

April 17, 2026

The Fish Committee is excited to report that our fishway addition – a chute leading to a resting pool just below the current fishway – was installed on Monday, April 13. The resting pool, constructed of loose boulders and rocks, is designed to hold enough water between half- and low tide to give the fish a better chance at getting up the existing steep-pass fishway more quickly, without having to wait for the next rising tide. They will save energy in getting to their spawning grounds.

During the Town's annual Migratory Fish Celebration at the fishway/dam site on Saturday, May 23, 10-2, low tide will be at 11:30 AM. We hope the herring will show us their new option for swimming over the dam. The ospreys are telling us the fish are on their way!

*Pete Robshaw, Fish Warden*

Special thanks to Theo Willis for design inspiration and for facilitating DMR's 5-year loan of the fishway (discarded from Webber Pond, Vassalboro, where a big fishway/dam restoration is occurring); Casey Clark of DMR; DEP and the Army Corps for permitting; and, our Town for financing and Wardwell Construction for performing the installation.

Low tide, with dam and steep-pass fishway gates temporarily closed:



Low tide, with dam gate open and steep-pass fishway gates closed:



