

Connecticut River Coordinator

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Purpose

The Connecticut River Coordinator's office maximizes the restoration efforts of state and federal resource agencies, industry, and private organizations by administering a multi-state interagency restoration program for the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, facilitating partnerships, managing and sharing information needed for fishery management decisions, advocating migratory fisheries restoration objectives, and uniting research, management and human interest activities for the successful restoration of migratory fish.

Management Activities

- Coordinate multi-state, interagency partnership to restore interjurisdictional fisheries in the Connecticut River
- Restore fish access to habitat through fishway construction, dam removal and culvert renovation to benefit Atlantic salmon, American eel, alewife and other migratory and resident fish

- Release Connecticut River stock of Atlantic salmon fry in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to facilitate increased adult returns
- Transfer American shad adults from lower to upper basin historical habitat, enabling natural

spawning and promoting sustainability

- Provide environmental education opportunities to Connecticut River basin students and residents



Atlantic salmon

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Highlights

Worked with partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to fund and complete seven habitat restoration projects.

Coordinated hands-on environmental training for teachers in over 50 schools in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Partnered with USGS to complete salmon genetics research and secure a FY 2007 grant to assess Connecticut River herring genetics.

Provided an electrofishing boat to the University of Connecticut to facilitate critical research into predator/prey interaction impacting the river's migratory fish populations.

Cooperated with state partners in stocking 5.9 million Atlantic salmon in the Connecticut River watershed.

Opened the office for co-location with staff from the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to save operating expenses and improve services.

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