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IN MAINE NEWS

Salmon protection groups target Maine dam owners February 01, 2011 08:39 EST

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) -- Two environmental groups in Maine are suing multiple dam owners and operators, accusing them of stalling in their efforts to protect endangered wild Atlantic salmon.

The lawsuits by Friends of Merrymeeting Bay and Environment Maine target dams on the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers, where salmon were declared endangered in 2009.

Ed Friedman from the Merrymeeting Bay group says "the clock will strike midnight" for remaining salmon if something isn't done by dam owners. The federal government says only five adult salmon returned to the Kennebec and 10 returned to the Androscoggin last year.

The Endangered Species Act authorizes citizens to sue those who're harming an endangered species. The lawsuit says salmon are being killed by spinning turbines.

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Thursday: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs 20 to 28. N winds shifting NW 10 mph becoming lighter during the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Clear and cold. Lows will range from low single digits at the coast to near -20 in the sheltered mountain valleys.

Friday: Cold start. Mostly sunny with highs 25 to 30.

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