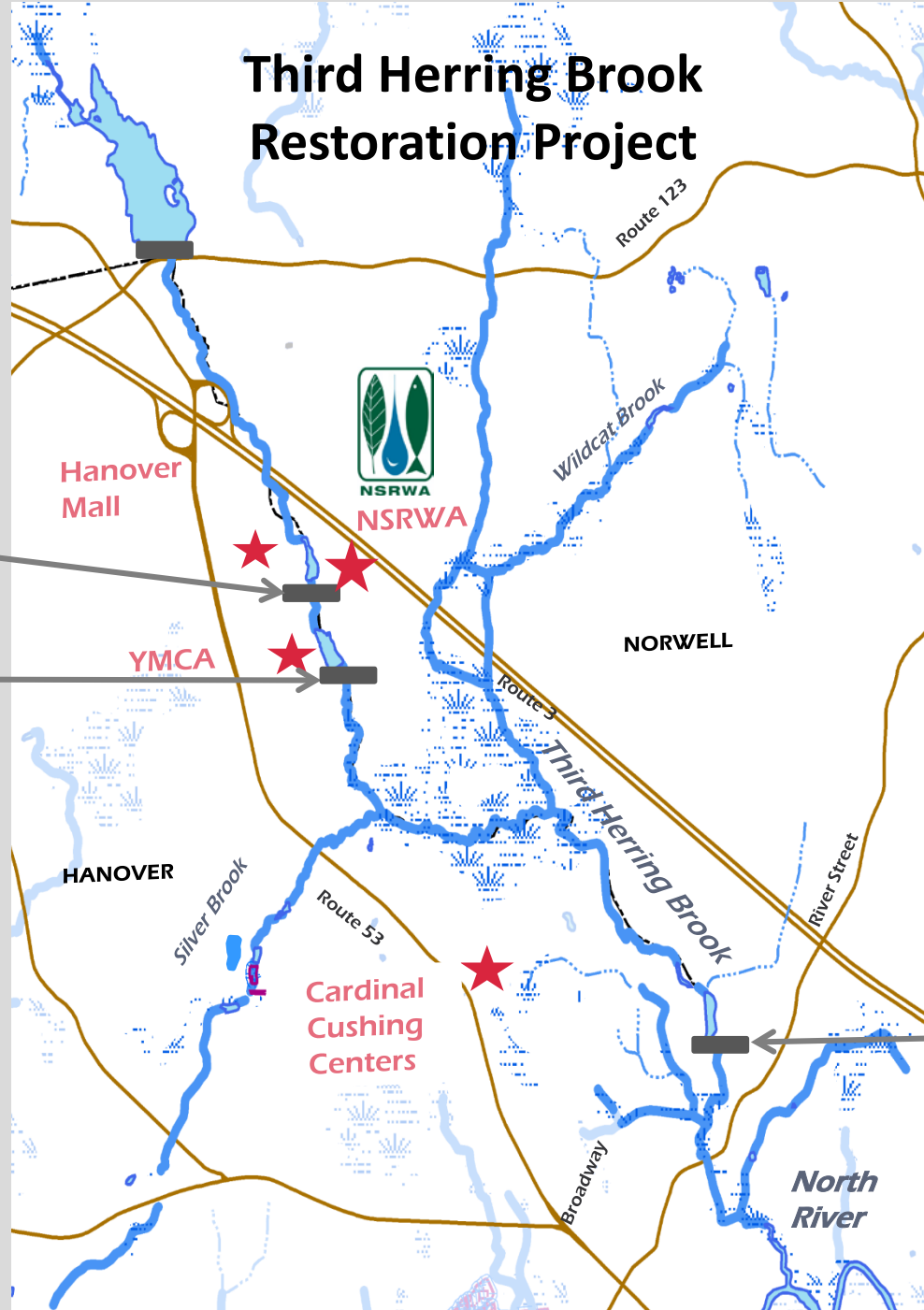


Third Herring Brook Restoration Project

JACOBS POND DAM

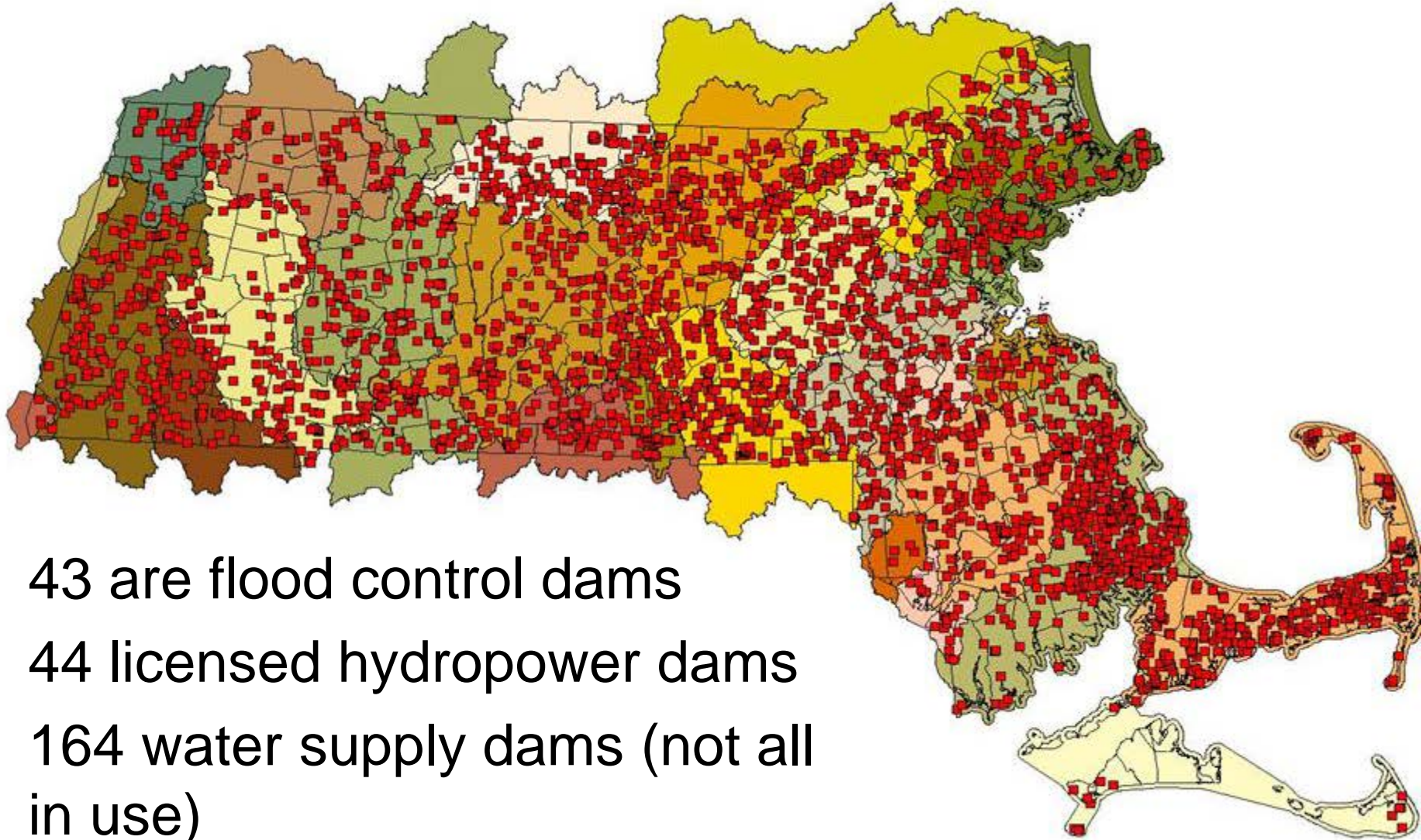
PETERSON POND DAM

MILL POND DAM



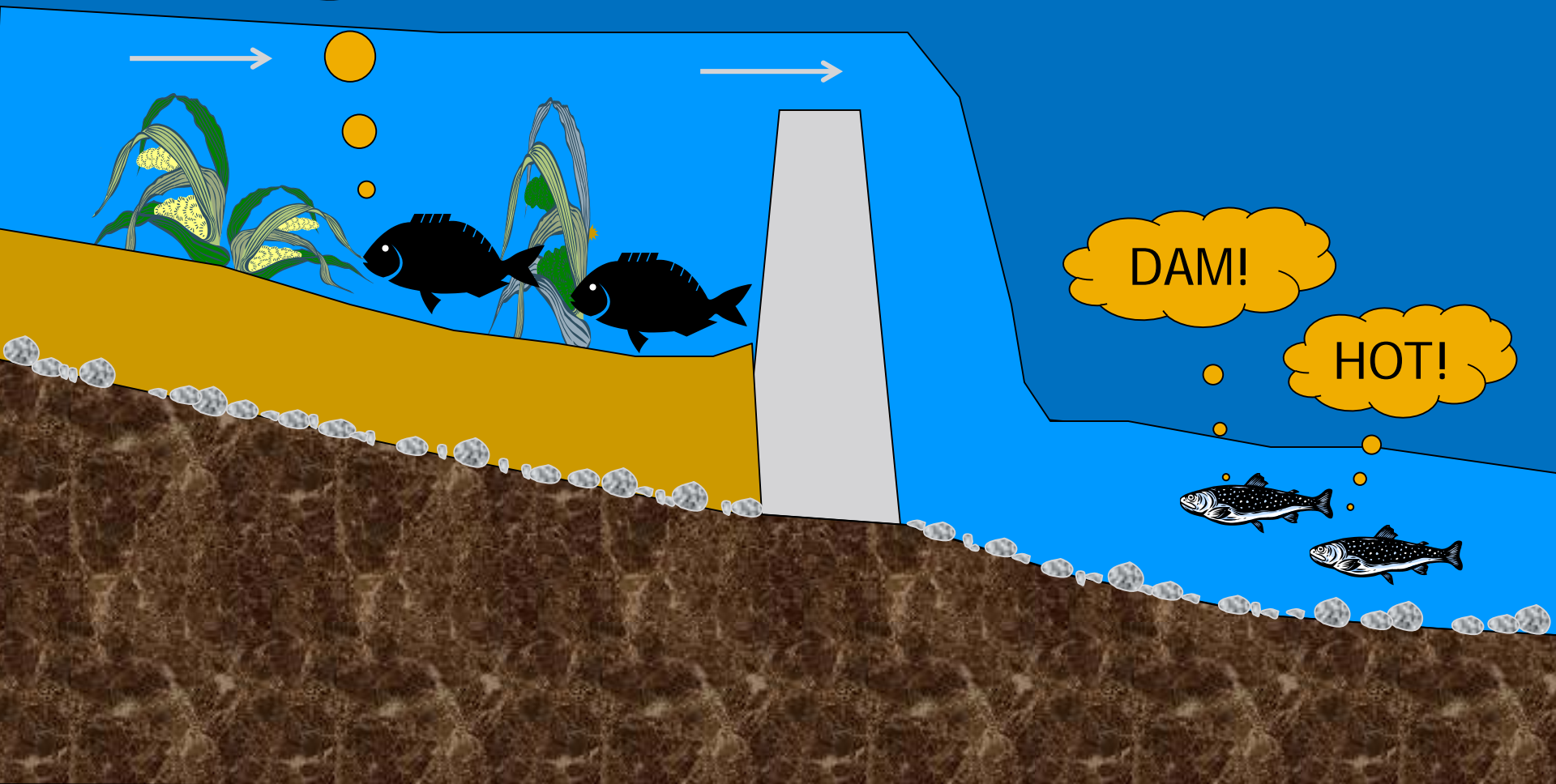
TACK FACTORY DAM

More than 3,000 dams in MA



HOT
DIGGETY
DAM!

- Block fish passage
- Warm temperatures
- Trap sediment and nutrients
- Degrade water quality



River Herring Commercial Landings

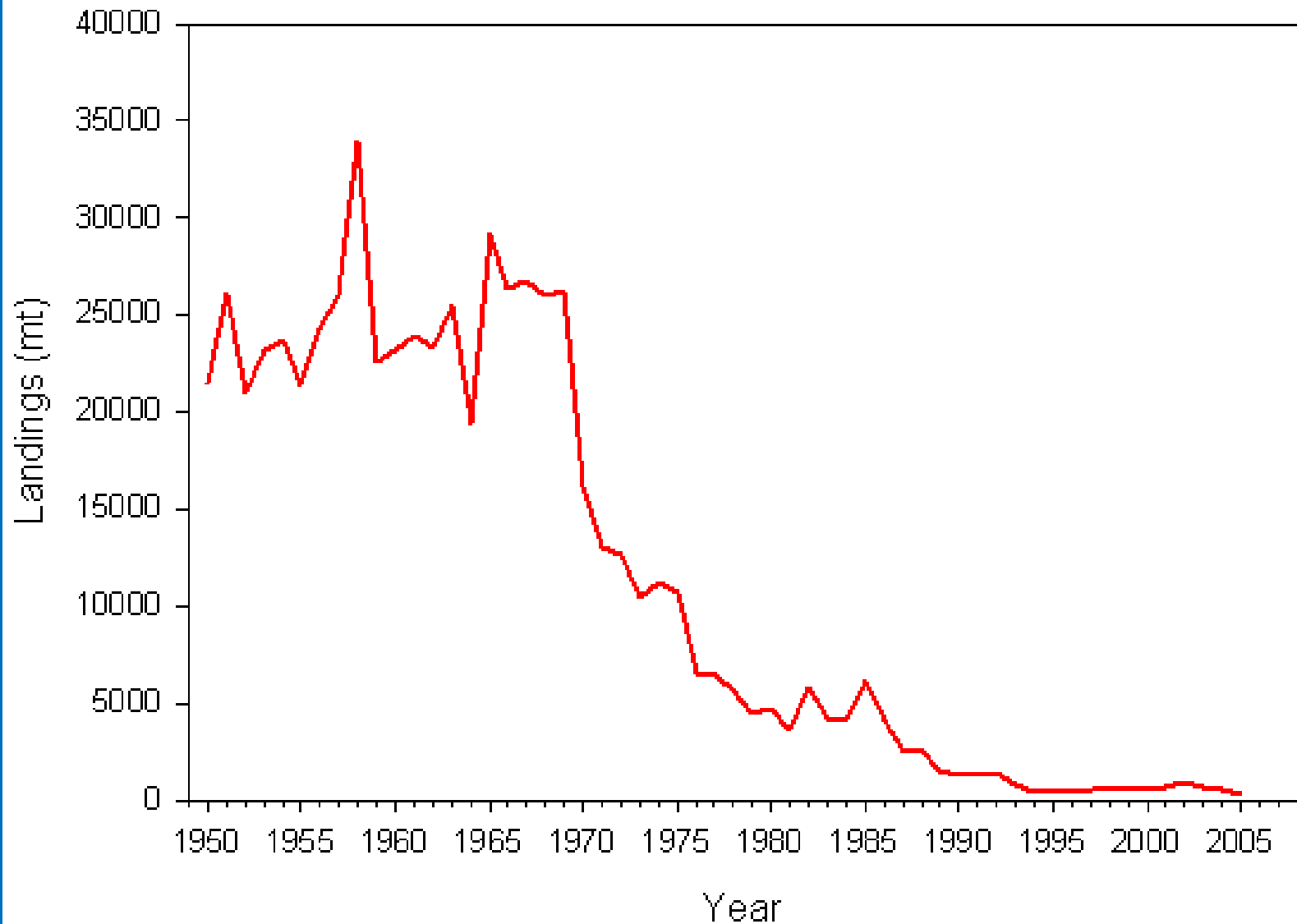
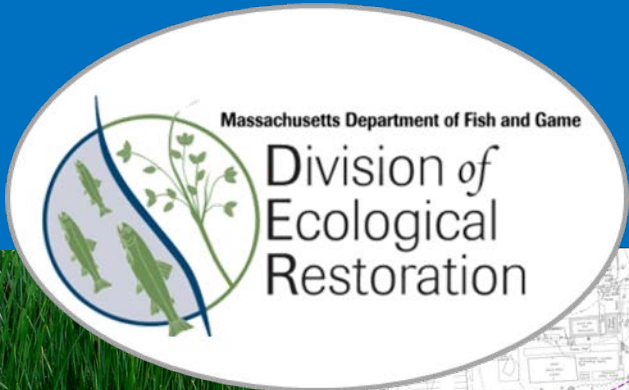


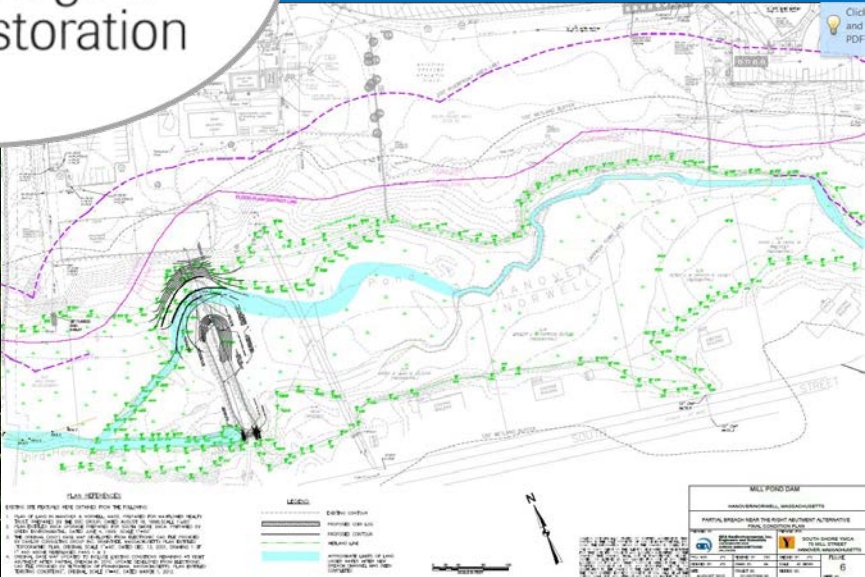
Figure 38.3. Commercial landings of River Herring, 1950-2005.



2001 Third Herring Brook YMCA Mill pond before dam removed



Technical Support



Local Cheerleaders!





Neighbors to Mill Pond

Downstream Held Meetings to Gage Community Support for Tack Factory Dam Removal



Right Spillway Abutment, Tack Factory Dam



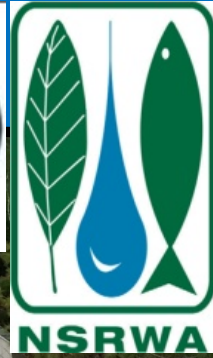


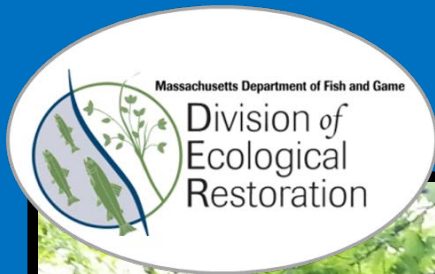
Neighbors to Tack Factory pond

2003 – Local Opposition Led to Denial of Local Permit for Removal of Mill Pond Dam



River Herring Counts

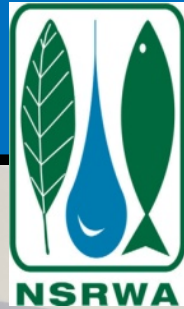
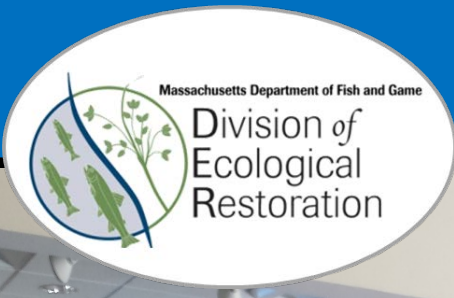




Streamflow monitoring



River Street gage



Public Education



2010 - YMCA Mill Pond Dam Breaches!





Permitting of Dam Removal Restarts





Permits Obtained in 2013

More Community Support!

Less Opposition



Raised >\$700,000 for River Restoration



Mill Pond Dam Removed 2014



Tack Factory dam 2016?!



Second Chance to Restore the River!

What did we learn?

We needed each partner to play a role in:

- Building partnerships – need multiple voices (Nonprofit, Government, Consulting Experts)
- Providing ongoing education of decisionmakers and the public
- Engaging the public through citizen science
- Raising \$\$\$
- Be patient! Be prepared when opportunity arises to move