



# Lake Champlain

## Fish And Wildlife Conservation Office

### Station Facts

- FY2021 Budget: \$2.6M
- Staff: 28
- Established: 1992
- The Lake Champlain Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO) was established for restoration and conservation of native species and habitat.
- The Vermont Partners for Fish and Wildlife private land restoration program is part of the Lake Champlain FWCO
- The Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program consists of almost 800 employees nationwide, located in 67 FWCOs, 72 National Fish Hatcheries, 9 Fish Health Centers, 7 Fish Technology Centers, and the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership office.

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### Who We Are

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (FWCOs) restore and maintain fish and other aquatic resources for the benefit of the American people, helping ensure that these resources remain among the richest and most diverse in the world. Working across geographic and political borders, FWCO biologists craft partnerships and solutions to conserve, restore, and enhance our natural resources.



Zach Eisenhauer, Boquet River, Willsboro, NY

### How We Help

Lake Champlain FWCO along with our National Fish Hatcheries work in Vermont and eastern New York to restore landlocked Atlantic salmon and lake trout by producing hatchery fish; controlling sea lamprey; monitoring fish populations; restoring aquatic, wetland and riparian habitats; and minimizing impacts of invasive species.

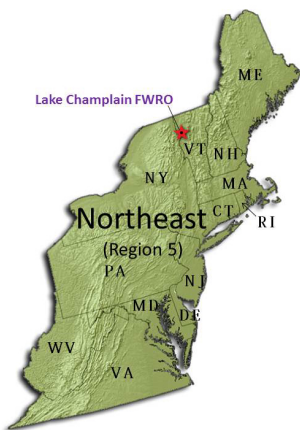
### Highlights

The Lake Champlain sea lamprey control program continues to meet lamprey population reduction goals for restoring landlocked Atlantic salmon and lake trout. Our salmon restoration program works with hatcheries on an innovative program of applied research, assessment, and strategic stocking resulting in increased river returns and natural reproduction in tributaries to Lake Champlain.

The Lake Champlain habitat program completed over 980 restoration projects with over 765 landowners, restoring and enhancing over 2900 acres of upland habitat, 515 miles of streambank habitat, 6,800 acres of wetland habitat; re-opened 1,200 miles of aquatic habitat by removing 60 barriers and treated 1,600 acres of wetland habitat impacted by invasive species leveraging \$32 million in partner funds.

### Key Initiatives

Implementing innovative new programs to enhance river-runs of landlocked Atlantic salmon; leading state partners in sea lamprey control, reconnecting streams impeded by dams and culverts, restoring wetland and riparian habitat and minimizing the impacts of invasive species.



Biologist Chris Mason, Sea Lamprey Application Equipment Trailer



Stephen Smith, USFWS