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Restoring Migratory Fish to the Connecticut River Basin

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Connecticut River Migratory Fish Counts, 1967-2005

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Observed fish counts do not
represent all returns.

Data are reported to the
nearest individual for totals 0-999; to the nearest 100 for totals 1,000-
9,999; to the nearest 1,000 for totals 10,000-99,999; and to the nearest
10,000 for totals greater than or equal to 100,000.



Year	Atlantic Salmon (All facilities)	American Shad (River Estimate)	American Shad (Holyoke only)	Blueback Herring (Holyoke only)	Sea Lamprey (Holyoke only)	Gizzard Shad (Holyoke only)
1967	0	750,000	19,000	356	46	0
1968	0	950,000	25,000	(not counted)	(not counted)	0
1969	0	1,110,000	45,000	(not counted)	(not counted)	0
1970	0	1,140,000	66,000	188	(not counted)	0
1971	0	1,130,000	53,000	302	(not counted)	0
1972	0	390,000	26,000	188	(not counted)	0
1973	0	350,000	25,000	302	(not counted)	0
1974	1	950,000	53,000	504	(not counted)	0
1975	3	850,000	110,000	1,600	23,000	0
1976	2	940,000	350,000	4,700	32,000	0
1977	7	360,000	200,000	33,000	52,000	0
1978	90	560,000	140,000	38,000	43,000	0
1979	58	560,000	260,000	40,000	31,000	0

1980	175	690,000	380,000	200,000	34,000	0
1981	529	910,000	380,000	420,000	53,000	0
1982	90	940,000	290,000	590,000	26,000	0
1983	39	1,570,000	530,000	450,000	29,000	0
1984	92	1,230,000	500,000	480,000	22,000	0
1985	310	730,000	480,000	630,000	40,000	0
1986	318	750,000	350,000	520,000	20,000	27
1987	353	590,000	270,000	360,000	23,000	94
1988	95	650,000	290,000	340,000	16,000	95
1989	109	980,000	350,000	290,000	15,000	294
1990	263	820,000	360,000	390,000	22,000	927
1991	203	1,200,000	520,000	410,000	41,000	486
1992	490	1,630,000	720,000	310,000	28,000	1,100
1993	198	750,000	340,000	100,000	23,000	326
1994	326	330,000	170,000	32,000	30,000	165
1995	188	300,000	190,000	110,000	19,000	2,100
1996	260	670,000	280,000	55,000	45,000	1,100
1997	199	660,000	300,000	64,000	32,000	2,100
1998	300	640,000	320,000	12,000	100,000	1,000
1999	154	480,000	190,000	2,700	21,000	35,000
2000	77	428,000	225,000	11,000	21,000	38,000
2001	40	740,000	270,000	11,000	49,000	5,000
2002	44	687,000	370,000	1,900	73,000	3,000
2003	43	527,000	280,000	1,300	53,000	800
2004	69	351,000	192,000	151	59,000	279
2005	186	N/A *	116,511	534	28,134	126

*Shad River Return Estimates are not provided because physical changes made at the Holyoke fishlift in 2005 have altered the predictive model previously used to make this estimate. As a result, a reliable estimate can not be provided until further studies are undertaken to test the current efficiency of the fishway.

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