

# Sunderland

## *Fishery Resources Office*

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### Purpose

The Sunderland Fishery Resources Office was established to restore anadromous fish to the Connecticut River basin through fisheries management studies, evaluation, and technical assistance to state and federal program cooperators.

### Past Management Activities

- Stock Atlantic salmon fry in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- Monitor Atlantic salmon adult returns and juvenile growth and survival.
- Conduct fisheries contaminants surveys.
- Restore American shad by transferring adults from lower to upper basin historical habitat.
- Assist the state of Connecticut with a striped bass population assessment in the mainstem Connecticut River.
- Restore blueback herring by transferring fish to the Westfield and Ashuelot rivers in cooperation with the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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### Issues

Erosion of core funding in the Fisheries Program has precluded both staffing and funding of this office for two years running. Management activities formerly addressed by this office have been shifted to the Connecticut River Coordinator's Office and to Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission member agencies, when possible. The Service's support for Atlantic salmon fry stocking has been halved. Monitoring returns has been limited to data entry. Shad

restoration activities have been maintained. Herring restoration, contaminants surveys and striped bass population assessment activities have been eliminated. Reduction and elimination of fisheries management activities at this office have burdened other offices and reduced the Service's capacity to restore anadromous fish to the Connecticut River basin.

