

Susquehanna River Coordinator

Fact Sheet

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Purpose

The Susquehanna River Coordinator oversees a multi-state fishery restoration program in the Susquehanna River Basin from south-central New York to the head of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. The coordinator also participates in efforts to provide fish passage and remove dams throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

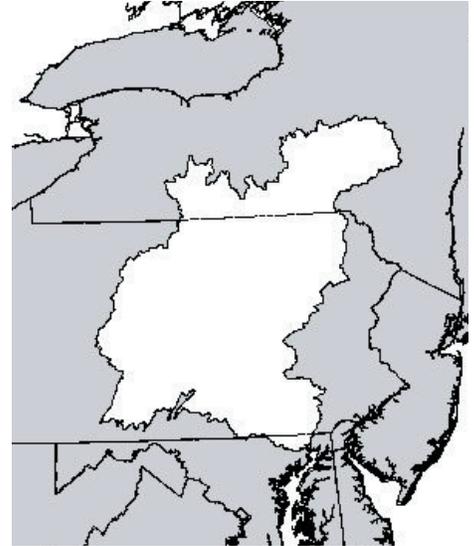
Management Activities

- Working with private utility companies and state agencies to restore American shad and river herring to the Susquehanna River by developing fish passage facilities, restocking spawning adult herring and cultured shad above blockages and monitoring the program's success
- Developing upstream and downstream fish passage operation and monitoring requirements for shad and herring at hydroelectric dams on the lower Susquehanna River
- Assisting state fish passage coordinators in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia to provide fish passage at dams by designing and constructing fishways, breaching and removing dams and replacing culverts

Highlights

The Susquehanna River shad restoration program is the largest of its type. Over the past 40 years, utilities and resource agencies have committed more than \$75 million to rebuild fish populations and construct fish passages at four dams. The program goal is to reestablish annual spawning populations of 2 million shad and 20 million herring by 2025.

Under the Chesapeake Bay fish passage program, more than 1,100 miles of blocked streams were opened between 1989 and 2003. The program goal is to open 1,375 miles of tributary streams by 2004.



Issues

Develop a stable source of Susquehanna River shad eggs for the hatchery culture program

Determine the fate of adult shad passing Conowingo Dam but not proceeding past upstream dams

Resolve fish passage problems at mainstem inflatable dams and tributaries

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