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Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe of Plymouth, Massachusetts
calls on Governors Baker and Mills to reject imports of Canadian
hydroelectricity

*Stands in solidarity with Penobscot and Innu Nations against NECEC
transmission corridor*

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The Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe today announced it is joining with the [Penobscot](#) and [Innu Nation](#) in opposing the transmission corridor for hydroelectricity from Canada to Boston. In a [letter](#) the Herring Pond Tribe calls on Governor Charlie Baker and Governor Janet Mills in Maine to reject imports of Canadian hydroelectricity because they cause environmental injustices in “Indigenous communities whose homelands and sacred places are ravaged by dams, flooding, [and] transmission corridors....”

Massachusetts energy policy does not consider the negative impacts of Canada’s hydroelectricity on Indigenous and frontline communities. In 2018, the Baker Administration approved [20-year contracts](#) to import more hydroelectricity from the Canadian power company Hydro-Quebec, calling it clean energy. Most of Hydro-Quebec’s dams were built on the ancestral lands of Indigenous people without prior consent and new megadams are under construction for export to Massachusetts. The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) hydropower corridor will deliver the power to Boston and cut through 145 miles of Maine wilderness. A majority of [Maine residents oppose](#) NECEC. A [similar corridor](#) to New York City is opposed by a [wide range of organizations](#).

Since 2017, Indigenous people who suffer from Canadian hydropower development [have spoken](#) at the [National Day of Mourning](#) in Plymouth, Massachusetts on the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday as a reminder of the impact of colonialism on Native people. [Amy Norman an Inuk woman](#) whose ancestral territory is poisoned spoke in 2019 about how hydropower is not clean energy but destroys lands and waters.

Herring Pond Tribe Chairlady Melissa (Harding) Ferretti stated, “We are honored to stand with the Penobscot and Innu Nations in opposing projects that are destructive to the environment and to Indigenous homelands. As Indigenous peoples, it is our responsibility to protect all that is sacred – including land, water, and wildlife – for the wellbeing of future generations.”

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