

# Susquehanna River - Delaware River Coordinator

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The separate Susquehanna River and Delaware River Coordinator positions were combined into a single position in fiscal year 2006.

## Purpose

Through the Susquehanna River Anadromous Fish Restoration Cooperative, the Susquehanna Coordinator oversees a multi-state (New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland), federal and utility company effort to restore American shad and other migratory fish to historic spawning waters above dams. This effort includes stocking, population assessment, development of new fish passages and dam removals.

The Delaware River Coordinator works with the states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania and

the National Marine Fisheries Service through the Delaware River Fisheries Cooperative to protect, restore and enhance fishery and aquatic resources such as American shad, striped bass, American eel, river herring, Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, oyster, and horseshoe crab throughout the Delaware River basin.

## Management Activities

Working with private utility companies and state agencies to restore American shad and river herring to the Susquehanna River by enhancing fish passage at dams, stocking spawning adult herring and cultured shad above blockages, and monitoring the program's success

Developing annual operation plans at Susquehanna hydrodams and monitoring upstream and downstream fish passage for shad and herring

Assisting state fish passage coordinators in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York to provide fish passage at dams by designing and constructing fishways,

breaching and removing unneeded dams, and replacing impassable culverts

Compiling, analyzing and reviewing Delaware basin shad monitoring data from each partner state and providing a consolidated annual report to ASMFC

Coordinating contract to assess yearly using a hydroacoustics survey the size of American shad population in the Delaware River

Serving as Service representative on several ASMFC technical committees and plan review teams



*American shad*

Duane Ravey/USFWS

## Issues

Develop a stable source of Susquehanna River shad eggs for the hatchery culture program and complete ongoing genetics and acoustics investigations.

Resolve fish passage problems at mainstem and tributary dams and improve passage effectiveness.

Complete designs, attract sufficient funds and construct fishways at three dams in the West Branch Susquehanna River.

Develop Delaware basin Atlantic sturgeon restoration plan with possible use of cultured fish to enhance population recovery.

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