# Priority C onnectivity Projects in the Upper C onnecticut River Mitigation and E nhancement Fund (M E F) Service A rea 

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## G oals and Purpose

The goal of identifying and encouraging Priority Connectivity Projects in the Upper Connecticut River M itigation and Enhancement Fund (MEF) Service A rea is to mitigate for the impacts of the Fifteen M ile Falls (FM F) H ydroelectric Project on a large river ecosystem. The objective is to remove man-made impediments to in-stream connectivity, with an emphasis on dams that inhibit aquatic organism connectivity to the main stem of the Connecticut River and where identified high value in-stream ecological resources are likely to significantly benefit. This could involve either modifications at a dam site or the removal of the dam to achieve aquatic organism passage. The M EF A dvisory Committee voted to consider as part of a proposal, when necessary, the purchase of the dam if permitting and removal were shown to be reasonable and achievable. ${ }^{1}$

Far more culverts that limit aquatic organism passage (AOP) in part or whole exists within the M EF project area then this fund could possibly resolve. A dditionally recent changes in state requirements ${ }^{2}$ addressing culvert connectivity have occurred. Therefore, M E F will no longer be funding individual culvert replacement and watershed culvert inventory projects. M EF may fund culvert replacements as part of a larger, watershed-level initiative, or culvert replacement(s) that are directly related to improving AOP at one or more identified dam connectivity improvement projects and known impacted in-stream resources and significant connectivity miles are involved. For example a combined dam and upstream culvert enhancement/removal project that has direct nexus and would result in a significant cumulative gain in connectivity. To estimate culvert enhancement/replacement projects benefits refer to M EF's culvert guidelines in A ppendix B , page 32.

The M EF prioritizes actual on the ground projects, not more general studies or inventories. There may be other equal value 'in-stream connectivity' projects than those identified herein, but until sufficient data becomes available they could not be identified in this study. Understanding that best available data is not static, proposals justified on new, updated or better high value aquatic or riparian resource information than identified in this report will be considered by M EF.

## Key Assumptions and K nown Data Limitations

- The U pper Connecticut River M EF Service A rea Priority Riparian Areas report identifies and prioritizes areas with multiple and recognized high value aquatic resources in and adjacent to $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ order streams that flow directly into the Connecticut River, and all $3^{\text {rd }}$ order and higher river and stream reaches in the U pper Connecticut River M EF Service A rea. In some cases sufficient reliable data may not exist to fully analyze the magnitude of connectivity constraint impacts on identified high-priority in-stream aquatic resources.
- The river and stream networks used for all analyses are based on the USGS National Hydrography Dataset 1:24,000 (2016).
- This study, due to time and budget constraints, only used data that was available in a digital format. A s noted following, some additional data could be harvested by visiting regional resource agency offices that contain sporadic data on paper files.
- This study used the most recent state dam data provided by the V ermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC) (2015) and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES)

[^0](2015). Several errors were identified in these data sets, and they have been located and addressed as best as possible.

- Connectivity and fish passage data on the dams is not always consistent betw een data sources.
- This study used culvert data with A OP rankings provided by the VT State Fish and W ildlife Department. It is noted that not all culverts were surveyed due to access, private property issues, etc., therefore additional field verification may justify additional culverts (e.g. habitat value, natural or other manmade barriers, etc.). ${ }^{3}$
- Culvert data for N ew Hampshire is not currently available in a digital format, with the exception of the mainstem of the A mmonoosuc River, Clark Brook, Eastman Brook, Israel River, and Oliverian Brook. However, NHFG district offices have some paper files of varying degree of completeness on culverts. NHFG Districts offices within our study area include: District 1, 641 M ain Street, Lancaster, NH 03584, Tel: 603-788-4641, District 2, Exit 16, I-89 Enfield, PO Box 232, Lebanon, NH03766, Tel: 448-2654, and District 3, 2 Sawmill Road, Gilford, NH 03246, Tel: 603-524-6667. ${ }^{4}$
- Nash Stream and Indian Stream were not included in this analysis because they have already been sufficiently studied and remedial work funded in part by the U pper Connecticut River M itigation and Enhancement Fund is in progress.
- Calculated up and down stream distances for connectivity are based on organisms with moderate and strong up and down stream movement capability. ${ }^{5}$
- Previous relevant M EF and other funded project results, where appropriate, were included in this update.
- Grant applicants shall ground truth potential project areas/impediments before submission of a grant application to verify that an actual AOP issue exists. The following priority list relied entirely on accessible data sets, which have been found to contain errors, and agency staff feedback. It does not include ground truthing by the authors due to time and financial constraints.


## Results

## A. Priority Dam Projects

The number of qualifying "V ery Highest" and "Highest" priority dams are as follows:

## C ategory

1. V ery Highest Priority - Quality Resident
\# of Dams Range of Linear Upstream Mileage
Linear M iles with No Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River
2. High Priority - Quality Resident Linear Miles 8 to 71 miles
with One or M ore Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River

Table 1 (V ery Highest Priority) and Table 2 (Highest priority) lists the M EF priority dams and are ordered by upstream miles, "A" miles, in a descending order with the highest mileage first. For a list of all dams not prioritized that are designated as affecting the passage of organisms refer to A ppendix C: Table 1, page 34. The dams are ordered by upstream miles (A miles) in descending order, not necessarily by priority.

[^1]Table 1 - Category 1 - V ery Highest Priority Dams - Quality Resident Linear Miles with No Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River

| River Name <br> (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelectric <br> Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Israel River (4) | 131.03 | Israel River Dam | 218 | 3 | 221 | 0 | no | yes |
| Carroll Stream (4) | 252.11 | Airport Marsh Dam | 49 | 11 | 60 | 0 | no | yes |
| Ammonoosuc River (5) | 112.03 | Woodsville Dam (H) | 34 | 0.2 | 35 | 0 | yes | yes |
| Mohawk <br> River (5) | 049.03 | Washburn Mill Dam | 25 | 8 | 33 | 0 | no | yes |
| East Inlet (4) | 194.08 | East Inlet Dam | 21 | 2 | 23 | 0 | no | yes |
| Bog Brook (3) | 225.04 | Stratford Bog Pond Dam | 9 | 7 | 16 | 0 | no | yes |
| Big Brook (3) | 194.14 | Big Brook Bog Dam | 6 | 3 | 9 | 0 | no | yes |
| East Branch Nulhegan River (3) | 7.04 | Dam No. 6 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 0 | no | yes |
| Kimball Brook (2) | 225.07 | Kimball Brook Dam | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | no | yes |

Table 2 - Category 2 - High Priority Dams - Quality Resident Linear M iles with One or M ore Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelectric <br> Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wild <br> Ammonoosuc River (4) | 132.01 | Wild <br> Ammonoosuc River Dam | 71 | 5 | 76 | 2 | no | yes |
| Upper Ammonoosuc River (4) | 024.08 | Godfrey Dam | 50 | 30 | 80 | 3 | no | yes |
| Mill Brook (4) | 125.16 | Mill Brook Hydro Dam (H) | 46 | 13 | 59 | 1 | no | yes |
| North Branch Gale River (3) | 025.03 | Littleton Reservoir Dam | 15 | 22 | 37 | 3 | no | yes |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bean Brook- } \\ & \text { TR (4) } \end{aligned}$ | 137.07 | Bald Hill Fish Hatchery Upper Dam | 14 | 7 | 21 | 9 | no | yes |
| Ammonoosuc <br> River (5) | 017.02 | Ammonoosuc <br> River Dam (H) | 12 | 5 | 17 | 1 | yes | yes |


| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelec tric <br> Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| South Branch Gale River (3) | 025.11 | South Branch Gale River Dam | 9 | 21 | 30 | 3 | no | yes |
| Zealand River (3) | 025.04 | Zealand River Dam | 8 | 13 | 21 | 5 | no | yes |

The following maps provide an overview of the location of the 'V ery Highest' and 'Highest' priority dams and then the specifics for each dam. In the individual dam maps the priority areas from the Priority Riparian Areas in the U pper Connecticut River M itigation and Enhancement Fund (M EF) Service A rea report are included.

Map 1 The "V ery Highest" and "Highest" Priority Dams that Impede Connectivity in the M EF Service A rea


Category 1 - V ery Highest Priority: Quality Resident Linear Miles with No Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River

## Israel River Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (H - <br> Hydroelectric Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream of <br> Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Israel River <br> (4) | 131.03 | Israel River Dam | 218 | 3 | 221 | 0 | no | yes |



Airport M arsh Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream of <br> Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carroll Stream (4) | 252.11 | Airport Marsh Dam | 49 | 11 | 60 | 0 | no | yes |



Woodsville Dam (H)

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (HHydroelectric Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ammonoosuc River (5) | 112.03 | Woodsville <br> Dam (H) | 64 | 0.2 | 64 | 0 | yes | yes |



## W ashburn M ill Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mohawk River (5) | 049.03 | Washburn Mill Dam | 25 | 8 | 33 | 0 | no | yes |



## East Inlet Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream of <br> Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East Inlet (4) | 194.08 | East Inlet Dam | 21 | 2 | 23 | 0 | no | yes |



Stratford Bog Pond Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id No. | Dam Name | Total Miles Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bog Brook (3) | 225.04 | Stratford Bog Pond Dam | 9 | 7 | 16 | 0 | no | yes |



Big Brook Bog Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam <br> (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream <br> of Dam <br> (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big Brook (3) | 194.14 | Big Brook Bog Dam | 6 | 3 | 9 | 0 | no | yes |



Dam No. 6

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total Miles Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream <br> of Dam <br> (B) | Migratory Miles (A + B) | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East Branch Nulhegan River (3) | 7.04 | Dam No. 6 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 0 | no | yes |



## Kimball Brook Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kimball Brook (2) | 225.07 | Kimball Brook Dam | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | no | yes |



Category 2 - High Priority: Quality Resident Linear Miles with One or M ore Downstream Impediments to the Connecticut River

Wild Ammonoosuc River Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelec tric <br> Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wild <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River (4) | 132.01 | W ild <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River Dam | 71 | 5 | 76 | 2 | no | yes |



G odfrey Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id <br> No. | Dam Name | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Upper Ammonoosuc River (4) | 024.08 | Godfrey Dam | 50 | 30 | 80 | 3 | no | yes |



Mill Brook Hydro Dam (H)

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelectric <br> Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mill Brook (4) | 125.16 | Mill Brook Hydro Dam (H) | 46 | 13 | 59 | 1 | no | yes |



Littleton Reservoir Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (H - <br> Hydroelectric Dam) | Total <br> Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total Miles <br> Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Branch Gale River (3) | 025.03 | Littleton Reservoir Dam | 15 | 22 | 37 | 3 | no | yes |



Bald Hill Fish Hatchery Upper Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Up- <br> stream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bean Brook- } \\ & \text { TR (4) } \end{aligned}$ | 137.07 | Bald Hill Fish Hatchery Upper Dam | 14 | 7 | 21 | 9 | no | yes |



Ammonoosuc River Dam (H)

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (H Hydroelectric Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ammonoosuc River (5) | 017.02 | Ammonoosuc River Dam (H) | 12 | 5 | 17 | 1 | yes | yes |



South Branch Gale River Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id No. | Dam Name (H Hydroelec tric Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| South Branch Gale River (3) | 025.11 | South Branch Gale River Dam | 9 | 21 | 30 | 3 | no | yes |



## Zealand River Dam

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name <br> (H - <br> Hydroelec tric <br> Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam <br> (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream <br> of Dam <br> (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zealand River <br> (3) | 025.04 | Zealand River Dam | 8 | 13 | 21 | 5 | no | yes |



## Prioritization M ethodology

## Step 1 - Study Area

The study area is the entire U pper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund region (A ppendix A: M ap 1 , page 28 and M ap 2, page 29).

## Step 2 - Resources

The assessment procedures and results for each of the 108 sub-watersheds were based on the following:

1. River/Stream Connectivity Impediments
a. Dams, ${ }^{6}$ culverts, ${ }^{7}$ and waterfalls ${ }^{8}$ were the basis of this analysis.

The following criteria were used to reduce the number of dams, culverts, and waterfalls in the analysis to those that were deemed to be most relevant for the purposes of this study (in-stream connectivity, with a nexus, to larger river ecosystem) (M ap 1, page 5).

1. Dams
a. Dams included in the priority ranking analysis are designated as affecting the passage of organisms, and
i. A re $\leq 100 \mathrm{ft}$ from all $3^{\text {rd }}$ order and higher river/stream reaches, and all $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ order streams that flow directly into the Connecticut River (note: due to registration errors some dams did not align with the streams, so a 100 ft buffer was applied).
ii. A re rated as affecting the passage of aquatic organisms that do not contain both upstream and downstream fish passage (A ppendix B: Table 1, page 30).
b. Dams not included in the priority ranking analysis (but are used to determine linear miles of connectivity) are those dams designated as not affecting the passage of organisms, or
i. A re located at or near the end of a $1^{\text {st }}$ order stream (less than 0.5 miles).
ii. A re built on waterfalls (e.g. M cIndoe Falls Dam because built on M clndoe Falls) (A ppendix B: Table 2, page 30).
iii. A re located on $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ order streams that do not flow directly into the Connecticut River.

[^2]C. Dams not included in the priority ranking analysis are those dams designated as not affecting the passage of organisms and not used to determine linear miles of dams and culverts.
i. A re not affecting the passage of aquatic organisms. Dams with up and down stream fish passage (A ppendix B: Table 1, page 30)
ii. A re $>100 \mathrm{ft}$ from all streams.
iii. NH dams with a status of ruins, not built and removed.
iv. VT dams as determined by state biologist and with a status of deleted and removed.
2. Culverts
a. Culverts included in the anal ysis which are designated as affecting the passage of organisms used to determine linear miles of dams, and
i. A re $\leq 50 \mathrm{ft}$ from all streams ${ }^{9}$ (note: due to registration errors some culverts did not align with the streams, so a 50 ft buffer was applied).
ii. A quatic Organism Passage (A OP) level of either gray, orange, or red: ${ }^{10}$ (A ppendix B: Table 3, page 31):

1. Gray level - reduced A OP for all aquatic organisms.
2. Orange level - no AOP for all aquatic organisms except adult salmonids.
3. Red level - no A OP for all aquatic organisms including adult salmonids.

## 3. W aterfalls

a. W aterfalls included in the analysis which are designated as affecting the passage of organisms used to determine linear miles of dams, and
i. A re $\leq 50 \mathrm{ft}$ from all streams (note: due to registration errors some waterfalls did not align with the streams, so a 50 ft . buffer was applied).
2. In-stream Resources
a. The following in-stream resources identified in the Priority Riparian Areas in the Upper Connecticut River M itigation and Enhancement Fund Service A rea report were used to prioritize dams. These include: ${ }^{11}$
i. Special Concern, Threatened and Endangered Animal Species ${ }^{12}$

1. Federal Listed Species
a. Dwarf W edge mussel ${ }^{13}$
2. State Special Concern Species
a. Finescale Dace
b. N orthern Redbelly D ace

[^3]c. Wood Turtles
d. Northern Leopard Frogs
e. Round Whitefish
ii. Aquatic Areas

1. River and Stream (Lotic) Cores - (2010 - University of M assachusetts - Connect the Connecticut project)
a. These areas were identified as representing relatively high ecological integrity, high current habitat values for brook trout, and habitat for anadromous fish.

## Step 3 - Determining L inear M iles of C onnectivity

The linear miles of connectivity is the distance in miles of streams located between dams, culverts, waterfalls, and/or to the confluence of the Connecticut River. This was determined using the following methodology.

Dams
The linear miles of connectivity for dams are the number of miles of all $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ order and above streams, where:

1. Total miles upstream of the dam $=\mathrm{A}$ (Figure 1). " A " includes all stream tributaries and mainstem upstream of the dam to the next dam, culvert, waterfall or to the end of the stream.
2. Total miles downstream of the dam $=B$ (Figure 1 ). " $B$ " includes only the stream's mainstem downstream of the dam to the next dam, culvert, waterfall, or to the confluence of the Connecticut River.
3. Total miles upstream of the dam (A) plus total miles downstream of the dam $(B)$ is defined as the " $M$ igratory $M$ iles" ( $A+B$ ).


Figure 1: Dam Stream
M iles Delineation

## Step 4 - Prioritizing Dam Projects

A. Dams

To prioritize dams for potential projects that were designated as affecting passage of organisms (refer to page 23 for a list of criteria), two categories were determined to evaluate the dams. These categories eval uated the dams' linear miles, identified in-stream resources, and the number of impediments (dams, culverts, and or waterfalls) downstream to the Connecticut River. N ote: Understand and use caution with all mileage information as the available data is incomplete. C ategories include:

1. Quality Resident Linear M iles with No Downstream Impediments to the CT River
a. This excludes all dams located on the Connecticut River.
b. No downstream impediments to the confluence of the Connecticut River.
c. In-stream resources found in upstream river or streams, "A" miles.
2. Quality Resident Linear M iles with One or M ore Downstream Impediments to the CT River
a. This excludes all dams located on the Connecticut River.
b. One or more impediments downstream to the confluence of the Connecticut River.
c. Downstream miles, "B" miles, greater or equal to five miles.
d. Upstream miles, "A" miles, greater or equal to five miles.
e. In-stream resources found in both upstream and downstream rivers, "A" and "B" miles.

Developing Summary Table for Decision Tree
For a list of all dams that were designated as affecting the passage of organisms within the study area refer to A ppendix C: Table 1 on page 34. For dams on the Connecticut River refer to A ppendix C: Table 2 on page 39. The dams are ordered by upstream miles (A miles) in a descending order.



A ppendix B: Tables containing Dam and Culvert Information
Table 1 Dams with U pstream and/or Downstream Passage ${ }^{14}$

| River Name | Dam Id Number | Dam Name | Upstream Passage | Downstream Passage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Connecticut River | 94.14 | W ilder Dam | Y es | Y es |
|  | 175.03 | R yegate/Dodge Falls | No | Y es |
|  | 12.14 | M clndoes Falls Dam | No | Interim Facilities |
| A mmonoosuc River | 112.03 | W oodsville Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 17.02 | A mmonoosuc Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 138.01 | Lisbon Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 140.01 | Littleton Dam/A pthorp | No | Y es |
| Passumpsic River | 12.04 | R oy B rothers M fg. Co./East B arnet Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 12.03 | Passumpsic Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 179.03 | Gage Dam | No | Y es |
|  | 179.01 | A rnold Falls Dam | No | Interim |
|  | 179.12 | Pierce M ills Dam | No | Interim |
|  | 119.03 | V ail Dam | No | Interim |
| Third B ranch W hite R iver | 21.01 | Bethel M ills | No | Y es |

Table 2 Dams Built on W aterfalls

| River Name | Dam Id <br> Number | Dam Name | Impediment | Impediment Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sleepers River | 179.14 | U.S. Fish Hatchery | Cascade | E merson Falls |
| Connecticut River | 12.14 | M clndoes Falls 15 | W aterfall | M cIndoe Falls |
| W ells River | 138.05 | Boltonville No. 11 | W aterfall | B oltonville Falls |
| Stevens River | 12.06 | Barnet No. 14 | Cascade | B arnet Falls |
| Phillips Brook | 221.10 | Crystal Falls Hydro Dam | Cascade | C rystal Falls |
| Third B ranch W hite <br> River | 21.01 | Bethel Mills | W aterfall | B ethel Falls |

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## Table 3 Definition of A quatic Organism Passage

The following information is provided strictly for background information. MEF is not funding individual culvert removal projects. MEF may fund culvert projects as part of a larger, watershed-level initiative, or culvert replacements that are directly related to further improving A OP at one or more identified dam connectivity improvement projects and known impacted in-stream resources and significant connectivity miles are involved.

A quatic Organism Passage, Geomorphic Compatibility, Retrofit Potential ${ }^{16}$

| AOP Coarse Screen |  | AOP Geomorphic Compatibility |  | AOP Retrofit Potential |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Green | Full AOP for all aquatic organisms | Green | Structure is fully compatible geomorphically $20<G C<25$ | H | High probability the existing culvert can be retrofitted |
| Gray | Reduced AOP for all aquatic organisms | Light Green | Structure is mostly compatible geomorphically $15<G C<20$ | M | Medium probability the existing culvert can be retrofitted |
| Orange | No AOP for all aquatic organisms except adult salmonids | Yellow | Structure is partially compatible geomorphically $10<\mathrm{GC}<15$ | L | Low probability the existing culvert can be retrofitted |
| Red | No AOP for all aquatic organisms including adult salmonids | Orange | Structure is mostly incompatible geomorphically $5<\mathrm{GC}<10$ | Pos 1 <br> (left) | For strong swimmers |
|  |  | Red | Structure is fully incompatible geomorphically $0<\mathrm{GC}<5$ | Pos 2 <br> (center) | For moderate swimmers |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Pos } 3 \\ \hline \text { (right) } \end{array}$ | For weak swimmers |

[^5]The A OP C oarse Screen ${ }^{17}$


A dditional background concerning the A OP Coarse Screen is provided in the VT A OP Screening Tool report ${ }^{18}$ :
"It is important to understand that these tools provide a cursory analysis of AOP and that more detailed biological, hydrological and structural assessments are necessary to determine if a given structure is a worthwhile candidate for enhancement or replacement..... The coarse screen identifies potentially problematic structures. F urther analysis using the AOP Retrofit Potential Screen and the AOP Habitat C onnectivity Potential Screen should be conducted along with subsequent field work prior to moving forward towards implementation. Additional field measurements and assessments will be necessary to confirm and expand upon findings to support management decisions and design and may include:
o aquatic community assessment;
o aquatic habitat assessment;
o stream channel profile, tailwater and cross section assessment;
o hydraulic modeling (e.g., FishXing);
o natural barrier assessment; or construction constraints (access, utility crossings, etc.)."

## M EF Culvert Guidelines

1. Prioritization
a. Priority culverts are designated as those where upstream of the culvert contains priority in-stream resources, no downstream impediments exist between it and the mainstem of the Connecticut River, $>5$ miles of upstream miles of connectivity are achieved, and the A OP level is either gray, orange, or red: ${ }^{19}$ (A ppendix B: Table 3, page 34):

[^6]i. Gray level - reduced A OP for all aquatic organisms.
ii. Orange level - no A OP for all aquatic organisms except adult salmonids.
iii. Red level - no A OP for all aquatic organisms including adult salmonids.
2. Low priority culverts are those designated as not affecting the passage of organisms (Green level - full A OP for all aquatic organisms), are located at or near the end of a $1^{\text {st }}$ order stream (less than 0.5 miles), $<5$ miles of connectivity are achieved, and/or no in-stream resources are located upstream of the culvert.
3. Determining Linear Miles of Connectivity
a. Total miles upstream of the culvert =A (Figure 2). " A " includes all stream tributaries and mainstem upstream of the culvert to the next dam, culvert, waterfall, or to the end of the stream.
b. Total miles downstream of the culvert $=B$ (Figure 2). "B" includes only the stream's mainstem downstream to the next dam, culvert, waterfall, or the confluence of the Connecticut River.
c. Total miles upstream of the culvert (A) plus total miles downstream of the culvert ( $B$ ) is defined as the " $M$ igratory $M$ iles" ( $A+B$ ).


Figure 2: Culvert Stream M ile Delineation

## A ppendix C: Dam Linear Miles Tables

Table 1 - Dams that Affect the Passage of Organisms that are not on the Connecticut River

| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (H - <br> Hydroelectric Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Upper <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River (5) | 182.04 | Red Dam | 220 | 1 | 221 | 2 | no | yes |
| Israel River (4) | 131.03 | Israel River Dam | 218 | 3 | 221 | 0 | no | yes |
| Ammonoosuc <br> River (5) | 138.01 | Lower Lisbon <br> Dam (H) | 214 | 6 | 220 | 2 | yes | yes |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 119.03 | Vail (H) | 150 | 1 | 151 | 6 | yes | no |
| W aits River (6) | 24.01 | Bradford (H) | 95 | 1 | 96 | 0 | no | no |
| Ammonoosuc <br> River (4) | 025.01 | Bethlehem <br> Dam | 78 | 8 | 86 | 4 | no | yes |
| Wild <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River (4) | 132.01 | Wild <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River Dam | 71 | 5 | 76 | 2 | no | yes |
| Ammonoosuc <br> River (4) | 140.01 | Apthorp Dam <br> (H) | 59 | 15 | 74 | 3 | yes | no |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 12.04 | Roy Bros. <br> Mfg. Co. (H) | 54 | 1 | 55 | 0 | yes | no |
| Upper Ammonoosuc River (4) | 024.08 | Godfrey Dam | 50 | 30 | 80 | 3 | no | yes |
| Carroll Stream <br> (4) | 252.11 | Airport Marsh Dam | 49 | 11 | 60 | 0 | no | yes |
| Mill Brook (4) | 125.16 | Mill Brook Hydro Dam (H) | 46 | 13 | 59 | 1 | no | yes |
| Garland Brook <br> (3) | 131.24 | Garland <br> Brook Dam | 36 | 2 | 38 | 2 | no | yes |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 179.03 | Gage (H) | 36 | 2 | 38 | 2 | yes | yes |
| Second Branch White River (5) | 21.03 | Hyde | 34 | 28 | 62 | 0 | no | no |
| Ammonoosuc <br> River (5) | 112.03 | Woodsville Dam (H) | 34 | 0.2 | 34 | 0 | yes | yes |
| J oes Brook (4) | 58.02 | West Danville <br> No. 15 (H) | 34 | 4 | 38 | 1 | no | no |
| East Branch Passumpsic River (5) | 37.01 | East Burke (Lumber Co.) | 31 | 9 | 40 | 7 | no | yes |
| Otter Brook (4) | 131.05 | Otter Brook <br> Dam | 31 | 4 | 35 | 1 | no | no |
| Pettyboro Brook <br> (3) | 017.14 | Pettyboro Brook Hydro (H) | 29 | 4 | 33 | 2 | no | yes |


| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name (H <br> Hydroelectric Dam) | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | Down- <br> Stream Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steam Mill Brook <br> (4) | 218.02 | Goslants Mill | 27 | 7 | 34 | 2 | no | no |
| First Branch White River (5) | 47.03 | Whitney | 26 | 4 | 30 | 6 | no | no |
| Mohawk River (5) | 049.03 | Washburn Mill Dam | 25 | 8 | 33 | 0 | no | yes |
| Bog Brook (3) | 252.12 | Bog Brook | 24 | 9 | 33 | 0 | no | no |
| Ogontz Brook (4) | 138.02 | Ogontz Brook <br> Dam | 23 | 4 | 27 | 3 | no | yes |
| East Inlet (4) | 194.08 | East Inlet Dam | 21 | 2 | 23 | 0 | no | yes |
| Middle Brook (4) | 231.03 | Geer | 18 | 3 | 21 | 5 | no | no |
| Tabor Branch (4) | 53.04 | Corinth-4 | 18 | 0.3 | 18 | 2 | no | no |
| Deception Brook <br> (3) | 039.01 | Cherry <br> Mountain <br> Brook Dam | 18 | 1 | 19 | 6 | no | yes |
| Oliverian Stream <br> (4) | 112.02 | Oliverian <br> Stream Dam | 18 | 4 | 22 | 0 | no | no |
| Clay Brook (3) | 146.26 | Post Pond Outlet Dam | 18 | 3 | 21 | 0 | no | no |
| Sleepers River (4) | 58.10 | Fairbanks Morse | 17 | 4 | 21 | 5 | no | no |
| Second Branch White River (5) | 162.02 | Gulf Road | 16 | 9 | 25 | 1 | no | no |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 119.02 | Great Falls (H) | 16 | 2 | 18 | 5 | no | no |
| Crawford Brook (3) | 039.03 | Recreation <br> Lake | 16 | 3 | 19 | 6 | no | yes |
| First Branch White River (5) | 211.03 | Grants Mill | 16 | 3 | 19 | 5 | no | no |
| Caleb Brook (4) |  | Private Dam - <br> Caleb Brook | 16 | 2 | 18 | 2 | no | no |
| Ompompanoosuc <br> River (5) | 206.18 | Montague <br> Rod and Reel <br> Co. (Upper) | 15 | 5 | 20 | 4 | no | no |
| First Branch White River (5) | 211.06 | Farnham Bros. | 15 | 0.2 | 15 | 4 | no | no |
| North Branch Gale River (3) | 025.03 | Littleton <br> Reservoir <br> Dam | 15 | 22 | 37 | 3 | no | yes |
| Oliverian Brook <br> (3) | 023.06 | Oliverian Dam, Baker Site 1 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 1 | no | yes |
| Bean Brook-TR <br> (4) | 137.07 | Bald Hill Fish Hatchery Upper Dam | 14 | 7 | 21 | 9 | no | yes |
| Upper <br> Ammonoosuc <br> River (5) | 182.02 | Weston Dam (H) | 14 | 2 | 16 | 0 | no | no |


| River Name (Stream Order) | Dam <br> State Id <br> No. | Dam Name (H - <br> Hydroelectric Dam) | Total Miles Upstream of Dam (A) | Total <br> Miles <br> Down- <br> stream of Dam <br> (B) | Migratory Miles $(A+B)$ | Number of Dams, Culverts, and or Waterfalls Downstream to the CT River | DownStream Fish Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ompompanoosuc River-TR (4) | 206.01 | Lake Fairlee | 14 | 2 | 16 | 5 | no | no |
| J ail Brook (4) | 47.04 | Lyons Mill | 13 | 2 | 15 | 7 | no | no |
| Ammonoosuc River (5) | 017.02 | Ammonoosuc River Dam (H) | 12 | 5 | 17 | 1 | yes | yes |
| Pearl Lake (3) | 138.06 | Pearl Lake Dam | 12 | 4 | 16 | 3 | no | yes |
| Ricker Pond-TR <br> (4) | 88.05 | Lake Groton | 12 | 1 | 13 | 3 | no | no |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 179.01 | Arnold Falls (H) | 11 | 2 | 13 | 3 | yes | no |
| Passumpsic <br> River (6) | 12.03 | Passumpsic (H) | 11 | 5 | 16 | 1 | yes | no |
| Marden Brook (3) | 131.30 | Marden Brook Hydro | 10 | 7 | 17 | 1 | no | no |
| Ogontz Brook (3) | 145.04 | Ogontz Camp Dam | 10 | 3 | 13 | 4 | no | yes |
| First Branch White River (5) | 171.03 | Eaton (Upper) | 10 | 0.1 | 10 | 1 | no | no |
| Miles Stream (3) | 52.01 | Miles Pond | 9 | 5 | 14 | 0 | no | no |
| Charles Brown Brook (3) | 146.01 | Norwich Reservoir | 9 | 3 | 12 | 1 | no | yes |
| Mohawk River TR (4) | 049.28 | Cummings Fire Pond Dam | 9 | 1 | 10 | 1 | no | yes |
| W est Branch Ammonoosuc (3) | 024.21 | West Branch Dam | 9 | 32 | 41 | 3 | no | no |
| Mill Brook (3) | 132.04 | Chandler Pond Dam | 9 | 4 | 13 | 3 | no | yes |
| Sunset Brook (4) | 32.04 | Sunset Lake | 9 | 0.1 | 9 | 8 | no | no |
| Bog Brook (3) | 225.04 | Stratford Bog Pond Dam | 9 | 7 | 16 | 0 | no | yes |
| Connecticut <br> River-TR (3) | 73.01 | Lake Morey | 9 | 0.1 | 9 | 3 | no | no |
| South Branch Gale River (3) | 025.11 | South Branch Gale River Dam | 9 | 21 | 30 | 3 | no | yes |
| Zealand River (3) | 025.04 | Zealand River Dam | 8 | 13 | 21 | 5 | no | yes |
| Pond Brook (3) | 11.01 | Silver Lake | 8 | 0.5 | 9 | 5 | no | no |
| Garland Brook - TR (3) |  | Garland - Mill | 8 | 1 | 9 | 2 | no | yes |
| Natural S wale (3) | 108.10 | Farm Pond | 8 | 1 | 9 | 0 | no | no |
| J ohns River - TR (3) | 252.09 | Burns Lake Dam | 7 | 9 | 16 | 0 | no | no |
| Halls Brook (4) | 138.10 | Old Stone (H) | 7 | 4 | 11 | 0 | no | no |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W ells River (4) | 138.06 | Adams Paper Co. (H) | 7 | 1 | 8 | 0 | no | no |
| South Branch <br> Wells River (3) | 88.06 | Noyes Pond | 7 | 14 | 21 | 2 | no | no |
| Tuttle Brook (3) | 039.04 | Tuttle Brook Dam | 6 | 0.3 | 6 | 6 | no | yes |
| Waterman Brook (3) | 112.09 | Upper Mountain Lake Dam | 6 | 0.5 | 7 | 2 | no | yes |
| Stiles Brook (3) | 227.01 | Stiles Pond | 6 | 0.2 | 6 | 3 | no | no |
| Big Brook (3) | 194.14 | Big Brook Bog Dam | 6 | 3 | 9 | 0 | no | yes |
| Stevens River (4) | 12.01 | Harveys Lake | 6 | 7 | 13 | 3 | no | no |
| Camp Brook (3) | 108.07 | Storrs Pond Dam | 5 | 0.5 | 6 | 0 | no | no |
| Dartmouth Brook (3) | 039.20 | Dartmouth Brook Dam | 5 | 0.1 | 5 | 7 | no | yes |
| East Branch Nulhegan River (3) | 7.04 | Dam No. 6 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 0 | no | yes |
| First Branch White River (5) | 47.05 | Reed Mill | 4 | 0.01 | 4 | 8 | no | no |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Steam Mill Brook- } \\ & \text { TR (3) } \end{aligned}$ | 218.01 | Coles Pond | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | no | no |
| Kimball Brook (2) | 225.07 | Kimball Brook Dam | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | no | yes |
| Tabor Branch (4) | 53.03 | W orthley | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | no | no |
| Middle Brook (3) | 231.02 | Keefe S ite 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | no | no |
| Mink Brook - TR (3) | 108.09 | TR Mink Brook Dam | 4 | 9 | 13 | 0 | no | yes |
| P assumpsic <br> River (6) | 179.12 | Pierce Mills (H) | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 | yes | no |
| Waits River - TR (3) | 208.10 | Topsham - 10 | 4 | 0.1 | 4 | 3 | no | no |
| W aits River-TR (3) | 147.04 | Riddle Pond (Upper) | 4 | 0.1 | 4 | 8 | no | no |
| Camp Brook (3) | 108.06 | Upper Reservoir Dam | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | no | no |
| Sunset Brook-TR (3) | 32.02 | North Pond (Upper) | 4 | 0.1 | 4 | 10 | no | no |
| South Wheelock Branch-TR (3) | 241.01 | Chandler Pond | 4 | 0.1 | 4 | 12 | no | no |
| East Branch Nulhegan River (3) | 7.05 | Conway | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | no | yes |
| Mill Brook (3) | 157.04 | Johnson | 3 | 0.4 | 3 | 7 | no | no |
| W ells River (4) | 88.01 | R icker Pond | 3 | 11 | 14 | 2 | no | no |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quation Brook- TR (3) | 184.03 | Crescent <br> Lake | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | no | no |
| Scott Brook (2) | 194.09 | Scott Bog <br> Pond Dam | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | no | no |
| Middle Brook (4) | 231.01 | Middle Brook | 3 | 0.1 | 3 | 7 | no | no |
| Mitchell Brook (3) | 184.04 | Lake Mitchell | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | no | no |
| Garland Brook <br> (4) | 131.07 | Garland <br> Brook II Dam | 3 | 7 | 10 | 1 | no | yes |
| No. 9 Brook (3) | 024.18 | Diversion <br> Pond Dam | 2 | 31 | 33 | 3 | no | no |
| Clark Brook (3) | 112.20 | Clark Pond Dam | 2 | 0.02 | 2 | 1 | no | no |
| Ompompanoosuc <br> River (6) | 206.08 | Union Village | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | no | no |
| Abbot Brook-TR <br> (3) | 200.07 | Malmquist | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | no | no |
| Connecticut <br> River-TR (2) | 138.01 | The Fish Pond | 2 | 0.02 | 2 | 2 | no | no |
| Connecticut River - TR (2) | 057.08 | Wildlife Pond | 2 | 0.5 | 3 | 0 | no | no |
| Second Branch White River-TR (3) | 244.06 | Rood Pond | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | no | no |
| Sunset Brook (4) | 32.09 | Sunset Brook | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | no | no |
| Roaring Brook (3) | 24.02 | Blodgett | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | no | no |
| W aits River-TR <br> (3) | 147.07 | Peake | 1 | 0.02 | 1 | 3 | no | no |
| Upper Ammonoosuc River (5) | 182.03 | Brooklyn Dam | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | no | yes |
| Wells River-TR <br> (3) | 175.01 | Ticklenaked Pond | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 5 | no | no |
| West Branch <br> Tweed River (3) | 188.12 | Sherburne - $12$ | 1 | 9 | 10 | 0 | no | no |
| Pond Brook (3) | 11.07 | Barnard-1 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 4 | no | no |
| Waits River - TR <br> (3) | 208.09 | Topsham - 9 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 1 | no | no |
| Waterman Brook (3) | 112.12 | Lower Mountain Lake | 0.5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | no | yes |
| Connecticut <br> River-TR (3) | 73.02 | Bancroft Mill | 0.4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | no | no |
| Chandler Brook <br> (3) | 227.04 | Nutter Pond (Upper) | 0.2 | 0.01 | 0.2 | 1 | no | no |
| First Branch White River (5) | 211.02 | Haywood and Noble | 0.2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | no | no |
| Sunset Brook (4) | 32.11 | Buxtonssaes Mill | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 5 | no | no |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Connecticut <br> River-TR (2) | 138.04 | Newbury W ater Supply (Lower) | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | no | no |
| Stevens River (5) | 12.08 | Walker And Brock | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | no | no |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pond Brook - OS } \\ & \text { (3) } \end{aligned}$ | 11.08 | Barnard-2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3 | no | no |
| W aits River-TR (3) | 147.10 | Orange -10 | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | no | no |
| Sunset Brook-TR (3) | 32.03 | North Pond (Lower) | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | no | no |
| Sunset Brook (4) | 32.13 | Tannery Dam | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.1 | 7 | no | no |
| Connecticut <br> River-TR (2) | 138.03 | Newbury <br> W ater Supply <br> (Upper) | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1 | no | no |
| First Branch White River (5) | 171.04 | Eaton (Lower) | 0.1 | 19 | 19 | 0 | no | no |
| Waits River-TR (3) | 147.05 | Riddle Pond (Lower) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7 | no | no |
| Clark Brook (3) | 112.05 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Clark Pond } \\ & \text { Dam } \end{aligned}$ | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 1 | no | no |
| Chandler Brook (3) | 227.05 | Nutter Pond (Lower) | 0.01 | 2 | 2 | 0 | no | no |

Table 2 - Connecticut River Dams Linear M iles

| Huc-10 <br> Sub- <br> Watershed | Dam State Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles Downstream of Dam (B) | Migratory Miles <br> (A+B) | Down- <br> stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains Identified Instream Resident Resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Upper Connecticut | 89.01 | Wyoming Valley | 555 | 21 | 576 | no | yes |
| CT - W aits River To White River | 94.14 | Wilder | 340 | 1 | 341 | yes | yes |
| Upper Connecticut | 22.07 | Lyman Falls | 333 | 27 | 360 | no | yes |
| Upper Connecticut | 42.01 | Canaan | 312 | 0.2 | 312 | no | yes |
| CT - Johns River To Waits River | 118.02 | Gilman | 311 | 11 | 322 | no | yes |
| Upper Connecticut | 194.01 | Baldwin Hydro Dam | 161 | 10 | 171 | no | yes |
| CT - Johns River To Waits River | 227.10 | Moore | 115 | 7 | 122 | yes | yes |


| Huc-10 <br> Sub- <br> Watershed | Dam <br> State <br> Id No. | Dam Name | Total <br> Miles <br> Upstream <br> of Dam <br> (A) | Total Miles <br> Down- <br> stream of <br> Dam <br> (B) | Migratory <br> Miles <br> (A+B) | Down- <br> stream <br> Fish <br> Passage | Contains <br> Identified In- <br> stream Resident <br> Resources |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Upper <br> Connecticut | 194.02 | First Connecticut Lake <br> Dam | 48 |  | 9 |  | 57 |
| Upper <br> Connecticut | 194.07 | Second Connecticut <br> Lake Dam |  | 37 |  | 8 | no |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ 2/19/2016 M eeting N otes: Upper Connecticut River M itigation and Enhancement Fund A dvisory Committee Grantmaking M eeting,
    ${ }^{2}$ NHDES rules for stream crossing - http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/documents/env-wt900.pdf and VT ANR stream alteration standards http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/rivers/docs/2014_04_10_Stream_Alteration_GP.pdf.
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    ${ }^{5}$ Those that are classified as strong or moderate swimmers based on the V ermont A OP Retrofit Potential cutoff (https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/sga/).

[^2]:    ${ }^{6}$ Dam location and status were reviewed by fisheries biologists, Diane Timmins, Len Gerardi and Rich Kirn. Dams included in the analysis were approved by the biologist. If the biologist was unsure of the dam status, the dam was included.
    ${ }^{7}$ Culvert data provided by the VT DEC, A gency of Natural Resources, https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/SGA/datasets/exports.aspx?rowFilter=B asin,the Profile School's Ammonoosuc River Fish Barrier Study, 2013 U pper Connecticut M itigation and Enhancement, Priority Area 6, Stream Crossing Assessment Project, Evaluating Aquatic O rganism Passage (AOP) by the Connecticut River W atershed Council and Trout Unlimited and the NH Geological Survey at NHDES. ${ }^{8}$ VT waterfall data is provided by the W indham Regional Commission for the W est River W atershed V ermont. NH waterfall data is provided by Parsons, Greg and K ate B. W atson. 2010. New England W aterfalls A Guide to M ore Than 400 Cascades and W aterfalls. The Countryman Press, Woodstock, VT. http://newenglandwaterfalls.com/ and US Geological Survey/NH OEP.

[^3]:    ${ }^{9} \mathrm{Dam}$ (100ft) and culvert (50ft) registrations errors differ due to stream order.
    ${ }^{10}$ V ermont Stream Geomorphic A ssessment, A gency of Natural Resources, https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/sga/.
    ${ }^{11}$ The following in-stream resources were not included in this analysis: Osprey and Bald Eagle since their movements are not directly affected by stream/river impediments; Eastern Brook Trout Protection and Enhancement W atersheds were eliminated due to recommendations of expert opinion (Rich K ern, M ark Prout, and Dianne Timmins, personal communications and emails) that this data is not likely at a resolution scale to be useful for this analysis and could lead to incorrect prioritizations.
    ${ }^{12}$ Special Concern Species, Threatened, and Endangered A nimal Species information was provided by NH Natural Heritage B ureau (2016), NH Fish and Game (2016) , and VT Fish \& Wildlife Dept. (2016).
    ${ }^{13}$ D warf W edge mussel location information is represented as a linear macrosite based on Ethan Nedeau 2009 publication Distribution, Threats, and Conservation of the D warf Wedge mussel (Alasmidonta heterodon) in the Middle and Northern M acrosites of the U pper C onnecticut River and is represented separately from the Special Concern Species. This information has not changed based on correspondence with Ethan Nedeau.

[^4]:    ${ }^{14}$ Connecticut River Coordinator's Office, Restoring M igratory Fish to the Connecticut River Basin, A ppendix G. Fish Passage Requirements W ithin the Connecticut River B asin, http://www.fws.gov/r5crc/stuff/appg.html \#table. N ote: The status of passage for some dams may change with the decision to discontinue the Connecticut River Atlantic sal mon restoration program.
    ${ }^{15}$ In the digital data base this is listed as a single dam, though it actually includes three dams - M cIndoes, Comerford, and M oore that are located on the inundated 15 M iles F alls reach.

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    ${ }^{18}$ Provided by Rich K ern, VT A NR
    ${ }^{19}$ V ermont Stream Geomorphic A ssessment, A gency of N atural Resources, https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/sga/.

