

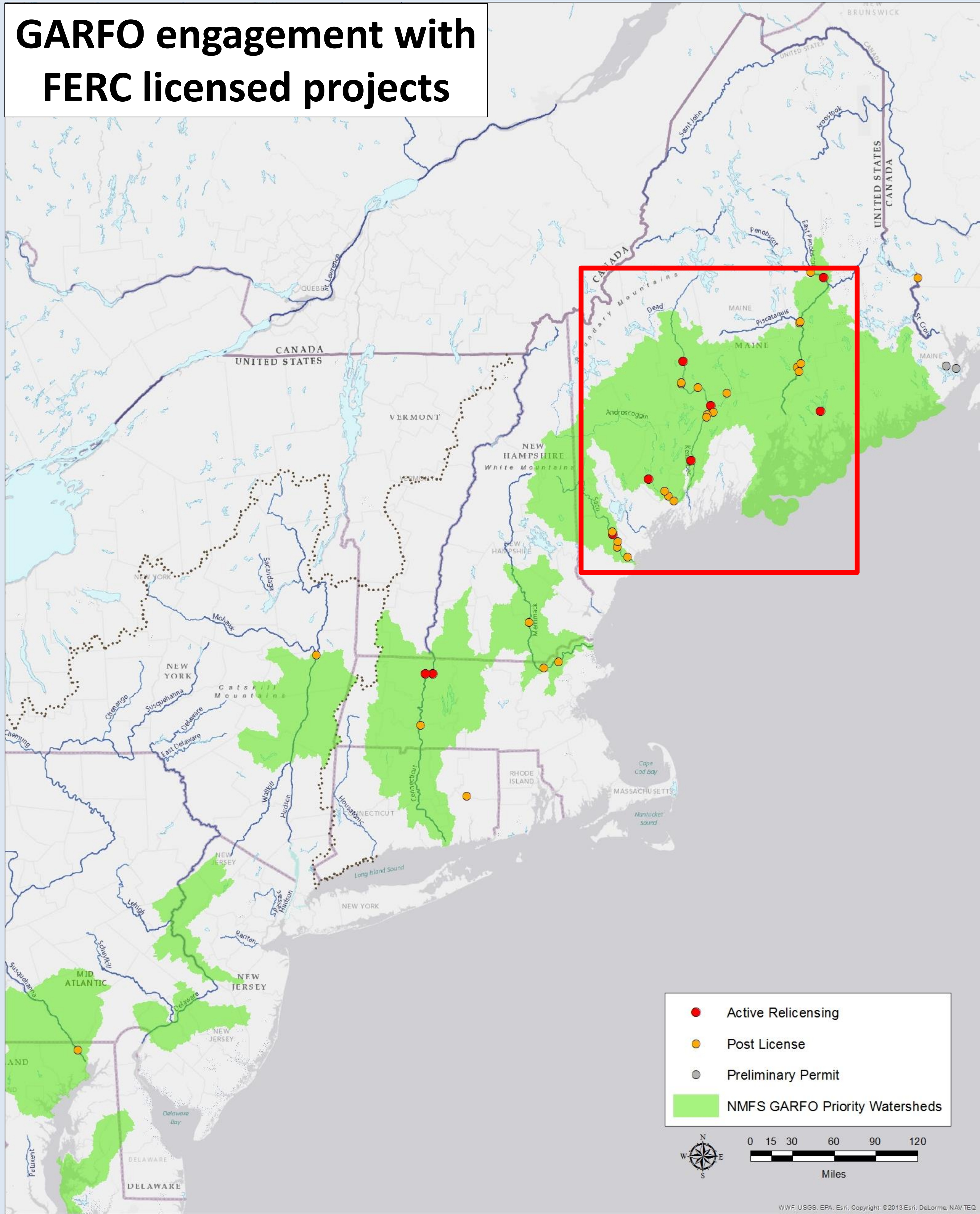
GREATER ATLANTIC REGIONAL FISHERIES OFFICE HYDROPOWER RELICENSING AND FISH PASSAGE

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GARFO engagement with FERC licensed projects



National Marine Fisheries Service is responsible for the stewardship of our nation's ocean resources and their habitat. Supporting this mission, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office participates in the licensing process for hydropower projects through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. We are actively involved in 80 hydropower projects ranging in size from storage projects with no generation to facilities generating over one gigawatt. Our staff primarily focus on large mainstem rivers including the Union, Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Saco, Merrimack, Connecticut, Hudson and Susquehanna. These rivers were identified as agency priorities based on available habitat and restoration potential. Our goal for these rivers is to ensure safe, timely and effective upstream and downstream passage for diadromous species. A team of biologists, fishway engineers, and attorneys work to develop sound recommendations and prescriptive measures intended to mitigate project impacts and protect and restore diadromous fish populations.

Highlighted fish passage at projects in Maine

