

**TESTIMONY OF JAMES ST. PIERRE  
REGARDING ZP 707  
PLUM CREEK PETITION FOR REZONING  
MOOSEHEAD REGION**

**PRESENTED TO THE  
MAINE LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION**

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I am James (Jym) St. Pierre, Maine Director of RESTORE: The North Woods, a regional conservation organization based in Hallowell, Maine. RESTORE has been involved in wildlife, forest, and land use issues in Maine during the past sixteen years. I have been involved in land conservation and economic activities at the local, regional, and state levels in my home state of Maine for over thirty years.

I hold a BA degree from the University of Maine in Philosophy and a Master's in Natural Resource Economics. During the 1970-80s, I served on the staff of the Land Use Regulation Commission for 11 years. Since 1989 I have worked for public interest organizations on Maine Woods issues. Attached is a CV.

Over the past several years, I have followed closely the proposal by Plum Creek corporation for a large-scale rezoning in the Moosehead region. Based on my experience at LURC and what I have seen of the Plum Creek Moosehead concept plan, I conclude that the petitioner has not met the statutory burden of proof for rezoning, that the proposal is not consistent with many of the goals and policies of the LURC Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and that it does not pass the test of striking a reasonable and publicly beneficial balance between appropriate development and long-term conservation of lake resources.

Appended to and part of my testimony are two documents. One is a PowerPoint presentation which gives an overview of the case consolidated intervenors RESTORE and FEN will make to the Commission. The other is a bibliography I have prepared of studies related to economic development and tourism in the Moosehead region, as well as related reports of statewide and national scope.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to comment on this rezoning petition.

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## EXPERIENCE

- April 1995-  
Present*      **Maine Director, RESTORE: The North Woods**  
Guide advocacy, outreach, research, and land protection activities of regional conservation organization in Maine.
- Feb 1994-  
April 1995*      **Associate Regional Representative, Sierra Club**  
Helped direct advocacy, outreach, and research activities of national organization to promote land conservation and sustainable human communities in Northern Forest region.
- Oct 1993-  
Feb 1994*      **Conservation Consultant, Northern Forest Alliance**  
Coordinated grassroots organizing efforts of state, regional, and national organizational members in Maine Caucus of NF Alliance to promote land conservation and sustainable communities in Maine.
- May 1989-  
Sept 1993*      **Director, Maine Woods Project, The Wilderness Society**  
Guided advocacy, education, and research activities in Maine of national organization to promote land conservation and sustainable human communities.
- Sept 1978-  
May 1989*      **Deputy Director, Enforcement & Education Supervisor,  
Land Use Regulation Commission**  
Involved in every aspect of state agency's major responsibilities: planning, resource analysis, permitting, enforcement, education, administration. Acting Director, May-Sept 1987.
- Sept 1976-  
Oct 1978*      **Coastal Planner, Maine Bureau of Parks & Recreation**  
Prepared extensive reports on areas meriting protection of natural features or suitable as state parks.
- June 1976-  
Sept 1976*      **Environmental Associate, Maine State Planning Office**  
Inventoried and mapped public access ways and recreation facilities in coastal towns.
- Jan 1976-  
June 1976*      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Resource Economics & Policy,  
University of Maine, Orono.
- Sept 1974-  
Jan 1976*      **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Resource Economics & Policy,  
University of Maine, Orono.

## EDUCATION

- 2005*      **Certificate**, Leadership Maine Program, Maine Development Foundation, Augusta  
*1976*      **MPS**, Natural Resource Economics, University of Maine, Orono  
*1974*      **BA**, Philosophy, University of Maine, Orono

## *PUBLIC INTEREST POSITIONS (Conservation)*

**National Endangered Species Coalition**, steering committee, 2006-present  
**Maine Endangered Species Coalition**, steering committee, 2006-present  
**Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition**, steering committee, 2004-present  
**Maine ECO [Environmental Citizens Online]**, steering committee, 2001-present  
**Maine League of Conservation Voters**, founding director, 1986-2006  
**Friends of Baxter State Park**, charter member, 2000-present  
**Allagash Wilderness Waterway**, state advisory council, 2003-06  
**Citizens to Protect the Allagash**, founding chair, 1999-present  
**Two Countries One Forest**, steering committee, 2002-05  
**Maine Woods National Park Coalition**, founding chair, 1998-present  
**Citizens to Restore the North Woods**, founding treasurer, 1996-2006  
**Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands Policy Advisory Committee**, member, 1998-2000  
**Maine Woods Trust**, founding organizer, 2003  
**North Woods Wilderness Trust**, founding organizer, 1998  
**Forest Ecology Network**, advisory board, 1996-2000  
**Maine Woods Visitor Center**, director, 1995-present  
**Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust**, charter member, 1988-present  
**Maine Forest Biodiversity Project**, steering committee, 1994-99  
**Northern Forest Lands Council**, citizens advisory committee, 1992-94  
**Nahmakanta Public Land [State Forest]**, advisory committee, 1992-95  
**Kennebec Land Trust**, founding president, 1988-91; director, 1988-98; advis bd 1998+  
**The Nature Conservancy**, Maine Chapter, trustee, 1978-85  
**Natural Resources Council of Maine**, director & officer, 1978-85  
**Maine Coast Alliance**, founder & steering committee, 1979-80

## *PUBLIC INTEREST POSITIONS (Other)*

**Maine Development Foundation Leadership Maine**, advisory committee, 2007  
**Kennebec Corridor Cultural Discovery Research Project**, steering committee, 2005-06  
**Maine Development Foundation Leadership Maine Creative Economy Team**, 2004-05  
**Maine Sustainable Development Working Group**, charter member, 2000-03  
**Maine Freedom of Information Coalition**, associate member, 2001-present  
**MaineShare**, board director, 1992-93  
**Sam Ely Community Services Corp** (community land trust), president, 1978-80

## *WRITING, MAPPING, ART & PHOTOGRAPHY*

**Readfield Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Areas Map**, 2005, 2007  
**Capital Area Camera Club**, 2001-present; president/newsletter editor, 2004-06  
**Maine Landsc[r]apes Photography Exhibit**, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME, 2006  
**Readfield Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Areas Map**, 2005, 2006  
**Maine Voices**, book contributor, 2004  
**On Wilderness: Voices from Maine**, book contributor, 2003  
**Times Record** op-ed contributor, 2003-2006  
**Kennebec Valley Art Association**, 2001-present  
**Vaughan Woods Photography Exhibit**, curator, 2002  
**Maine Island Photography Workshop**, leader, 2001, 2003  
**Missing Lynx Photography**, owner, 2000-present  
**North Woods Notes**, online newsletter editor, 2003-present  
**North Woods Visions**, newsletter copy editor, 1995-present  
**Northern Forest Forum**, bimonthly newspaper field editor, 1994-2003  
**Kennebec Land Trust News**, newsletter editor, 1988-95  
**Maine Land Advocate**, bimonthly newspaper co-editor, 1979

## *CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (Selected)*

**Defining Wilderness, Defining Maine**, Bath, ME, guest speaker, 2007  
**Environment Maine Save Moosehead Rally**, Portland, ME, principal speaker, 2007  
**Norlands Humanities Conference**, Livermore, ME, guest speaker, 2007  
**Passion for Place**, Galeyrrie, Falmouth, ME, panel speaker, 2007  
**Maine Land Conservation Conference**, Brunswick, ME, workshop speaker, 2007  
**St. Joseph's College**, Standish, ME, guest speaker, 2007  
**Seeing the Land through the Camera Lens**, workshop leader, 2007  
**Career Day, Readfield Elementary School**, ME, guest speaker, 2007  
**Maine League of Conservation Voters**, guest speaker, 2007  
**First Light Camera Club**, guest speaker, 2007  
**University of Maine at Farmington**, guest speaker, 2006  
**Gulf of Maine Marine Reserves Conference**, Boston, MA, 2006  
**Maine Mountain Conference**, Rangeley, ME, guest speaker 2006  
**Capital Area Camera Club**, Hallowell, ME, guest speaker, 2006  
**Maranacook Community School**, Readfield, ME, guest speaker, 2006  
**Southern Maine Community College**, S. Portland, ME, guest speaker, 2006  
**Mid-Coast Audubon**, Camden, ME, guest speaker, 2006  
**National Land Trust Alliance**, Nashville, TN, 2006  
**Maine Land Conservation Conference**, Brunswick, ME, workshop speaker, 2006  
**Maine Environmental Action Conference**, Waterville, ME, panel speaker, 2005  
**National Regulatory Takings Conference**, MA, panel speaker, 2005  
**Augusta Nature Club**, Augusta, ME, guest speaker, 2005  
**Colby College**, Waterville, ME, guest speaker, 2005  
**National Ecotourism Conference**, Bar Harbor, ME, panel speaker, 2005  
**WMPG radio call-in talk show**, Portland, ME, 2005, 2006  
**Maine Canoe Symposium**, Bridgton, ME, 2005  
**Public Access TV**, Biddeford, ME, interview, 2005  
**Leadership Maine**, South Casco, ME, speaker, 2005  
**Allagash Wilderness Waterway Conference**, Orono, ME, 2005  
**Maine Historical Society**, ME, guest speaker, 2005  
**Maine State Bar Association**, Rockland, ME, panel speaker, 2005  
**National Land Trust Alliance**, Providence, RI, workshop leader, 2004  
**Changing Forestland Use & Ownership**, Fort Kent, ME, panel speaker, 2004  
**Common Ground Country Fair**, ME, speaker, 1996-2006  
**The Thoreau Society**, Concord, MA, speaker, 2004, 2006  
**Nature & Culture in the Northern Forest**, Jackson, NH, panel speaker, 2004  
**Maine Woods Legacy: A Precious Legacy**, ME, panel speaker, 2004  
**Capital Reads**, Augusta, ME, panel speaker, 2004  
**Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**, Cambridge, MA, guest speaker, 2004, 2005  
**Dartmouth College, Conservation of Northern Forest**, Hanover, NH, panel speaker, 2003  
**Association of National Park Rangers**, Plymouth, MA, guest speaker, 2003  
**Bates College, Competing Visions for the Maine Woods**, Lewiston, ME, speaker, 2003  
**Landscape Scale Conservation in Northern Appalachians**, Montreal, PQ, speaker, 2002  
**New England Regional Council on Forest Engineering**, Orono, ME, guest speaker, 2002  
**Univ of Southern Maine, Future of Maine Forests**, Portland, ME, guest speaker, 2001  
**Society of American Foresters, New England Div**, Portland, ME, panel speaker, 2001  
**Society of American Foresters, Maine Div**, Bangor, ME, panel speaker, 2000  
**Yellowstone National Park**, WY, field trip co-leader, 2000  
**National Parks Conference**, Valley Forge, PA, 2000  
**Forgotten Language Conference**, Concord, MA, panel moderator, 1999  
**National Wildlands Conference**, Estes Park, CO, 1999  
**National Forest Reform Rally**, NH, panel moderator, 1999  
**National Wilderness Conference**, Seattle, WA, panel moderator, 1998  
**Acadian Institute for Journalism**, ME, guest speaker, 1998, 1999, 2004  
**Maine Audubon Society**, ME, field trip leader, 1970-80s

## *INDEPENDENT TRAVEL*

**Baxter State Park annual winter excursion**, co-leader, 1982-present  
**Sonoran Desert region public lands**, special study, 2007  
**California coastal conservation**, special study, 2000, 2002, 2006  
**Appalachians parks and creative economy**, special study, 2004  
**U.S. Southwest national parks**, special study, 2001  
**U.S. coastal barrier island conservation**, special study, 1980  
**Great Britain countryside conservation**, special study, 1977

## *LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE*

**Readfield Open Space Planning** project, co-chair, 2005-06  
**Readfield Board of Appeals**, member, 2000-present  
**Readfield Conservation Commission**, member, 1999-present  
**Readfield Landowners' Cooperation Committee**, member, 1998-2000  
**Readfield Comprehensive Planning Committee**, member, 1990-93, 2004-present  
**Readfield Comprehensive Planning Committee**, chair 1986-88  
**Readfield Planning Board**, member 1986-90, vice-chair, 1987  
**Readfield Park & Conservation Planning Committee**, member, 1988-90  
**Maine Historical Society**, member, 1998-present  
**Moosehead Historical Society**, member, 2000-present  
**Kennebec Historical Society**, member, 1998-present  
**Readfield Historical Society**, member, 1985-present  
**Cub Scout Pack 650**, den leader, 1989-94

## *PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS*

**Maine Sportsman's Show**, 1st place, people; honorable mention, birds, 2006  
**All Maine Photo Slide Competition**, second place; honorable mention, nature, 2006  
**All Maine Photo Print Competition**, second place, 2005  
**New England Camera Club Council**, honorable mention, nature, 2004  
**All Maine Photo Slide Competition**, second place, 2003; third place 2005  
**Maine Sportsman's Show**, 1st place, people, 2005  
**Maine Sportsman's Show**, 2nd place, wildlife, 2004  
**Maine Sportsman's Show**, 1st & 2nd place people and wildlife, 2003

## *OTHER AWARDS*

**Maine Legislature Special Sentiment**, for conservation work, 2006  
**Kennebec Land Trust Award of Appreciation**, with Readfield Conservation Com, 2004  
**Spirit of America Foundation Award**, with Readfield Conservation Commission, 2002  
**Governor Percival Baxter Award**, Sierra Club Maine Chapter, 1998  
**Kennebec Land Trust Award of Appreciation**, for 10 years board service, 1998  
**So You Think You Know Maine**, Maine Public Television, state champion, 1981

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- . Community Tourism PowerPoint Slide Show. This 17 slide presentation will provide you a basic overview of community tourism development and the key steps in planning for tourism.
- . Fact Sheets: Online fact sheets on community tourism planning and development, as well as links to relevant information at other sites.
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