



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 - State	Data as of:	American Shad	Alewife	Blueback Herring	Atlantic Salmon	American Eel	Sea Lamprey	Striped Bass	Gizzard Shad	Shortnose Sturgeon	Other/ comment
Rogers Lake-CT	open										Mary Stuebe passed
Mary Steube, Mill-CT	open		4,154								
Mill Pond, Falls -CT	open		410								
Moulson Pond, Eightmile-CT	open										
Leesville, Salmon-CT	open										
StanChem, Mattabesset-CT	open										
Rainbow, Farmington-CT	not operated										not operated
W. Springfield, Westfield-MA	open										
Holyoke, Connecticut-MA	4/23	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	opened 4/9
Easthampton, Manhan-MA	open										
**Turners Falls-Gatehouse, Connecticut-MA	open										
Vernon, Connecticut-VT	open										
Bellows Falls, Connecticut-VT	closed										
<i>Total to basin, only first barrier counts</i>		158	4,238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Last year totals</i>		324,172	16,784	1,925	1	6,481	17,170	518	83	18	

\* CTDEEP will not operate the Rainbow Fish Ladder due its documented poor performance and the lack of suitable downstream fish passage protection measures at the Stanley Works owned dam/project. Fish passage at this project has been the responsibility of the CTDEEP, due to FERC legal rulings.

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 (Gatehouse).

A - total collected from 4 eel ramp/traps at Holyoke in 2025

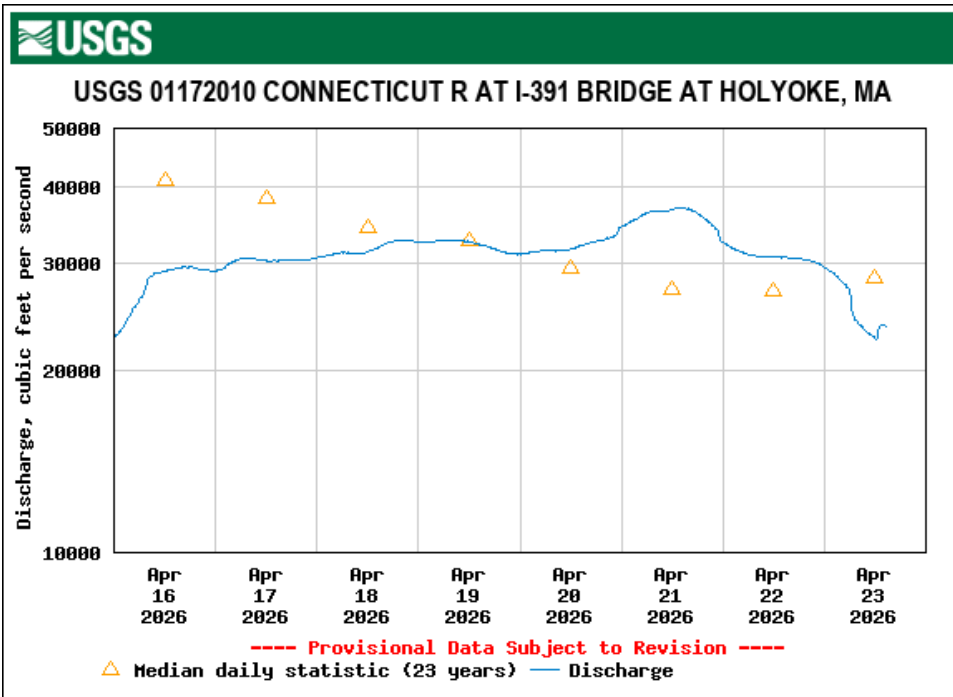
Holyoke Fish Lift started operations on 4/9 and has its eel passes all in operation. Water temperatures dropped this week to < 10C (50F) with the cold snap. This reduced shad passage in the recent week. Main stem river discharge is seasonal to below average, with tributaries in more concerning deficit. Firstlight Power has its three upstream fishway all operating, as well as providing increased dam spill for the bypass reach. Great River Hydro also has opened its Vernon dam fish ladder. At CT DEEP, Kevin Job and Tim Wildman have their numerous fishway up and running with a number of monitoring systems running. Kevin has reported "good" Alewife runs to date at many monitored locations. Corey Eddy has been running nearly all our river herring assessment trips this spring, with our two very able interns Erik and Annie, plus Tim Warren and John McLaurin. It is this team that will be managing field, lab, fish health, and research for the office, Corey will be the primary contact. We have also observed higher catch rates for Alewife than in recent years, though still early for our data. Blueback Herring did appear on spawning ground this week in early "modest" catch rates at Wethersfield Cove. Tomorrow we will be setting up a staked pound net as part of an effort to culture Blueback Herring fry, stock them in two areas and study their performance (genetics will enable determination of juvenile samples as wild or hatchery origin) - UMASS, MA COOP Research Unit and North Attleboro Hatchery.



Our 2026 interns, Annie netting an Alewife with Erik. They have quickly mastered many tasks in field and laboratory.



Erik and Annie cleaning and mounting scales for later spawning history determinations.



Main stem river discharge, 4/16 to 4/23 at Holyoke, MA.



It's been a great ride!