



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	4/30		5,174								
Mill Pond, Falls -CT	4/30		680								
Moulson Pond, Eightmile-CT	4/15		90				8				
Leesville, Salmon-CT	open										
StanChem, Mattabesset-CT	open										
*Rainbow, Farmington-CT	not operated										not operated
W. Springfield, Westfield-MA	open										
Holyoke, Connecticut-MA	4/30	8,119	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>		8,119	4,238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Last year totals</i>		324,172	16,784	1,925	1	**6481	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.

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

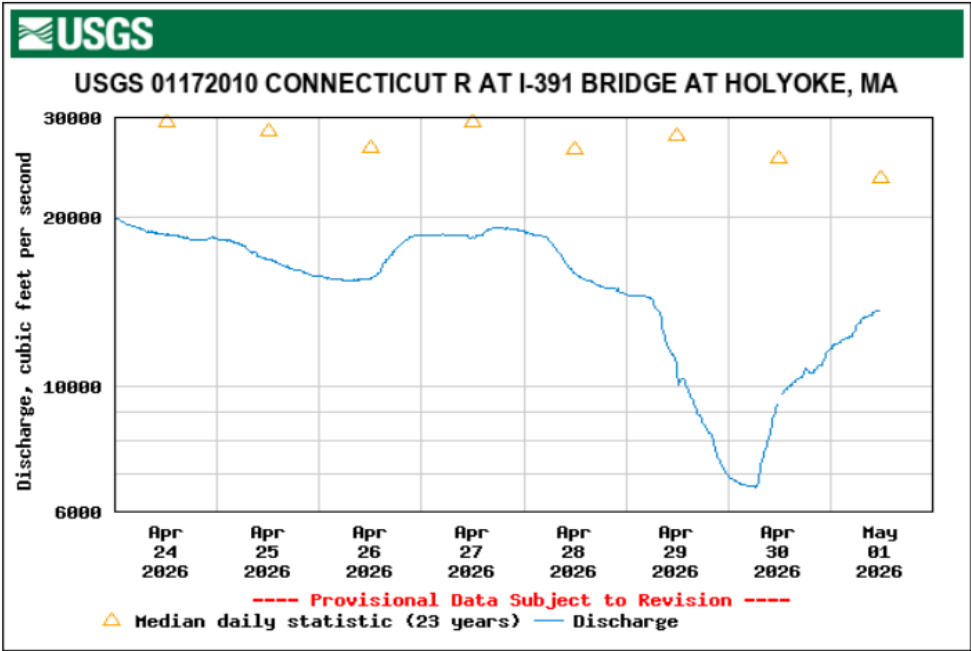
Holyoke Fish Lift is up and running and the eel passes are all operating. Water temperatures (reported at the Thompsonville gauges) rebounded a little this week to ~14C (57F). Main stem river discharge (< 10,000 cfs on April 30) is well below average (25,000 cfs April 30, 2025), with shockingly low levels in the tributaries. Firstlight Power has its three upstream fishways 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 more fish in the lower tributaries "than many of us have seen in our careers". For our herring surveys, we have started to see the shift from blueback to alewife. River discharge on the Farmington, Chicopee, and Westfield was so low we could not survey the usual stretches. Nonetheless, we hit our sampling quota at Wethersfield (60+) and the Farmington (60+), but only saw ten herring on the (much abbreviated) Chicopee and zero on the (equally abbreviated) Westfield. The staked pound net is setup at Wethersfield and will most likely be opened Monday to provide blueback brood stock to the North Attleboro Fish Hatchery on Tuesday.

NOTE: I will be out of the office Wednesday May 6th through Friday May 15th, so there will be no weekly report until early the week of May 18th, resuming the normal schedule Friday May 22nd.



Recently exposed shoal on the Westfield River.

Wethersfield Cove pound net
(photo taken by Tim Warren)



Main stem river discharge, 4/24 to 5/1 at Holyoke, MA.