

## FISH HATCHERIES



### 5. McLaughlin Trout Hatchery

This fishery is run by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and grows trout to be released throughout Massachusetts.

Open 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM, everyday.

90 East Street, Belchertown MA 01007

413- 323 -7671

### 6. Richard Cronin Salmon Station

This Sunderland, MA fishery raises rainbow, brook and brown trout for release throughout the state of Massachusetts.

51 East Plumtree Road, Sunderland MA 01375

Atlantic Salmon Viewing Pools, open Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00, year-round.

Facility is open 8:30 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon every day of the year, including holidays.

### 7. Bitzer State Fish Hatchery

MassWildFish currently manages this fish hatchery and other hatcheries in Sandwich, Belchertown and Sunderland. All four of them are open to the public.

37 Hatchery Rd, Montague, MA 01351

413 - 367-2477

Owner of the Robert  
E. Barret Fishway in  
Holyoke, MA



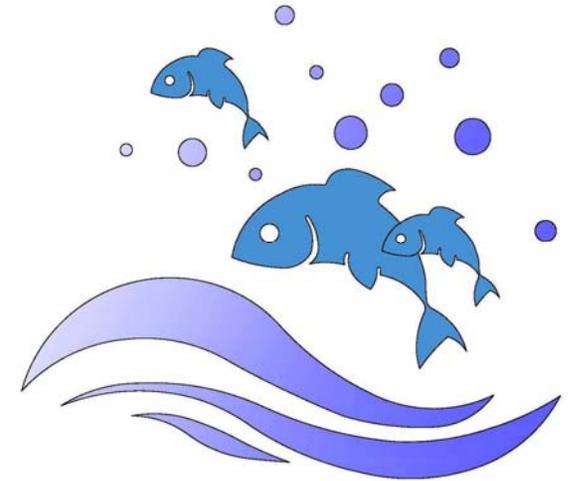
Owner of the Turners  
Falls Fishway,  
Turners Falls, MA



Owner of the Rainbow  
Dam Fishway in  
Windsor, CT



Owner of the State  
Fish Hatcheries



Where to see fish...

THE FISH LIFTS, LADDERS  
AND HATCHERIES IN VICINITY  
OF CONNECTICUT RIVER



# FISH LIFTS

## 1. Rainbow Dam Fish Ladder, Windsor CT

There are two fish passages around the Rainbow Dam, one for traveling upstream and one for traveling downstream. The CT Department of Environmental Protection manages these fish passages, counting and catching fish on their spring migrations. American shad use the Rainbow Dam Fishway to enter the reservoir and spawn. Some shad have been known to migrate and spawn as far upstream as Rt.4 in Farmington. There is a public viewing area at the upstream ladder and the DEP holds an annual open house for the public during the spring migration.

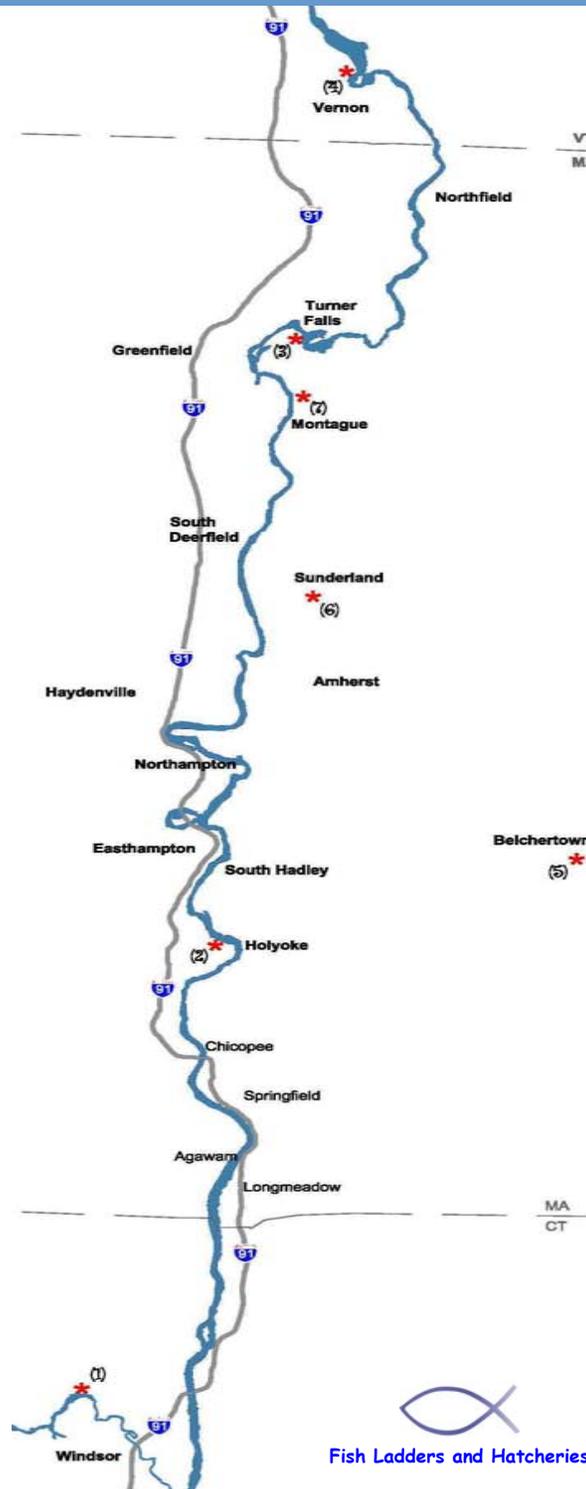
Open early May through late June, dawn to dusk.

## 2. Holyoke Dam Fishlift, MA

Each spring the fishlift at HG&E's Robert E. Barrett Fishway helps migrating American shad, Sea Lamprey, Atlantic salmon and other anadromous fish swim up the Connecticut River as they begin their annual spring migration. It was the first and most successful fish lift on the Atlantic coast. It consists of two elevators or "lifts" which carry migrating fish up and over the Holyoke dam. Visitors can watch the lifts in action from an observation deck overlooking the Connecticut River. After the fish are lifted, visitors can witness their migration as they swim by the viewing windows and continue their upriver journey.

Open during the spring migration, generally early May through mid June, Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Call for information: (413) - 536 - 9474



Fish Ladders and Hatcheries

## 3. Turners Falls Fish Ladders, MA

120 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, the fish reach the ladders at Turners Falls. The Turners Falls fishway relies on the ability of migrating fish to make the climb using their own power. Here, they swim over a series of rising pools in much the same way they would have overcome the natural rises in the river before dams were built. This facility shows you what fish look like underwater as they swim upstream via the a fish ladder, which allows fish, including shad, lampreys, and Atlantic salmon to bypass the dam and return upstream to spawn in the spring.

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm from mid May to mid June. Free admission, no reservations re-

## 4. Vernon Dam Fish Ladder, Vernon VT

New England powers fish ladders assist salmon on their journey from long island sound to spawning locations as far as the Ammonoosic River, 270 miles upstream. Each fish ladder includes viewing windows, allowing observation of salmon and shad. Adult salmon and shad negotiate these fish ladders on the final leg of their journey, which may begin as far away as the west coast of Greenland. Upstream from each dam portions of the Connecticut River and it tributaries provide spawning habitat for these anadromous fish.

Open during the spring migration, mid May through late June. Hours vary. If we are not counting fish, the Visitor Center closes at 3:00 p.m.