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Applying Engineering Solutions to the Science of Protection and Enhancement of Aquatic Environments

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Project Development

PHASE	STAGE	TASKS	PURPOSE
I	Investigation	Site Visit/Inspection Discussion of Issues/Alternatives Estimate Conceptual Quantity/Cost Quantify Project Needs/Issues Concept Analysis/Design	Define Future Project Stages
II	Data Collection	Topographic and Structure Survey Soil Borings and Testing Design Parameter Analysis	Basis of Design
111	Final Design	Detailed Analysis/Design Develop Drawings Estimate Quantities/Cost Develop Construction Documents Refine Design	Construction

Scientists

- Define Problem
- Establish Objectives
- Characterize Species Behavior
- Provide Feedback

Engineers

- Define Design Parameters
- Evaluate Feasibility
- Layout Structure
- Detailed Design
- Develop Construction
 Documents



Key Factors of Successful Project



Aquatic Environment Enhancement



Wildlife Management Pond/Basin Enhancements

Pool Level Control Enhancements





Fish Passage Enhancements



Chautauqua Levee Repairs

- Embankment Overtopping
- River Scour
- Large Fetch
- Significant Tree Growth











Chautauqua Levee Repairs











Gilbert Lake Outlet

- Not Able To Empty Lake
- Siltation Concern
- Limited \$'s









Emiquon Embankment Improvements



Seney Wildlife Refuge

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 - Series of Connected Pools
 - Nesting/Migrating Bird Habitat
- Upper Goose Pen
 - Tainter Gate Control Structure
 - 70+ Years Old
 - Frequent Adjustments
 - Costly Maintenance
- C-2 Pool
 - Stoplog Controlled Culvert
 - 70+ Years Old
 - Insufficient Capacity











Seney C-2

- Communication
 - Used Existing Structure Preferred By Refuge Staff As Model For Proposed
 - Specified Aluminum Grating For Easier Access and Operation
- Dynamic Scope
 - Coordinated Survey
 Of Pools To Establish
 Common Datum For More
 Accurate Evaluation And
 Future Management
 - Used Results To Analyze Capacity Of Pool Structures And Spillways To Verify C-2 Structure Was Hydraulically Sufficient







Seney Upper Goose Pen

Constraints/Scope

- Provide Hydraulic Capacity And Supply Flow To Lower Goose Pen
- Remote Location
- Dam Failure Hazard Mitigation



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- Communication
 - Existing Structure Required
 Frequent Adjusting
 - Developed Modified
 Labyrinth Weir Layout
 - Constant Water Level With Ability To Lower Seasonally







"Nature-Like" Fishways

Before



Source: Aadland, Reconnecting Rivers, MnDNR, 2010



Upstream view of dam from right bank

After



Upstream view of completed ramp



Successful MN Projects

- Key Features
 - Height: 10 Feet Or Less
 - Length: Less Than 200 Feet
 - Flow: Continuous
 - Entrance: Close To Spillway

– Shiner

– Walleye

- White Bass

White Sucker

- Yellow Bass

- Partial List of Species
 - Black Crappie J. Darter
 - B. Darter SM Bass
 - Bluntnose
 Minnow
 - Ch. Catfish
 - Creek Chub
 - Frshwtr Drum
 - G. Redhorse

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Source: Aadland, Reconnecting Rivers, MnDNR, 2010



Lake Delhi Dam



- Key Features
 - Height: 40 Feet
 - Length: 800 Feet
 - Flow: Seasonal
 - Entrance: 700 Feet
 - Species: Similar

Source: Stanley Consultants, 2012



Work Plan

Answer Questions

- 1) Will The Desired (Target) Species Find The Bypass Entrance?
- 2) If So, Will The Fish Enter The Structure?
- 3) If So, Will They Pass Through The Structure?
- 4) If So, Will Their Passage Increase Species Diversity Or Abundance?





Sea Lamprey: Great Lakes Invader



- 1930s Sea Lamprey Reach The Upper Great Lakes
- 1950s Collapse Of Lake Trout Population
- 1960s Effective Sea Lamprey Control Measures Instituted



Lake Superior Sea Lamprey and Lake Trout Populations







Methods of Control

Chemical



Mechanical



Electrical



Physical







Sea Lamprey

- Tendencies
 - Live In Great Lakes
 - Ascend Gravelly Streams And Rivers To Spawn In Spring
 - Stream Flows Are Typically
 Highest In Spring
- Capabilities
 - Low Swimming Speed But Can Attach To Rocks/Objects
 - Cannot Ascend Vertical Drops Greater Than 18"









Sea Lamprey Barriers

Days River

- Existing Barrier In U.P. Of MI Constructed In Mid-80s
- No Longer Effective
- Project Findings:
 - 2' Raise Could Improve Effectiveness By 87%
 - Removing ATV Trail Lowers Tailwater
 - Minimal Upstream
 Flooding Impacts











Sea Lamprey Barriers

Ontonagon River

- Most Productive Sea Lamprey Stream
- Use Abandoned Bridge
- Use Skewed Weir to Control Velocity
- Project Findings:
 - Highly Variable Flow Regime
 - Spring Water Levels Could Be Up To 10' Higher Than Shown In Photo
 - Use Sheet Pile Weir
 - Construction Difficult (i.e. \$\$) But Possible In Two Stages
 - Difficult To Control Velocity During Normal Spring Flows







Sea Lamprey Barriers

Manistique River Barrier

- Existing Dam
- Significant Concrete Deterioration
- Void And Crevice Filled Bedrock
- Flood Impacts
- Environmental Concerns







Sea Lamprey Traps

Manistee River

- Existing Dam Provides Barrier
- Design Trap Box To Be Removable
- Valved Pipes (2) To Provide Flows
- Removable Grated Panels And Crane For Trap Lifting
- Switch From Deep Pipe Pile To Hybrid Shallow Pile/Slab Foundation
- 2010 Construction





Sea Lamprey Traps

Cattaraugus Creek

- Existing Dam Provides Barrier
- Historic Structure
- No Attachment To Powerhouse
- Remove Turbine Runner
- Remove 14' Of Sediment In Forebay
- Concrete Slab Foundation
- Stoplog Adjustable Openings
- Provide Two Cranes For Lifting Trap Up To Parking Area
- Construction 2011









Sea Lamprey Trap Testing Facility

Harlow Creek

- Proposed Facility On Small Creek In U.P. MI
- Adjustable Angle And Weir Heights
- Removable Posts With Stoplogs
- Test Variations To Improve Trapping Effectiveness







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