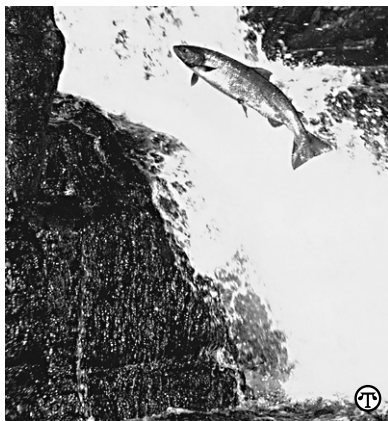

Good News Department

Wild Atlantic Salmon Gain A River

(NAPSA)—Here's some encouraging news for anyone lured by the majesty of wild Atlantic salmon. A landmark conservation agreement has set the stage for restoration of Maine's largest river and the only significant population of wild Atlantic salmon left in the U.S.



FISH GOTTA SWIM—If the river is restored, wild salmon will return.

The agreement, between PPL Corporation, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the U.S. Department of the Interior and others, will decommission three dams and increase energy production at other dams to maintain 90 percent of current production. Many species of sea-run fish, including the wild Atlantic salmon, will gain access to spawning habitat. Other benefits will include improved recreational boating, fishing and wildlife watching.

Maine's Department of Marine Resources estimates that under this plan, the Penobscot River could support 12,000 salmon. Just over 1,100 salmon returned to the river in 2003.

Realization of the Penobscot River restoration depends on the ability of the Coalition to raise \$25 million to purchase the dams from PPL. To learn more, visit www.asf.ca.