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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	5/29		3,386								Mary Stuebe passed
Mary Steube, Mill-CT	5/29		6,614								final
Mill Pond, Falls -CT	5/29		1,011								final
Moulson Pond, Eightmile-CT	5/1		90				8				no update
Leesville, Salmon-CT	open										
StanChem, Mattabesset-CT	open										not reviewed
*Rainbow, Farmington-CT	not operated										not operated
W. Springfield, Westfield-MA	open										
Holyoke, Connecticut-MA	5/29	416,601	0	101	0	0	3,044	19	9	0	
Easthampton, Manhan-MA	open										
Turners Falls-Gatehouse, Connecticut-MA	5/12	11,155					2				
Vernon, Connecticut-VT	5/18	3,485					1				
Bellows Falls, Connecticut-VT	opened 5/12	0									
<i>Total to basin, only <b>first</b> barrier counts</i>		416,601	0	101	0	0	3,044	19	9	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

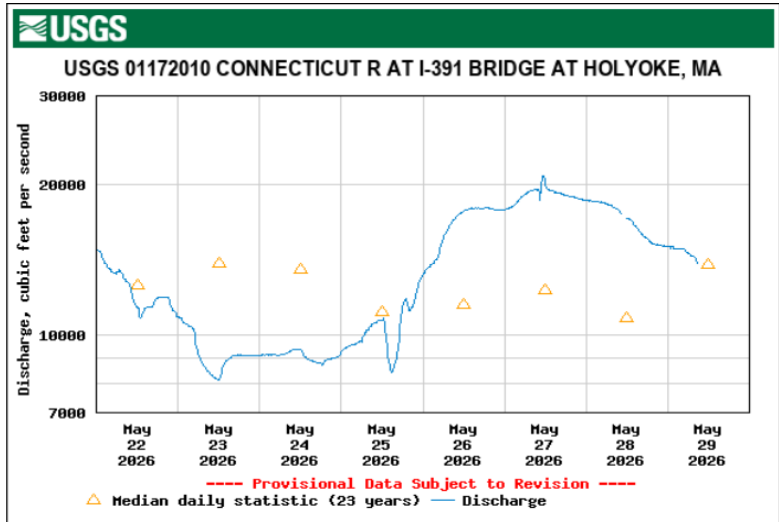
Water temperatures, reported at the Thompsonville gauge, peaked yesterday at 19.5C (67F) and should be approximately the same today and for the weekend. Main stem river discharge flirted with 20,000 cfs at Holyoke on May 27th, but dropped to 14,000 cfs, the 23-year median, this morning, May 29th. After our electrofisher broke down on the Chicopee River on May 22nd last week, we have been unable to conduct river herring surveys. However, thanks to Aaron Heisey from USGS Conte Lab, we used their electrofisher at Wethersfield Cove on May 28th; we got ~100 blueback herring, including an abundance of females. With any luck, we'll be back in business Monday, June 1st.

Kevin Jobs at CT DEEP reports "Alewife runs are done, but a few are still moving up into Rogers Lake from Mill Brook. The real news is the BBH run that has been going strong for over a month on the river this season. We have seen evening runs up some of the lower river tributaries estimated at 10,000+ fish by sunset. We have a counter on one of these sites that has been passing good numbers of these fish, and we look forward to seeing total final numbers on that system. On the other rivers, we do not have monitoring equipment, but long-time observers have all be saying these are the best runs they've seen in a long time. As someone who grew up fishing these herring runs in the late 90's and early 2000's, I can attest to this fact. A very exciting time for river herring in CT after decades of poor returns."



Left to right: Anneka Johnson (FWS intern), Erik Geertstma (FWS intern), Aaron Heisey (USGS), and a big old walleye at Wethersfield, the latter was returned to the cove and swam away with haste.

Right. Main stem river discharge, May 15-22 at Holyoke, MA.



Although our forecast remains relatively dry, there's a ton of rain around the Connecticut Lakes and northern New England, so we hope to see continued good flow conditions, keeping the river afloat and fish on the move.

