**Opportunity to Comment**

October 9, 2025

On October 9, 2025, the Department issued a Draft Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the federal relicensing and continued operation of the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project, and the license amendment request to incorporate the terms of the Kennebec Species Protection Plan at the Lockwood, Hydro Kennebec, and Weston Hydroelectric Projects. The Department will evaluate the applications cumulatively. Federal regulations require the Department to act on this application within one year, by October 20, 2025.

The Department respectfully requests comments on the Draft WQC by 5:00 PM on October 16, 2025. Please send comments to DEP-Hydropower@maine.gov and reference "Lower Kennebec WQC" in the subject line.

The Project Folder is available at the following website:

[Lower Kennebec Project Folder](https://www.maine.gov/dep/ftp/HYDRO/WaterQualityCertifications/LowerKennebec/)

Send your comments to DEP-Hydropower@maine.gov by ***5:00 PM on October 16, 2025.***

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| **DEP Application #s**: | #L-17472-33-L-N (Weston)#L-19751-33-J-N (Shawmut)#L-011244-33-Q-N (Hydro Kennebec)#L-31534-33-A-N (Lockwood) | **Applicant**: | Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLCMerimil Limited PartnershipHydro Kennebec LLC |
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