Troubled waters

What does the future hold for groundfishing in the Gulf of Maine?
In an online women's studies course on Maine women, taught by Carol Toner, coordinator of the Maine Studies Program at the University of Maine, each student starts the semester by listing five of the most important women in state history. In observance of Women's History Month in March, we're sharing the most frequent names on that list. The first six are mentioned most.

Sarah Orne Jewett — author
Edna St. Vincent Millay — poet/author
Margaret Chase Smith — politician
Susan Collins — politician
Olympia Snowe — politician
Ruth Moore — author
Mabel Wadsworth — women's health reformer
Elizabeth Russell — geneticist
Mildred Brown Schrumpf — home economist
Joan Benoit Samuelson — marathon runner
Molly Spotted Elk — dancer
Chansonetta Stanley Emmons — photographer
Lillian Nordica — opera singer
Dorothea Dix — mental health reformer
Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby — outdoorswoman
Carolyn Chute — author
Martha Ballard — midwife
Harriet Beecher Stowe — author
Rhea Côté Robbins — author
Louise Bogan — author
Edith Patch — author and entomologist
Gail Laughlin — lawyer and women's rights activist
Emma Eames — opera singer
Cathie Pelletier — author
Donna Loring — politician

March/April 2006