

Casco Bay Watershed Fish Barrier Priorities Atlas

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Background

This atlas was created to help guide restoration of streams affected by road-stream crossings and dams acting as barriers to fish passage in the Casco Bay watershed as part of a project coordinated by the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf of Maine Coastal Program (USFWS-GOMCP). The 42 individual town maps of the atlas contain crossings, dams and a small number of natural barriers identified during field surveys¹ of perennial streams in 2009 and 2010, and mapped using a geographic information system (GIS). Sites have been classified by the degree of restriction they represent for fish passage, and additional related data such as high priority stream habitat and flood hazards are shown in the maps to help identify priority sites. Data have been compiled into a database for use in analysis and mapping.

Although habitat needs for fish are best understood at the scale of whole streams, which bear little relationship to town boundaries, this atlas was created primarily for use by municipal public works employees and other staff and representatives focusing on local road systems. Therefore, each map page represents a town or city, and is shown at a scale suitable to include the entire community on one page. An index map shows the location of each town within the watershed, and a legend page provides explanation of symbols used on individual maps. Barriers from outside the Casco Bay watershed are shown where data are available, but masked to focus on the towns and portion of towns which are within the watershed.

Fish Barriers

Road-stream crossings are shown with SiteID numbers to help identify them in the barrier database. Dams, in most cases, have labels both of SiteID and the dam's common name, if one is known. *Severe* barriers are defined as those road/stream crossings where fundamental physical barriers exist at either the inlet or outlet of the crossing, including inlets or outlets "perched" above the stream channel, and inlets blocked at least 50%, usually by debris. *Potential* barriers cover a wide spectrum of road-stream crossing situations where fish passage problems are likely to exist at some flows for some species or age groups of fish, and passage of other aquatic organisms such as amphibians and macroinvertebrates is likely also limited. Sites that were inaccessible to survey crews, and therefore not surveyed, are shown as unsurveyed, but are included in our analysis as *Potential* barriers. Dams are classified by whether or not they have effective facilities in place to provide upstream fish passage. Natural barriers, including waterfalls, debris jams (including woody debris or rock and fine sediments), and beaver dams were assessed when in close proximity to surveyed crossings and dams, and are mapped as well.

Priority Streams

USFWS-GOMCP and CBEP staff consulted with state fisheries biologists to identify streams with important fish habitat, primarily for brook trout or Atlantic salmon, or both. These *priority streams* are highlighted on the maps. The scope of the road/stream crossing barrier assessment was limited to perennial streams, those with continuous flow year round. Although intermittent streams were not surveyed, fish using priority streams also rely on connectivity with intermittent tributaries at various times of year. There are likely to be additional barriers on important intermittent streams that have not been assessed.

Flood Hazards

The maps present data from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) and CBEP to show where flood hazards are likely to overlap with fish barriers. CCEMA, in cooperation with towns, has identified many road crossings as flood hazards based on past flood events. CCEMA sites are marked by purple circles, and do not always coincide with barrier survey sites because they may be located on intermittent streams or larger rivers crossed by bridges, which are generally passable for fish but may still entail flood hazards.

¹ Field surveys were conducted based on protocols from the *Maine Road-Stream Crossing Survey Manual* (http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/water/docs/stream_crossing_2008/MaineRoad-StreamCrossingSurveyManual2008.pdf).

Where these sites do coincide with barriers, the combination of flood hazard with fish passage problems should place them high on any town's priority list for replacement.

A second set of flood hazard sites was derived from the barrier survey data by CBEP Director Curtis Bohlen. In CBEP's analysis, the capacity of each crossing was compared to the expected flows for that specific crossing during a 25-year flood event. Where sufficient crossing data exists, flows were calculated based on the relationship between drainage area above the crossing, and the proportion of the drainage area occupied by National Wetland Inventory-defined wetlands. CBEP flood hazard sites are shown as red circles, and represent all crossing sites where the capacity of the crossing was less than 50% of the expected 25-year flood value. This is meant as a general indication of flood risk, but may be incorrect in some locations based on site-specific factors. As with CCEMA sites above, where these sites coincide with barrier sites, the combination of flood hazard with fish passage problems should place them high on any town's priority list for review and possible replacement.

Other Data

Land use and wetland data are mapped to provide helpful landscape information, with upland forested areas distinguished from wetland, open, or developed areas. Public and private roads and railroads are included, as are all streams in the watershed, both perennial and intermittent. Relief shading is provided to help make reading the topography of the maps somewhat more intuitive. Tidal crossings, due to the increased complexity involved with crossing designs for two-way flow and maintenance of coastal wetlands, are denoted separately on the maps. Any town or other entity with plans to replace culverts at tidal crossings is invited to contact CBEP to explore partnership and grant funding opportunities. Town-based data summary tables for all barrier sites classified as *Severe* or *Potential* on high priority streams are provided following the maps. Each town has a two-page summary of key attributes from the database to provide information on location, dimensions and site conditions.

Data Sources

The data used to create this atlas came from a variety of sources. CBEP and USFWS-GOMC funded field surveys, with significant volunteer assistance from Trout Unlimited. Many resources were supplied by USFWS-GOMCP, including software, hardware, and data. Most barrier data was developed by USFWS-GOMCP from field survey data, though some was provided by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, which conducted surveys in the easternmost portion of the watershed. Flood hazard data is from either CCEMA, or from Curtis Bohlen's CBEP flood hazard analysis. Priority streams data was developed by USFWS-GOMCP, MDIFW, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources based on survey data of fish occurrences and habitat surveys. Basemap data, including relief shading, roads, town boundaries and most watershed polygons were supplied by the Maine Office of Geographic Information Systems. The roads data mapped is primarily from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Hydrography data came from high resolution National Hydrography Dataset (NHD).

Disclaimer

Please be aware that the data contained in the maps and tables of this atlas may contain errors, and represents the best information available at the time of publication. Note that crossing surveys were conducted in 2009 and 2010, and some sites surveyed may have undergone important changes based on flood events, maintenance or even entire replacement of a crossing. Likewise, flood hazard sites identified by CCEMA may have been modified based on previously planned work to lessen flooding problems.

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Casco Bay Barriers by Town

Index Map



Casco Bay Barriers by Town

Bay watershed are masked to obscure them.

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Casco Bay Barriers by Town

Waterford



Severe and High Priority Potential Barriers by Town

			Basic				Road					Number		
		Habitat	Structure	Barrier	Survey		Type &		UTM	UTM	Stream	Of		
Site ID	Town	Priority	Туре	Class	Date	Road Name	Class	Stream	East	North	Туре	Culverts	Material	Condition
8314	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	10/14/2010	Bell Rd	Town / Unpaved	Scoggins Brook	359343	4891570	Perennial	1	Metal	
8916	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	8/3/2010	Ben Hale Rd	Town / Paved	Scoggins Brook	360940	4890278	Perennial	1	Metal	
8308	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/21/2010	Bisby Town Rd	Town / Paved	Swett Brook	362489	4900338	Perennial	1	Stone	
8902	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/22/2010	Five Keazers Rd	Town / Paved	Unnamed	357494	4897918	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8903	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	6/22/2010	Five Keazers Rd	Town / Paved	Warren Brook	357798	4898301	Perennial	1	Metal	
8932	Waterford		Culvert	Severe	7/28/2010	Haynes Rd	Town / Unpaved	Unnamed	360310	4889423	Perennial	1	Metal	
8910	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	10/14/2010	Irving Green Rd	Town / Unpaved	Unknown	358437	4893480	Perennial	1	Metal	
8906	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/29/2010	Irving Green Rd	Town / Unpaved	Warren Brook	358316	4897687	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8312	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	7/25/2010	Plummer Hill Rd	Town / Paved	Kedar Brook	362046	4894161	Perennial	1	Metal	
9288	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/22/2010	Roscoe Dr.	Private / Unpaved	Unnamed	357784	4898656	Perennial	1	Metal	
9289	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	6/22/2010	Roscoe Dr.	Private / Unpaved	Warren Brook	357944	4898588	Perennial	1	Metal	
8537	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	6/18/2010	Rt 118	State / Paved	Mills Brook	365797	4896849	Perennial	1	Metal	
8900	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/16/2010	Rt 118	State / Paved	Unnamed	359149	4899012	Perennial	1	Metal	
8901	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	6/16/2010	Rt 118	State / Paved	Unnamed	359905	4898994	Perennial	1	Metal	
8536	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	7/25/2010	Rt. 35	State / Paved	Kedar Brook	362845	4893599	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8912	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	7/25/2010	Rt. 35	State / Paved	Kedar Stream	361963	4895408	Perennial	1	Metal	
8315	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	8/3/2010	Sweden Rd	State / Paved	Scoggins Brook	360857	4890399	Perennial	1	Metal	
8814	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	10/18/2010	Unknown	Private / Trail	Unknown	358913	4893756	Perennial	1	Metal	
9292	Waterford	High	Failed Culvert	Severe	10/18/2010	Unknown	Private / Trail	Unknown	359904	4892486	Perennial		Stone	
D0415	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	8/3/2010		NA	Bear River	363620	4888937	Perennial			
D0426	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	10/14/2010		NA	Duck Pond	358253	4892793	Perennial		Stone	
NBCasco12	Waterford	High	Debris Jam	Severe	10/14/2010		NA	Duck Pond	358253	4892793	Perennial			
D0410	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	7/25/2010		NA	Kedar Brook	362835	4893595	Perennial			
D0414	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	8/3/2010		NA	Mill Brook	363137	4892284	Perennial			
D0396	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	6/29/2010		NA	Mills Brook	365460	4896245	Perennial			
8915	Waterford	High	Bridge	Severe	8/3/2010		Town	Scoggins Brook	361631	4890750	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8805	Waterford	High	Culvert	Potential	6/21/2010		Private / Trail	Unnamed	362170	4899375	Perennial	1	Metal	
8818	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	8/3/2010		Private / Unpaved	Unnamed	363721	4891939	Perennial	1	Metal	
D0397	Waterford	High	Dam	Severe	7/1/2010		NA	unnamed	368873	4891353	Perennial			
9489	Waterford	High	Culvert	Severe	7/25/2010		Private / Trail	Whitney Brook	360091	4893356	Perennial	1	Metal	

Severe and High Priority Potential Barriers by Town

	Specific			Primary Inlet	Crossing Structure		Outlet		Fill	Estimated	Upstream Miles	Up-	Total	Down-		Hydraulic
	Structure	Inlet	Inlet	Span	Length	Outlet	Drop	Crossing	Height	Stream	to Next	Stream	Upstream	stream		Height
Site ID	Туре	Condition	Blocked	FT	FT	Condition	FT	Substrate	FT	Width FT	Barriers	Barriers	Miles	Barriers	Dam Name	FT
8314	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.1	24.6	Cascade		None		12.5	0.634	0	0.634	5		
8916	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	No	6.2	40.0	At Grade		None	2.6		0.097	2	2.178	3		
8308	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	19.4	37.7	Perched	0.5	None	2.3		4.577	5	5.312	0		
8902	Box Culvert	Perched	No	6.6	24.3	Perched	1.0	None	2.0		1.044	0	1.044	1		
8903	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	2.9	38.5	At Grade		Comparable	1.3	5.6	0.499	1	0.827	1		
8932	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	2.3	16.7	Cascade		None	2.0		0.621	0	0.621	4		
8910	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	1.8	19.0	Perched	0.1	None		2.8	0.265	0	0.265	11		
8906	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.0	23.3	Perched	0.3	None	1.1	5.7	0.328	0	0.328	2		
8312	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	1.5	28.2	At Grade		None	3.3		0.410	0	0.410	2		
9288	Round Culvert	At Grade	50%	2.0	18.3	At Grade		Comparable	2.4		0.668	1	1.712	0		
9289	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.0	19.7	At Grade		None	1.3	12.1	0.201	2	1.029	0		
8537	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	5.6	59.1	At Grade		None	3.9		0.478	1	3.050	0		
8900	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	6.9	65.6	Perched	0.5	None		8.5	1.030	0	1.030	0		
8901	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	5.9	81.7	Perched	1.0	None	3.3		0.524	0	0.524	0		
8536	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	9.8	55.0	At Grade		Comparable		6.8	0.007	3	2.374	0		
8912	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.9	37.7	Perched	2.0	None	4.9	6.8	0.259	0	0.259	2		
8315	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.9	50.9	Perched	0.3	None	4.9	5.8	1.447	1	2.081	4		
8814	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	2.8	12.8	At Grade		None		11.2	0.415	0	0.415	3		
9292	Culvert	Inlet Drop	75%		25.3	At Grade		Unknown		11.9	1.145	1	1.560	2		
D0415										4.4	8.567	9	16.607	1	Bear Pond Dam	8.0
D0426										5.2	0.445	1	0.710	9	Duck Pond Dam	2.4
NBCasco12										7.6	0.445	1	0.710	9		
D0410										4.8	1.699	2	2.368	1	Kedar Brook Dam	3.1
D0414										4.0	2.320	1	3.374	2	Keoka Lake Dam	1.0
D0396										3.9	2.572	0	2.572	1	McWain Pond Dam	2.0
8915	Bridge w/ Abutments	At Grade	No			Perched	0.7	Unknown		4.2	0.554	3	2.732	2		
8805	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	25%	5.2	20.0	At Grade		None	1.3	7.7	1.924	0	1.924	0		
8818	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.6	15.4	Perched	1.1	None	2.6		1.054	0	1.054	3		
D0397										9.1	0.433	0	0.433	0	Island Pond Dam	0.7
9489	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	No	5.9	52.8	Perched	1.0	None	1.6	4.4	0.375	0	0.375	2		