



North American Megadam Resistance Alliance

Protecting rivers and their communities by resisting megadams and their transmission corridors

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North American Megadam Resistance Alliance stands in solidarity with people across the globe taking bold steps to expose and fight systemic racism, discrimination, and colonialism in all its forms. Our mission is inextricably linked to equity and justice for black and indigenous people and all people of color in communities disproportionately affected by the climate crisis and large dams.

In particular, the shameful legacy of Canadian hydropower development embodies the most destructive and racist aspects of colonialism including resource extraction, land grabs, and the ongoing cultural genocide of indigenous people. We are committed to this fight and ending this long history of injustice.

Canadian Dams

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Damage caused by the Jenpeg Dam in Manitoba destroying the natural flow of the river

Photo credit Rita Monias

Earth Watch: Carol Kobliski on the impact of hydropower

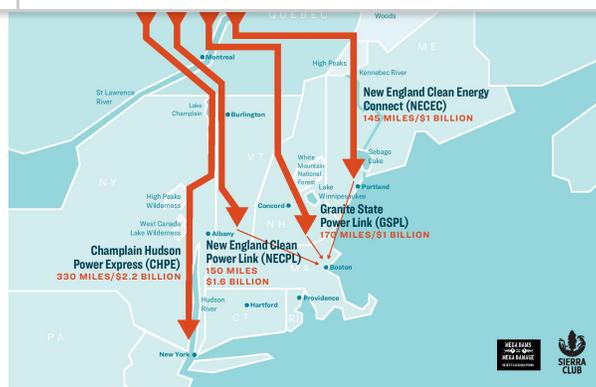
It's great to see NAMRA's ally Carol Kobliski of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation in Manitoba on the nationally broadcasted Pacifica Radio's Sojourner's Truth show! Carol was part of the powerful team of women Indigenous leaders who went to Ottawa to meet with the International Coalition of Large Dams in 2019. Thanks to our allies at the [Global Justice Ecology Project](#) for reaching out to find out more about the impacts of Canadian hydropower on local communities.

Churchill River system flooding some First Nations in Saskatchewan, Manitoba

The flooding caused by the unnatural diversion of rivers along with increased severe weather events due to the climate crisis is a recipe for disaster for hydro-impacted communities. Not only is this flooding a life and property threatening situation but it also threatens Indigenous cultures.

NAMRA collects over 500 online and written signature from hydro-impacted community members and supporters in Canada and the U.S. urging U.S. officials to reject Canadian hydropower.

U.S. Transmission Corridors



Map of destructive transmission corridors which would bring dirty Canadian hydropower to the U.S.

Created by NAMRA and the Sierra Club

NAMRA responds to Maine Governor Janet Mills' July 10th announcement on CMP (NECEC) hydropower corridor.

The Penobscot Nation in Maine stands in solidarity with hydro-impacted communities such as the Innu in Canada and opposes the New England Clean Energy Connect (CMP) transmission project. The Innu's lands have been damaged by decades of flooding to serve Hydro-Quebec's energy projects.

Recently, Hydro-Quebec paid Forbes Tate Partners, a lobbying group, \$329,000 to help them block the citizen referendum to hold a vote on the CMP corridor (NECEC) in Maine. This referendum allows Maine voters to decide whether they want a dirty energy transmission corridor slicing through the woods of their state to deliver electricity to Massachusetts. Dirty energy corporations such as Hydro-Quebec will stop at nothing to sell their power and undermine local efforts.

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) recently hosted a webinar affirming their commitment to protecting bodies of water; however, CLF still supports the New England Clean Energy Connect (CMP) transmission corridor which would cut a New Jersey turnpike sized gap through the woods of Maine to bring dirty Canadian hydropower to ratepayers in Massachusetts. Do the bodies of water and Indigenous communities that are ravaged by Canadian hydropower not matter?

A group of 25 current and former Maine lawmakers sent a letter to Hydro-Quebec urging the crown corporation to stop interfering in the Maine voter-initiated ballot referendum on the New England Clean Energy Connect (CMP) transmission corridor. As a crown corporation, Hydro-Quebec was

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Maine's elections. Supporting documents can be viewed [here](#).

[Champlain Hudson Power Express would be an environmental disaster](#)

NAMRA's concludes three-part webinar series on social justice, climate & New York's pursuit of Canadian hydroelectricity

Recordings of NAMRA's webinar series can be found on our [YouTube channel](#). Thank you to everyone who helped make these webinars a success!

NAMRA remains committed to fighting against destructive hydropower projects and their transmission corridors such as the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE). CHPE is a false solution to the climate crisis and threatens New York's local renewable energy industry. This project is environmentally and socially destructive and threatens the recovery of New York's Hudson River.



Herring swim up the Hudson River

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