



Development of the plan followed a 1962 study financed by the State of Pennsylvania that indicated it would be possible to design and construct a series of fishery structures at the power dams along the River which could open upstream migration for shad and other migrant fish species.

James T. McBroom, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, said the study plan has been approved by representatives of the State and Federal agencies. Action to develop a means of financing the study will now be undertaken, in hopes that arrangements can be made to begin work on the river this month.

The possibility of redeveloping a run of shad on the Susquehanna has sparked considerable interest among many sportsmen and others, who recall the successful reestablishment of shad in the Connecticut River above Holyoke, Mass. State and Federal fishery biologists hope such a program could also be successful on the Susquehanna River, but evidence is yet insufficient to justify the substantial investment necessary to construct the fishways.

Although the earlier studies do demonstrate the engineering feasibility of designing structures at the Susquehanna dams, additional data are needed about upstream conditions of the river, and whether a new shad fishery would survive and prosper.

Serving on the special technical Federal-State Committee were Robert Bielo, Pennsylvania Fish Commission; Dr. Frank Schwartz, Maryland Board of Natural Resources; Donald Pasko, New York Conservation Department; and Dr. Wendell Johnson and Paul Nichols (Chairman) of the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

On the administrative committee are Albert Day of Pennsylvania, L. Eugene Cronin of Maryland, and Donald Pasko of New York. Department of the Interior representatives are Ralph Silliman and James T. McBroom (Chairman), both of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

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