Out at Public Hearing on Solid Waste Reform Bill

Guests:

- a) Rep. Ryan Tipping, sponsor of LD 401, District 123, Orono
- b) John Banks, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Penobscot Nation
- c) Maulian Dana, Penobscot Nation Ambassador

d) Sarah Lakeman, Sustainable Maine Project Director, Natural Resources Council of Maine
e) Hillary Lister, solid waste activist
f) Dawn Neptune Adams, environmental activist, member of Penobscot Nation
g) Heather Linnet Whittier
h) Rep. Lori Gramlich, District 13
Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No
Producer/Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Program Name: Common Ground Radio, April 5, 2019, 10:00 AM

Program Topic: Spring Gardens, Spring Soil

Key Discussion Points:

- a) Spring soil preparation
- b) Cover cropping for spring
- c) Soil tillage or no-till practices

Guest: Caleb Goossen, Organic Crops and Conservation Specialist, MOFGA, Unity, ME

Call In Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Host: C.J. Walke

Program Name: Talk of the Towns, April 12, 2019, 10 AM

Program Topic: The Union River and Relicensing for Electrical Generation

Key Discussion Points:

What do we know about the ecology and history of the Union River and its watershed?

What do we know about the current use of the Union River to generate electricity?

What concerns have your organizations focused on as part of the relicensing process?

Fish passage (alewives, eels, salmon, etc)

Water level changes and sedimentation at Graham Lake

Recreational use of the river

What concerns have been expressed by others (City of Ellsworth, property owners along Leonard Lake, alewife harvesters, etc.?)

What are the various scenarios that you see developing... whether or not there is a renewed license? Fish passage, dam removal, water level control on Graham Lake?

Guests:

Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director, Downeast Salmon Federation

Brad Perry, Friends of Graham Lake

Mark Whiting, retired biologist, Maine DEP

Call In Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Host: Ron Beard

Program Name: Wabanaki Windows, 4/16/2019, 10:00AM

Program Topic: Changing Atmosphere in Augusta- Mascot and other Legislative issues before the State Legislature

Key Discussion Points:

- a) Progress of the Mascot Issue?
- b) Current Native issues
- c) Present environment in Augusta for Native Issues

Guest: Ambassador Maulain Dana

Call In Program: No Political Broadcast: No
Host: Donna Loring

Program Name: RadioActive, April 11, 2019, 430 pm

Program Topic: Proposed Water Bills Would Impact Industrial Water Extraction in Maine

a) Today we speak with watchdog group Nickie Sekera at Community Water Justice about five bills that could impact industrial water extraction in Maine, specifically by Poland Spring, owned by Nestle Waters North America. b) A public hearing on the bills was before the Maine Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee on April 10th, attended by representatives of state agencies, water districts, watch dog groups and industry, including Nestle North America.

Guest: Nickie Sekera, Community Water Justice

Call In Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Program Name: RadioActive, April 25, 2019, 430 pm

Program Topic: Updates on Water Extraction and Solid Waste Reform Bills

a) Today we hear updates on the status of proposed waste reform and water extraction bills in the Maine State Legislature.

b) Yesterday, the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee made decisions on five bills that could impact industrial water extraction in Maine, specifically by Poland Spring, owned by Nestle Waters North America.

c) Tomorrow, April 26th, at 10 am the Environment and Natural Resources Committee will hold a work session on LD 401, An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling," would request the accurate tracking and record keeping of waste from its generation to final disposal point, including as landfill leachate discharged into Maine waterways, including Juniper Ridge Landfill leachate deposited into the Penobscot River.

Guests:

Nickie Sekera, Community Water Justice

Hillary Lister, solid waste and environmental justice activist

Call In Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Program Name: Coastal Conversations, 4/26/19, 10a.m.

Topic: Marine worms, economy and ecology of two little known species

College of the Atlantic senior Kaitlyn Clark completed 19 interviews with worm harvesters, dealers and others involved in the marine worm industry (the state's fifth largest fishery).

On today's show, we share audio clips from six of those harvesters and dealers who, with help from Clark, cover the following topics:

1. What are marine worms, where do they live, and why should we care about these critters?
2. How are worms harvested, what gear is used, how do wormers know where to find them, and what knowledge have they gained about worm ecology and movements?
3. What are the issues that worm harvesters are faced with today, including coastal access to mud flats, land-owner relationships, fisheries management, and the opioid epidemic.

Guests:

Kaitlyn Clark, Undergraduate Researcher at College of the Atlantic

Donnie Bayrd, bloodworm digger and dealer from Milbridge

Fred Johnson, bloodworm digger from Steuben

Johnathan Renwick, bloodworm digger from Birch Harbor

Derek Crocker, bloodworm and sandworm digger from Deer Isle

James Arsenault, sandworm digger from Dresden

Ken Webber, sandworm digger from Ellsworth

Call In Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Natalie Springuel

Program Name: Maine Currents, 5/2/19, 10a.m.

Topic: Green New Deal Proposed for Maine (featuring audio recorded from legislative public hearing)

How has this bill drawn support from a diverse coalition?

Testimony in support and opposed

Update on the work session

Call In Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Program Name: Talk of the Towns, 5/10/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: The Abbe Museum and the Road to De-Colonization

Key Discussion Points:

How has the Abbe board, staff and stakeholders used your strategic planning process to better define the direction and aspirations for the Abbe

What is "decolonization" and how have you worked on that at the Abbe?

What differences might we see and feel in a museum that is down the road with decolonization?

The Abbe has been at the forefront of decolonization... what responses are most gratifying as you work with colleagues around the world?

Guests:

Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, President and CEO, Abbe Museum

Gabriel Frey, Abbe Board member, Passamaquoddy Basket Maker

Suzanne Greenlaw, Abbe Native Advisory Council, Maliseet Tribe, Doctoral Candidate, UMaine, research on sustainable harvest of sweetgrass, basketmaker

Call In Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Host: Ron Beard

Program Name: The Democracy Forum, 5/17/2019, 10 a.m

Topic: Republic vs Democracy: Why Should We Care?

Key Discussion Points:

What do those words mean: republic and democracy?

What do people mean when they say, "We're not a democracy; we're a republic," in the context of different policy debates.

Is there a particular subtext implicating minority rights, even minority rule, and possibly states' rights and federalism?

Guests:

a) Lance Dutson, a Republican communications consultant and a columnist for the Bangor Daily News. <https://lancedutson.bangordailynews.com/about/>

b) Joseph Reiser, Associate Professor of American Constitutional Law at Colby College
<http://www.colby.edu/directory/profile/jrreiser/>

Call In Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Program Name: All About Aging, May 15, 2019, 10a.m.

Topic: Intro to program; Interview with Dr. Rebecca MacAulay

Key Discussion Points:

a) mild cognitive loss is not necessarily a prediction of dementia later on

b) physical exercise is important for brain health

c) much more research on aging brains needs to be done

Guest: Dr. Rebecca MacAulay assistant professor of psychology U Maine Orono

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Host: Peg Cruikshank

Program Name: WERU Special: Climate Action Conference, 5/16/19, 10 a.m.

Audio from the Sierra Club Climate Action Conference: Building Thriving Communities, Promoting Local Actions in Maine Communities, Challenging Climate Change, held in Belfast, Maine on 5/4/19

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Amy Browne Audio recorded by: Matt Murphy

Program Name: Coastal Conversations, 5/24/19, 10 a.m.

Program Topic: Alewife restoration in the Bagaduce River Watershed

Key Discussion Points:

1) What are alewives, what is their ecology and cultural history?

2) How do alewives use the Bagaduce region and have been their barriers to spawning here?

3) What is being done to help restore alewives in the regions, the important role of volunteers and how people can get involved.

Guests:

Bailey Bowden from the Town of Penobscot, fisheries activist and co-founder of the Bagaduce River Alewife Committee - a group of citizens from three river towns working to restore fish passage within their watershed.

Mike Thalhauser, Fisheries Biologist at the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries in Stonington

Ciona Ulbrich, Senior Project Manager at Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Program Name: Power for the People, 6-04-19, 10 a.m.

Program Topic: LD 1646 – legislation for a proposed consumer-owned utility in Maine

Key Discussion Points

a) Problems with CMP billing and service

- b) proposed Maine Power Delivery Authority
- c) How consumer-owned utilities have benefited other states

Guests:

Seth Berry, Maine House representative

Nicole Grohowski, Maine House representative

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Host: Steve Kahl

Program Name: Common Ground Radio 6/7/18, 10 a.m.

Topic: Homesteading

Key Discussion Points:

Homesteading philosophy

Food preservation

Livestock on the homestead

Guests:

Rose Whitehead, Homesteader, Waldo, ME

Sy Schotz, Homesteader, Belfast, ME

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: C.J. Walke

Program Name: Talk of the Towns 6/14/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: Conversation with Scott Planting, former President, Maine Sea Coast Mission

Key Discussion Points:

What is the primary work of Maine Sea Coast Mission?

What were the highlights of your work there?

What led you to your work as a pastor in the Congregational church?

Guest: Scott Planting, former President, Maine Sea Coast Mission

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Program Name: Democracy Forum 6/21/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: Town Meeting- "Doing Democracy" in Your Town

Key Discussion Points:

Does the town meeting still work?

Is participation up or down?

Is partisanship creeping in?

Is money "from away" taking more of an interest?

If you've never been, what do you need to know?

Guests:

Susan Clark, is coauthor of Slow Democracy: Rediscovering Community, Bringing Decision Making Back Home. She serves as Town Moderator of Middlesex, Vermont.

Susan Lessard, Town Manager for Bucksport.

Dick Thompson, an experienced moderator for the Towns of Palermo, China, Vassalboro, and others

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Program Name: RadioActive, 6/20/19, 4:30 pm

Topic: Asylum Seekers in Portland and CMP Transmission Project Update

Key Discussion Points:

- a) Today we hear from the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project in Portland on support work for the over 200 asylum seekers, primarily from the war torn Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola, recently arrived in Maine, and the impacts of federal and state policy.
- b) We also hear an update on the status of so called New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC), the proposed Central Maine Power high voltage, highly controversial 145 mile transmission line corridor which would bring electric power from Hydro Quebec in a swath through Maine to Massachusetts markets.

Guests:

Julia Brown, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Matt Wagner, NO NECEC

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Program Name: All About Aging, 6/19/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: Social Security

Key Discussion Points:

Women penalized by time out for caregiving

Defined benefit retirement benefits better than defined contribution

Several fixes for Social Security exist, none radical

Guest: Elizabeth Johns, University of Maine Center on Aging

Call-in Program: Yes Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Peg Cruikshank

Coastal Conversations 6/28/19, 10 a.m.

Topic: North Haven Community School Magnet Program

Key Discussion Points:

Overview of the interdisciplinary approach to education at the K-12 North Haven Community School.

What is a magnet school program and why is an island-based school seeking magnet students?

Student voices talking about the experience of being a magnet student, how a washed up whale became a central focus throughout the school's curriculum this year, and how one senior is getting a start in scallop farming.

Guests: Teachers from North Haven Community School: Courney Naliboff, K-12 music, theatre, English and writing teacher; Lisa White, high school science and Math teacher; Amy Peterson, high school humanities teacher. Students from North Haven Community School

Call-in Program: No Political Broadcast: No

Producer/Host: Natalie Springuel