

## **Connecticut River Basin Fishway Passage Counts**

Report Date: 6/23/2021



This report is compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CT River Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office using fishway count data provided by several agencies as well as power companies and is dependent in most cases on the review of video counts, that have an associated time lag for updates. Please visit http://www.fws.gov/r5crc for more information.

| Fishway, River -<br>State                                | Data as<br>of: | American<br>Shad | Alewife | Blueback<br>Herring | Atlantic<br>Salmon | American<br>Eel | Sea<br>Lamprey | Striped<br>Bass | Gizzard<br>Shad | Shortnose<br>Sturgeon | Other/<br>comment                    |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rogers Lake-CT   | 5/18           |                  | 2,507   |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Mary Steube, Mill-                                       | 5/18           |                  | 20,731  |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Moulson Pond,<br>Eightmile- <i>CT</i>                    | 5/2            |                  | 772     | 502                 |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       | record # of<br>ALE, been<br>trucking |
| Leesville,<br>Salmon- <i>CT</i>                          | open           |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| StanChem,<br>Mattabesset- <i>CT</i>                      | 4/26           |                  | 2,526   |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       | prv record #,<br>was 460             |
| Rainbow,<br>Farmington- <i>CT</i>                        | open           |                  |         |                     | 3                  |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| W. Springfield,<br>Westfield- <i>MA</i>                  | open           |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Holyoke,<br>Connecticut- <i>MA</i>                       | 6/22           | 236,704          |         | 1,242               |                    | 10,697          | 20,479         | 350             | 35              | 11                    | eel are elvers<br>from traps         |
| Easthampton,<br>Manhan- <i>MA</i>                        | open           |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| **Turners Falls-<br>Gatehouse,<br>Connecticut- <i>MA</i> | 6/5            | 18,767           |         | 2                   |                    |                 | 8,057          |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Vernon,<br>Connecticut- <i>VT</i>                        | 5/25           | 4,039            |         |                     |                    | 84              | 845            |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Bellows Falls,<br>Connecticut-VT                         | open           |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       | opened 5/26                          |
| Wilder,<br>Connecticut- <i>VT</i>                        |                |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| Total to basin,<br>only <b>first</b> barrier             |                |                  |         |                     |                    |                 |                |                 |                 |                       |                                      |
| counts   |                | 236,704          | 24,029  | 1,744               | 3                  | 10,697          | 20,479         | 350             | 35              | 11                    |                                      |
| Last year totals   |                | 368,482          | 38,056  | 931                 | 0                  | 17,695          | 37,399         | 452             | 96              | 18                    |                                      |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Spillway Fish Ladder - at the dam ### shad, ### sea lamprey; Cabot Station Ladder, base of canal, ### shad, ### sea lamprey, and ## blueback herring.

Note that at Turners Falls Project (Dam/Canal) fish must use one of these two fishways first before having the opportunity to pass the final required ladder

A - total collected from 3 eel ramp/traps at Holyoke in 2020

Since last week's report shad passage at Holyoke has increased an additional 1,442 fish, with three additional Shortnose Sturgeon captured and passed upstream. Main stem flow are at continued low levels (< 25th percentile) and range around 4,400 CFS below Holyoke currently. Water temps have dropped with the cool weather and in the mainstem are 24-25 C (or mid 70s). Tim Wildman from CTDEEP reported 3 sea-run Atlantic Salmon were passed at the Rainbow Fishway on the Farmington River. Other counts data are in review as is the case for many of our other fishways this season. I have attached a figure using the most recent data on shad daily counts, flow, and water temp (next page). We will have our CRASC Technical Committee meeting tomorrow via web (1:00-3:15) and we will review fishway counts and operations, assessments and study updates and other topics. I can include anyone that has not replied, just email me.

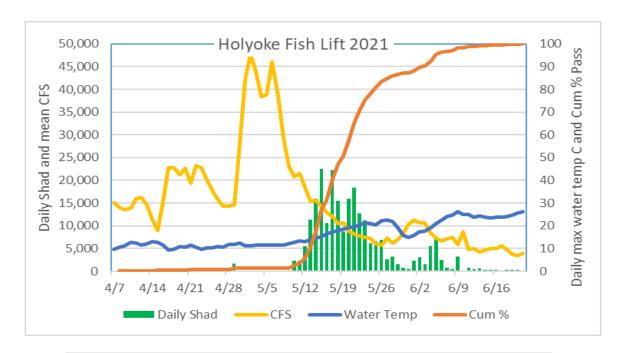


Figure 1. Daily shad passage counts for Holyoke Fishlift with river discharge and water temperature data. Cumulative passage (%) for shad is also shown.