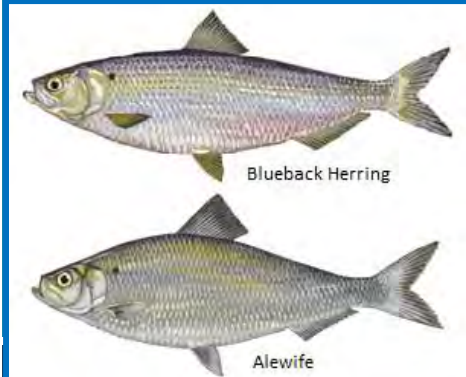


HERRING CRAWL



FACTOIDS

RIVER HERRING ARE BORN IN FRESHWATER, MATURE IN SALTWATER, THEN RETURN TO THE SAME FRESHWATER SYSTEM TO SPAWN



TWO SPECIES OF RIVER HERRING ARE NOT EASILY DISTINGUISHABLE

ALEWIFE SPAWN IN PONDS WHILE BLUEBACK SPAWN IN MOVING WATERS

HERRING CAN LAY 80,000 EGGS

HERRING START TO MOVE UPSTREAM WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS AROUND 54F



1 TOWN BROOK, PLYMOUTH

Plimoth Grist Mill – 6 Spring Ln, Plymouth

2019 Visual Count: 230,860 - At the Grist Mill an underwater camera provides live streaming video of herring as they exit the fish ladder on Town Brook on their way to their spawning grounds. Town Brook, the site of Pilgrim Settlement, has been the subject of ongoing river restoration efforts involving dam removals with local, State and Federal partnerships. Herring enter at the mouth of the harbor and travel upstream along Town Brook to the headwaters at Billington Sea (a pond).

2 EEL RIVER, PLYMOUTH

Eel River Preserve - 204 Long Pond Rd, Plymouth
Follow drive to end, park & walk to footbridge

No Count Available – The Eel River Preserve is the site of the first large scale dam removal, stream restoration and wetland restoration project. Herring enter at Plymouth Harbor and make their way through two privately owned dams to the headwaters in the preserve.

3 AGAWAM RIVER, PLYMOUTH/WAREHAM

Mill Pond Dam @ Elks - 2855 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham

2019 Electronic Count: 102,105 – Since 1632, the Agawam system supports a productive herring run largely due to the 500+ acres of spawning habitat available in its ponds and impoundments. Herring enter at the mouth of Buzzards Bay and travel upstream through cranberry bog impoundments to the headwaters at Halfway Pond in Plymouth.

4 MONUMENT/HERRING RIVER, BOURNE

Carter Beal Park – 20 Bournedale Rd, Bourne

2019 Electronic Count @ Canal: 526,929 – This run has been monitored for 38yrs using electronic and visual counts and is one of the largest runs on the South Shore. This population is the primary source of mature alewives for stocking programs. Herring enter at the mouth of the Canal, travel through the fish ladder in the park upstream to Great and Little Herring Ponds in Plymouth.

5 BEAVER DAM BROOK, PLYMOUTH

Tidmarsh Sanctuary – 60 Beaver Dam Rd, Plymouth
Take trail from lot to bridge

2019 Visual Count: 2,246 – This Sanctuary was part of a large scale dam removal, stream restoration and wetland restoration project. Herring enter Bartlett Brook at White Horse Beach and travel upstream to spawning habitat in the brook and Fresh Pond.

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