

## CHRONOLOGY – JULY 18, 1694 – WHY WAS OYSTER RIVER ATTACKED?

April 1688	Start of Second Anglo-Abenaki war between English & Wabanaki (in Maine)
May 1689	Start of King William's War between French & English (news reaches North America in June)
March 1690 to October 1692	French & Wabanaki (of Acadia) joint attacks on English + English attacks on French + Wabanaki
<b>August 11, 1693</b>	<i>Wabanaki of Acadia ask the English for a truce: Wabanaki + English sign 1693 Pemaquid peace treaty on this date</i>
<b>Sep 15, 1693</b>	<i>French find out Wabanaki of Acadia have signed a peace treaty with the English</i>
<b>June 11, 1694</b>	<i>French convince Wabanaki to break their peace treaty by attacking the English to continue the French War against the English (King William's War)</i>
<b>July 18, 1694</b>	<i>Oyster River destroyed by Wabanaki of Acadia, accompanied by the French, ending 11 months of peace</i>
<b>July 19, 1694</b>	<i>King William's War resumes between the English and French with the Wabanaki of Acadia fighting on behalf of the French</i>
Sep 10, 1697	Treaty of Ryswick ends King William's War between French & English (news reaches North America in December)
Jan 7, 1699	Treaty of Casco ends Second Anglo-Abenaki war between English & Wabanaki

### Important Facts:

- The 1694 attack on Oyster River was NOT caused by Wabanaki grievances against the English.
- The 1694 attack happened because the French wanted the 1693 Wabanaki-English peace treaty broken.
- The 1693 Wabanaki-English peace treaty seriously alarmed the French because it meant:
  - their local Wabanaki would trade furs with the English instead of the French, and
  - their local Wabanaki would no longer fight on behalf of the French who had no military.
- The French convinced some and coerced others of the Wabanaki to break the peace treaty.
- Oyster River was attacked to break the 1693 peace treaty, to resume the French War against the English and to resume the Wabanaki-French fur trade.