

RECONNECTING OUR RIVERS AND ESTUARIES



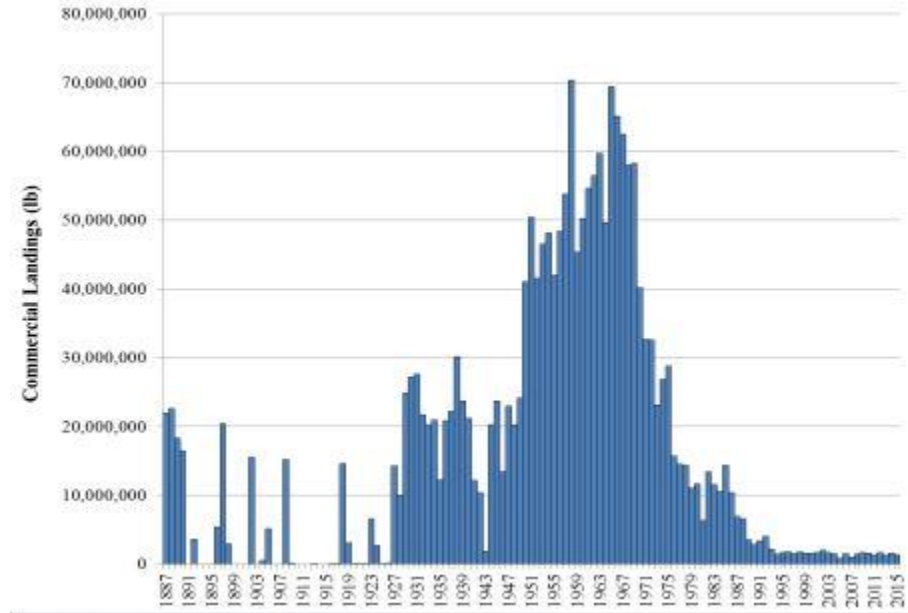
Watershed
Action
Alliance of
Southeastern
Massachusetts



Blueback Herring



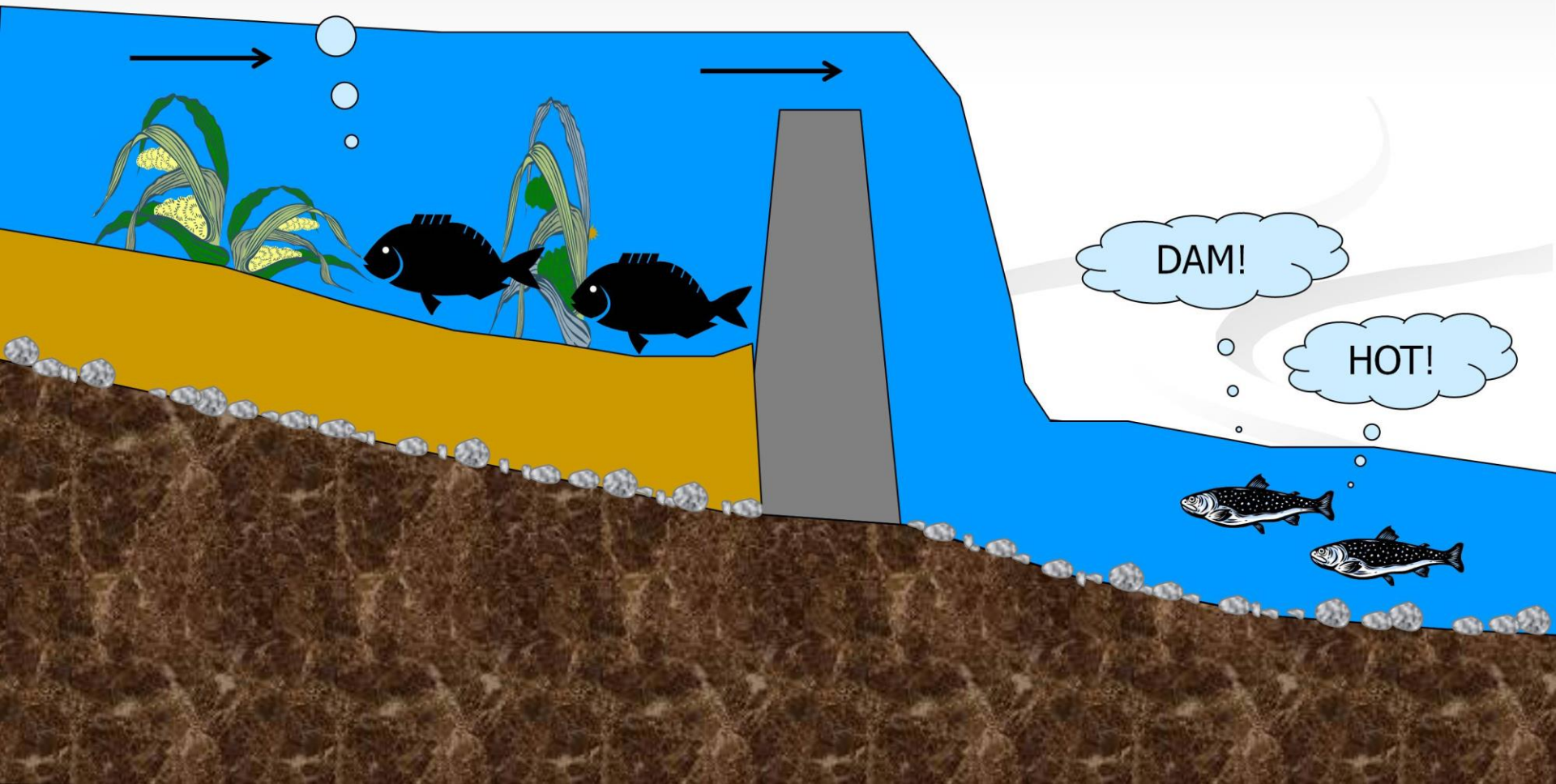
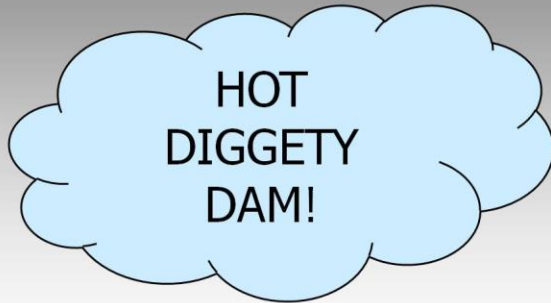
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HERRING POPULATIONS IN TROUBLE

Impacts of Dams on Rivers

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





DAM AND WATERSHED RIVER RESTORATION PROJECTS

Includes flow restoration,
dam removal, tide gate and
culverts
22 dam removals opened 16
miles of river
9 dams under consideration
112 dams remain

SOUTH SHORE DAM REMOVAL EXAMPLES

Town Brook, Plymouth



Jones River, Kingston



SOUTH SHORE DAM REMOVAL EXAMPLES

Third Herring Brook, Norwell
& Hanover



Bound Brook, Cohasset &
Scituate



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Funding – Increase or maintain funding
- Division of Ecological Restoration (Line-Item 2300-0101) – Increase or maintain funding (Governor's budget cuts budget by \$90,000)
- Reinstate matching cash funding for the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program - \$600,000 annual grant to the state from this program.



Watershed Action Alliance of Southeastern Massachusetts

www.watershedaction.org

Thirteen member organizations representing **over 20,000** paid members with 1,000s more followers.

Watershed Action Alliance comprises watershed and pond associations united to protect and restore clean, plentiful, and free-flowing water.

- **Back River** Watershed Association
- **Barnstable** Clean Water Coalition
- **Eel River** Watershed Association
- **Herring Ponds** Watershed Association
- **Jones River** Watershed Association
- **Neponset River** Watershed Association
- **North and South Rivers** Watershed Association
- **Pembroke** Watershed Association
- Save the Bay – **Narragansett Bay**
- **Six Ponds** Improvement Association
- **Taunton River** Watershed Alliance
- **Weir River** Watershed Association
- **Westport River** Watershed Alliance