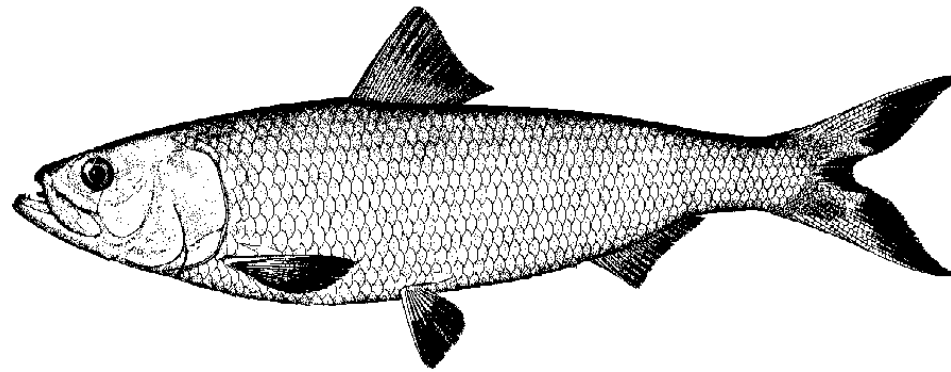


Parker River Alewife Count at Central Street 2008



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Counting board at the top of the ladder

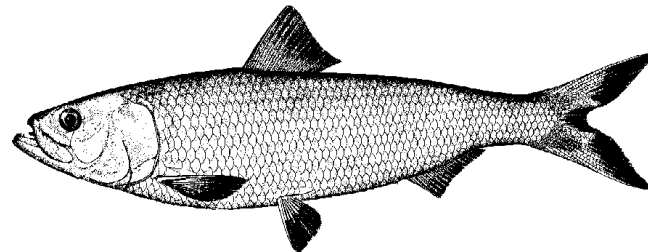


The Alewife Count: Participants and Calendar

Volunteers

Abby Heim
Alix McArdle
Amy Madden
Beverly Anderson
Beverly Logan
Bud Haley
Charles Novotny
Don Bade
Germaine Koomen
Haden Husey
Holly Haller
Joe Donnelly
John Wilkerson
Keith Poulin
Lynette Leka
Marion Olsen
Nicholas Valentini
Norman Boucher
Rich Marks
Rob Stevenson
Susan Speak

- Training occurred on April 4th
- Preliminary checks started on April 7th.
- Amy Madden made the schedule for counting
- 20 people volunteered to count.
- 151 counts, concentrated in the afternoon hours, were made from April 14th to May 20th
- People reported their counts using Goggle documents, phone and email.



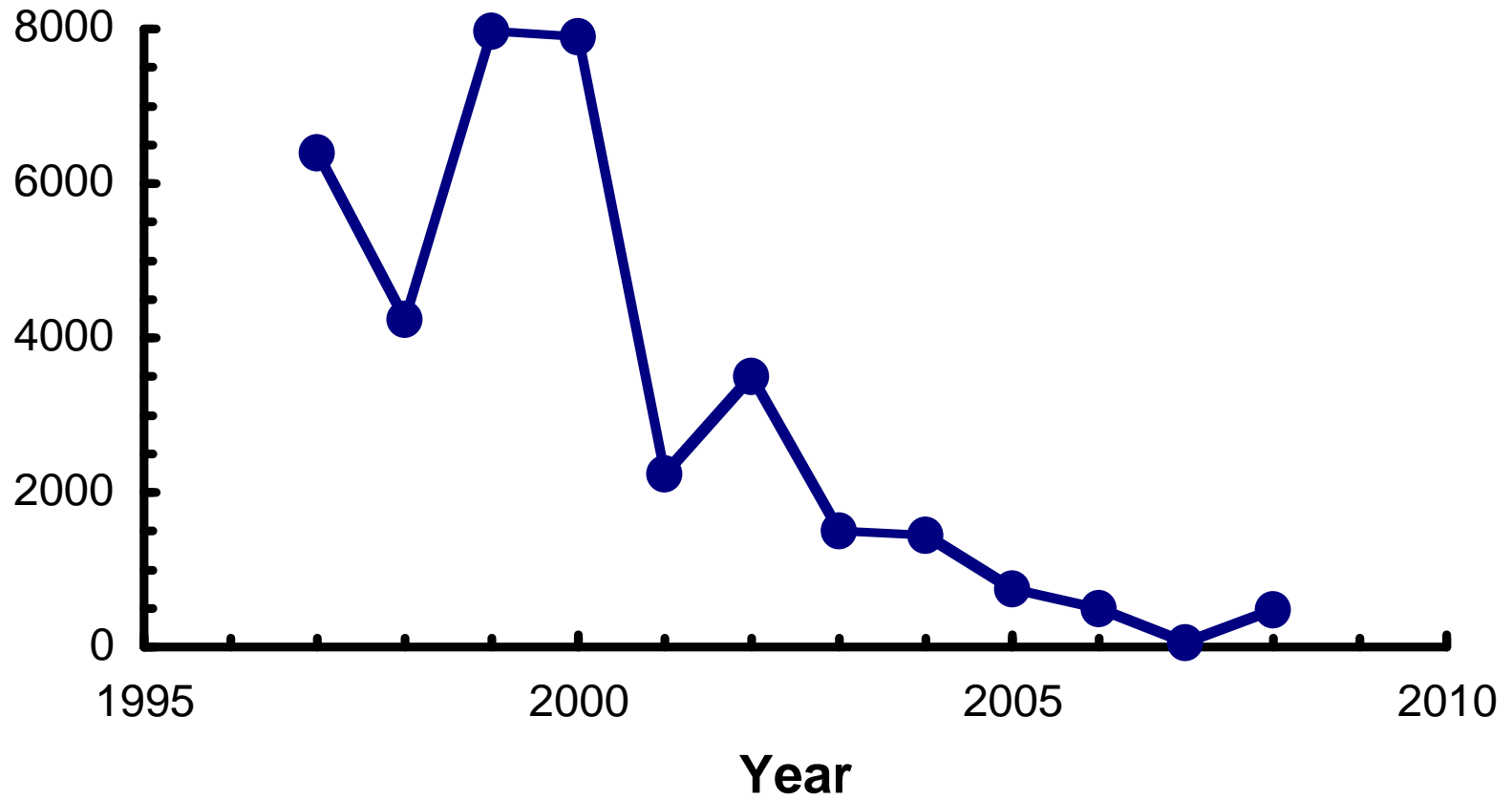
Results

- Estimated 485 fish entered the spawning habitat, up from 80 last year
- Two pulses of migrations April 24, May 6,7,8
- This is the **second LOWEST** count recorded in the 12 consecutive years of counting by PRCWA
- People estimated a 1000 fish below the ladder and under the bridge at one point.
- Low counts state wide -Massachusetts DMF has closed Alewife fisheries across the state.

Other sitings

- Many migrating elvers (baby eels)
- Spawning lamprey below the bridge
- Large population of blue backs spotted May 24-25
- Baby Canadian Geese

Upstream Spawning Adult Migration



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Let's keep
Counting!