

# Press Release

## Lake Champlain sea lamprey control program

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On September 16, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and approved a plan to expand sea lamprey control efforts on Lake Champlain. The expansion includes three tributaries where sea lamprey have recently been documented. An Environmental Assessment (EA), released in late July recommended lampricide treatments on two streams and trapping and removal on another. The Lake Champlain Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative held two meetings to provide the public with information and to solicit comments on the proposed expansion of sea lamprey control. Written comments on the plan were also received.

Sea lamprey are a parasitic fish that have had devastating impacts on the fishes of Lake Champlain. The Lake Champlain Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative currently implements an integrated program of sea lamprey control on 15 tributaries of Lake Champlain using lampricides to kill stream-resident larvae as well as barriers and trapping to reduce spawning success in tributaries. As part of the proposed action, new lampricide treatments are authorized on the Lamoille River in Milton, Vt., and on Mill

Brook in Port Henry, N.Y. Trapping of lamprey during spawning migrations is authorized for Pond Brook in Colchester, Vt.

A stream lampricide treatment is scheduled to occur on Mill Brook in Port Henry, NY on October 14<sup>th</sup>, to be followed by a delta treatment on the 15<sup>th</sup>. No lampricide treatment is currently scheduled for the Lamoille River.

Electronic copies of the EA, FONSI, and supporting documentation can be obtained by visiting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Lake Champlain sea lamprey control Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/r5lcfwro/lamprey.htm>

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