

Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition

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FACT SHEET

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) is an coalition of four statewide, nonprofit conservation groups. Represented are Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Michigan Council Trout Unlimited (TU), Great Lakes Council, Inc., Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (FFF), and Anglers of the Au Sable (AA). Formed in 1991, the coalition's purpose is to participate as a formal intervener in the process of licensing and relicensing hydroelectric dams in Michigan that are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The coalition's mission is to ensure that conservation, environmental and recreational concerns are adequately addressed by FERC and given the fullest possible consideration throughout the licensing process of hydroelectric dams in Michigan.

Specific issues addressed in our process include run-of-the-river, water quality, fish passage and entrainment, habitat degradation, mitigation and restoration, fish and other wildlife, dam removal, recreational access and financial responsibility. The MHRC has been involved in the relicensing process of 86 hydroelectric projects affecting 26 rivers in Michigan.

The MHRC is currently involved in the implementation of the Boardman River Settlement (Traverse City Light & Power), Consumers Energy Settlement Agreement, Wilderness Shores Settlement Agreement (Wisconsin Electric), Bond Falls Settlement Agreement (Upper Peninsula Power Company) and the Thunder Bay Power Company Settlement Agreement as a member of the implementation teams. The MHRC is a founding member of a national hydro coalition (Hydro Reform Coalition) that coordinates efforts throughout the United States. The Hydro Reform Coalition has been working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the hydro industry to streamline the relicensing process.

The MHRC operates with an Oversight Committee with one representative from each organization and a volunteer chair. Attached is a list of the current members of the Committee. Also listed are the consultants who represent the MHRC.



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