

2015 Connecticut River Migratory Fish Counts

Total Fish Counts as of Friday, October 28, 2015

	<u>Totals</u>
American eel	11,672
American shad	416,355
Atlantic salmon	22
Blueback herring	106
Gizzard shad	84
Sea lamprey	24,597
Striped bass	21

Adult sea-run Atlantic salmon were tagged (as needed/possible) and released at all fishways/trap facilities. American eel counts do not include summer/fall data from Holyoke Dam eel passes.

Totals by Dam

River	Dam	Species	Returns	
Salmon River	Leesville	Sea lamprey ^A	545	
Farmington River	Rainbow	American eel	33	
		American shad	316	
		Atlantic salmon	5	
		Blueback herring	18	
		Sea lamprey	1,591	
Westfield River	W. Springfield	American eel	234	
		Atlantic salmon	3	
		American shad	3,383	
		Blueback herring	3	
		Sea lamprey	216	
Connecticut River	Holyoke	American eel	11,405	
		American shad	412,656	
		Atlantic salmon	13	
		Blueback herring	87	
		Gizzard shad	84	
		Sea lamprey	22,245	
		Shortnose sturgeon	1	
	Striped bass	21		
	Turners Falls -	<i>Cabot Spillway Gatehouse</i>	American shad	47,588
			American shad	41,835
			American shad	58,079
			ATS, Released	3
			Sea lamprey	8,423
<i>as of 10/7</i>	Vernon	American eel	1,554	

		American shad	39,771
		ATS, Released	6
		Sea lamprey	2,519
<i>as of 10/7</i>	Bellows Falls	American eel	60
		American shad	44
		Sea lamprey	971
<i>as of 10/7</i>	Wilder	American eel	46
		Sea lamprey	2
	Other ^B	Atlantic salmon	1

^A - Salmon River, sea lamprey count based on July nest surveys.

^B - Atlantic Salmon - Eightmile River, CT, from video detection, Moulson Pond Fishway.

Please note fish counts remain provisional (e.g., eel at Holyoke Dam which remain active). Fish must pass Cabot or Spillway ladder at Turners Falls Dam first to access Gatehouse ladder (those counts reflect what actually passes that dam). Fishway counts continue at TransCanada projects (Vernon Dam and upstream) for FERC studies will continue until early winter. Turners Falls Dam fishways counts are final for species shown, updates for sea lamprey and salmon and other edits may occur. Vernon Fishway set a new American shad fish passage record, surpassing its previous passage record of 37,197 set in 1991 for its 34 year operational history, starting in 1981.