

The Commission has initiated studies to evaluate mitigation measures, for various resource areas to include water quality, fish passage, and shoreline management, that are frequently included in hydropower licenses issued by the Commission. Currently, we are studying fish passage. A draft report on this topic entitled, "Evaluation of Mitigation Effectiveness at Hydropower Projects: Fish Passage, Draft Report" was mailed to over 200 addressees on September 30, 2003.

We would like to present the results of our fish passage report and receive comments on the report at a workshop. We would also like the workshop to serve as an opportunity to exchange information on fish passage issues.

The workshop will be held at the **Alden Research Laboratory, Holden, Massachusetts on Thursday , November 13, 2003, beginning at 9:15 a.m.** An agenda is attached. Speakers have been invited to present some aspect of fish passage effectiveness at licensed projects. For directions to Alden Research Laboratory and information on area hotels check the following: <http://www.aldenlab.com/directions.htm>

If you plan to attend, **please respond via email to: [john.novak@ferc.gov](mailto:john.novak@ferc.gov) or you can send a facsimile to John K. Novak at 202-219-2732.** Please include in your response your name, address, e-mail, and telephone number. **Seating is limited to 60**, so please confirm your attendance with John Novak. We look forward to your participation in the workshop.

If you have specific questions, please contact: John K. Novak at (202) 502-6076.

Attachment 1- Agenda

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Agenda  
FERC Fish Passage Workshop  
November 13, 2003  
Holden, MA

- 9:15-9:30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks (FERC Staff)
- 9:30-10:00 Summary of the Fish Passage Effectiveness Study (Jim Loar, Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
- 10:00-10:20 Inspections of Fish Passage Facilities at FERC projects (Joe Enrico, FERC, New York Regional Office)
- 10:20-10:40 Break
- 10:40-11:00 History of the Development of Fish Passage Facilities at FERC Licensed Projects on the Lower Susquehanna River (Peter Foote, Louis Bergers)
- 11:00-11:20 The Use of Bar Racks and Louvers for Guiding Fish at FERC Licensed Hydro Projects (Steve Amaral, Alden Research Laboratory)
- 11:20-11:40 Defining Fish Passage—Expectations for Facility and Organizational Performance (Steve Gephard, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection)
- 11:40-12:00 Fish Passage Successes and Disappointments at FERC Projects in New England (John Warner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch
- 1:20-1:40 Upstream and Downstream American Eel Passage Assessment at the Medway Hydroelectric Project (Scott Hall, PPL Maine/Steve Shepard, Aquatic Sciences Assoc., Inc.)
- 1:40-2:00 Passage Effectiveness—“It’s Not Just Counting Fish”; Studies on the Deerfield River (John Ragonese, USGen New England, Inc.)
- 2:00-3:00 Open question and answer session