

Laconia

Fishery Resources Office

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Purpose

Currently unstaffed, the Laconia Fishery Resources Office was established to plan, conduct and evaluate fish and wildlife management activities and aquatic resource restoration initiatives in cooperation with state, federal and non-government organizations.

Management Activities

- Develop and implement interjurisdictional fish restoration programs in central New England
- Provide technical advice and field assistance on interjurisdictional fish restoration programs for the Merrimack and Pawcatuck/Wood rivers and rivers in Maine
- Provide fisheries management and evaluation assistance to the National Fish Hatchery System



American shad

Duane Raver/USFWS

Issues

Depressed populations of river herring, American shad, American eels and Atlantic salmon

Inadequate fish passage in coastal watersheds and the Merrimack River watershed

Acid rain and contaminants in streams and rivers

Erosion of core funding in the Fisheries Program has precluded staffing and funding for this office

Highlights

River herring, American shad, Atlantic salmon, American eel and striped bass restoration initiatives in central New England watersheds

Aquatic and fishery resource evaluations on Service and tribal lands and Department of Defense facilities

