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Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation Receives \$10,000 Grant from Cruising Club of America's Bonnell Cove Foundation

Addison, Maine: Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation announced today that it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Bonnell Cove Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cruising Club of America, to support stewardship of PRWF properties in Mason Bay.

The Bonnell Cove Foundation was organized by the Cruising Club of America in 1989 to conduct research and educational activities. The Foundation concentrates its activities in two principal areas: safety at sea and environmental protection, particularly coastal land conservation. The grant given to Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation was for the Stewardship Fund for Mason Bay and will provide long term care and management of the project lands. It is to be used as a 3:1 matching grant to trigger additional donations from CCA members for conservation in coastal Washington County.

The long term preservation and stewardship of the Mason Bay properties will protect exceptional coastal wildlife habitat, especially important for shorebirds and waterfowl, from the threat of subdivision and residential development. At the same time the project will establish a permanent recreational resource for local residents and visitors coming by land or water.



Downeast waters are a popular destination for sailors



Salt marsh and flats in upper Mason Bay

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