The Maine Forest Products Industry & the Disproportionate Effect on the Wabanaki People and Their Culture

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The Milford Dam that powered a sawmill in Old Town Maine. This dam also destroyed a crucial Penobscot fishing location.

Great Falls Flowage (circled below) covers what was Passamaquoddy land before downstream dam construction (also circled on right map prior to dam construction).

The Woodland Pulp, LLC; upstream of the Pleasant Point reservation on the St. Croix River.

Lincoln Pulp & Tissue, LLC; upstream of Indian Island.

Indian Island; primary Penobscot reservation where cancer rates are double the Maine average.

Log jam on the St. Croix preventing travel between Pleasant Point and Indian Township.

Passamaquoddy Tomah Joseph in a birch bark canoe. These became impossible to construct during parts of the 19th and 20th centuries due to deforestation.