

Maine TU Council Legal Defense Fund



Fishing Scene on the West Branch of the Penobscot (photo credit Tim Shaw)

The Aziscohos and Ripogenus Hydro Projects are undergoing FERC relicensing - legal action may be essential to protecting the fisheries

OBJECTIVE:

Maintain a legal defense fund to prevent further damage to Maine's fisheries environment by hydro operations.

PROBLEM:

License to Kill – Brookfield's dams and Maine's rivers. Fisheries are being degraded by Brookfield Renewable Energy's dewatering and peaking generation practices – legal under their current FERC licenses.

Your donation will support legal action to:

- Improve stability of Aziscohos Lake upgrading the landlocked salmon habit and providing better flows and smelt drift for the Magalloway River below, Maine's premier brook trout fishery. This relicensing is far along in the process and good outcomes are expected. Work by TU's attorney has been an important factor in this.
- Stop fish kills on the West Branch! Return stability to Rip-Chesuncook Lake and West Branch flows. Water Ripogenus Gorge, currently watered only 3 months out of the year with the warmest water from Ripogenus Lake.

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Trout Unlimited is a 501(c)(3) organization, Maine Council represents Maine's 6 chapters with over 1,700 members

THE OPPORTUNITY

REMAINING ANTICIPATED COSTS
\$80,000

TIMING
\$40K per year over the next 2 years

KEY BASES FOR ASK

The new licenses will be in effect for the next 40 years.

While grant monies for habitat improvement projects are readily available, donations from private donors are essential to cover the costs of legal action.

FUND EXPENDITURES

Funds will be used for legal review of TU filings for both FERC license applications and Maine Water Quality Certification Applications, and legal work to support administrative and judicial appeals needed to meet fisheries objectives for these projects, and future legal actions and appeals where hydro operations harm Maine's coldwater fisheries.



Current Legal Defense Fund Hydro Projects



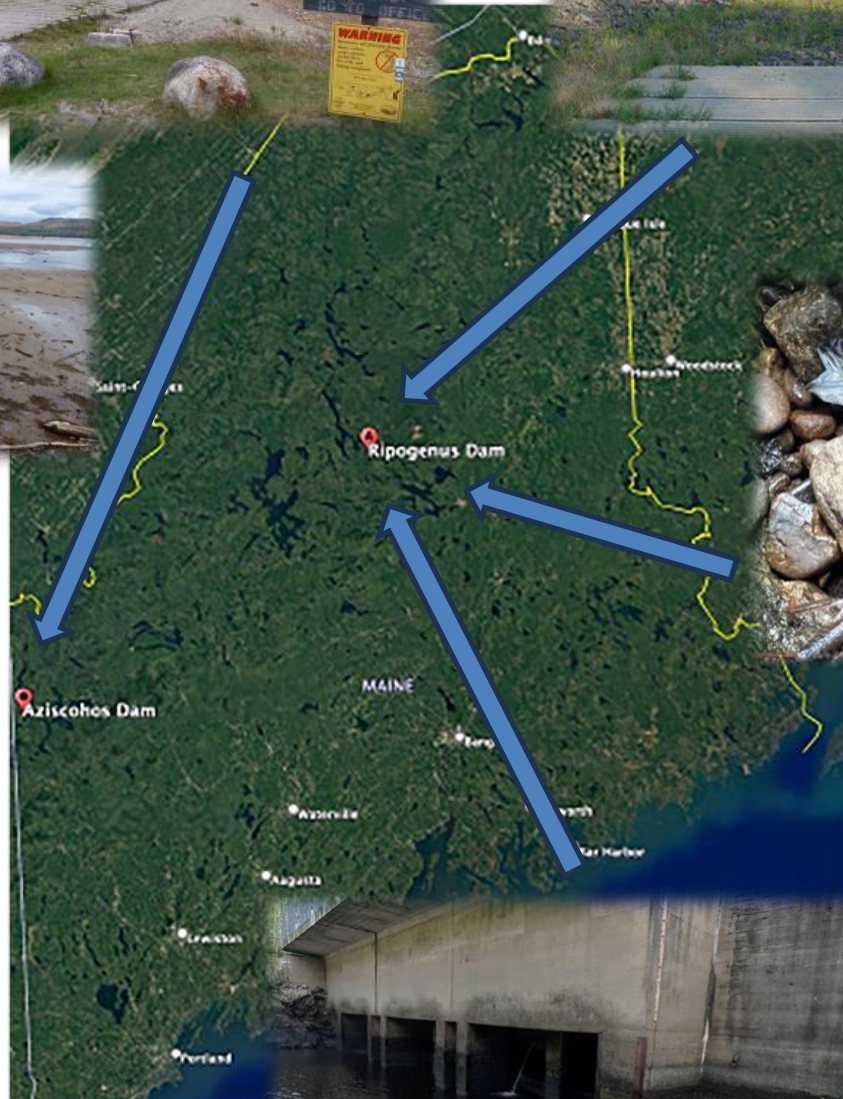
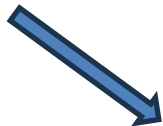
Dewatered boat launch
– Aziscohos Lake



Dewatered boat launch
– Chesuncook Lake



Dewatered littoral –
Aziscohos Lake



Dead salmon parr
and stone fly
nymphs – Big A Falls
on the West Branch

No flow due to
generator trip event –
McKay Station

