

Welcome



Fisheries Panel Discussion

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Who is HG&E?



serving you since 1902

- ▶ Municipal corporation
- ▶ Electric, Gas, Hydroelectric & Telecommunications Utility
- ▶ Founded in 1902 through the purchase of Holyoke Water Power Assets
- ▶ Acquired Hadley Falls Dam from Northeast Utilities in December 2001

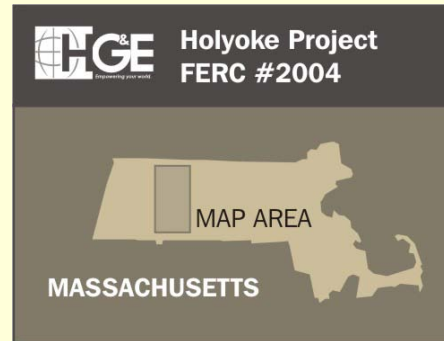
What do we do?



serving you since 1902

- ▶ Service 18,000 retail customers in Holyoke & Southampton
- ▶ 47MW of Electric Production from 30 Hydro Units
- ▶ 78% of 2009 Electric Supply from renewable sources
- ▶ Electric Rates 40% Lower Than Neighboring Cities

Where is Holyoke?



- ▶ 90 Miles West of Boston,
150 Miles North of NYC
- ▶ Responsible for 18 Miles of CT
River Impoundment Area
- ▶ One of the Earliest Multi-Level
Cascading Canal Systems

Welcome to Holyoke



Environmental Stewardship

“HG&E’s Hydro Division mission includes balancing hydroelectric generation with purposeful environmental stewardship that includes protecting valuable natural, cultural, and scenic resources and providing public recreation facilities. The Division strives to have an economically viable project while fulfilling the environmental mandates with which HG&E must comply.”

Environmental Stewardship

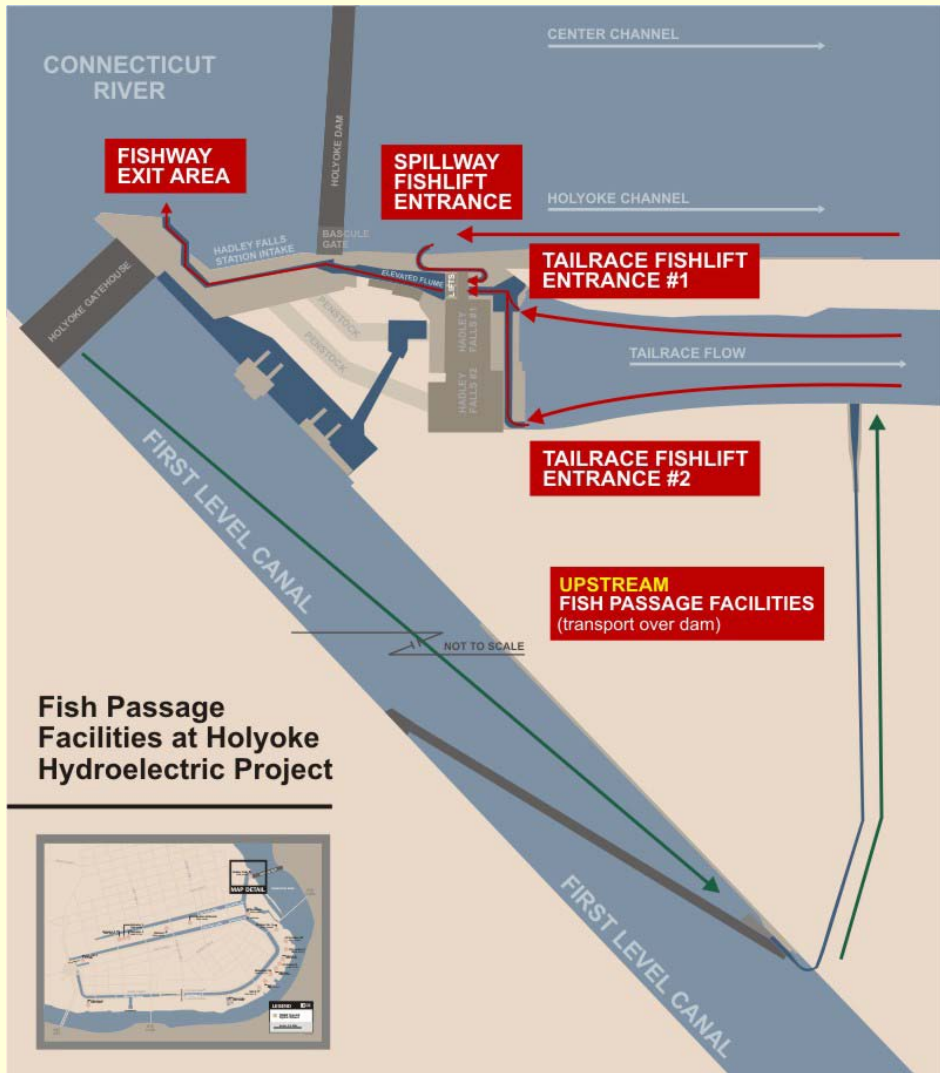
- ▶ Upstream Fish Passage
 - ▶ World's First Fish Elevator System
 - ▶ “Natural” Fishway
- ▶ Downstream Fish Passage
 - ▶ Shortnose Sturgeon Exclusion Device
 - ▶ Full Depth Canal Louver Assembly
- ▶ Eel Passage
- ▶ Other Threatened & Endangered Species Initiatives

Holyoke Canal System

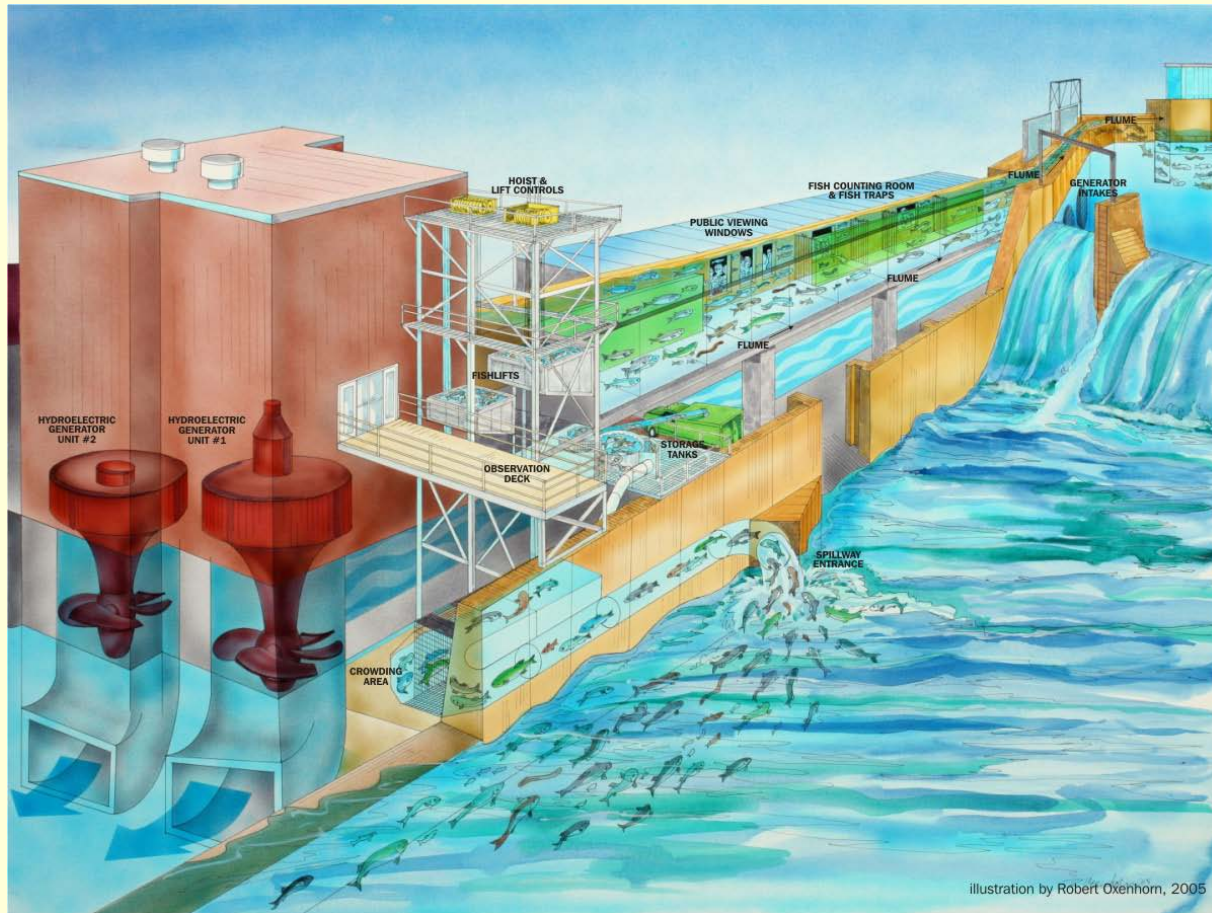
FISH PASSAGE DETAIL



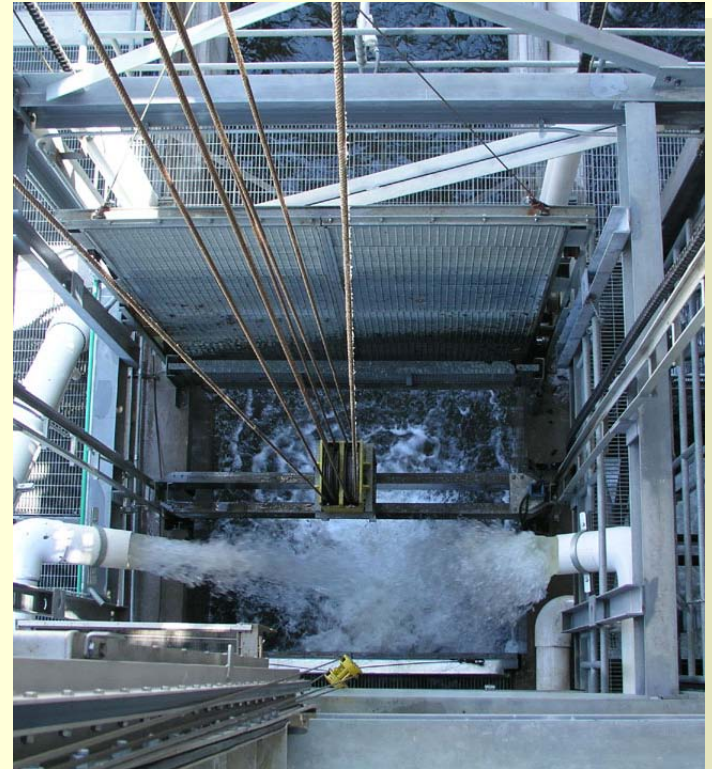
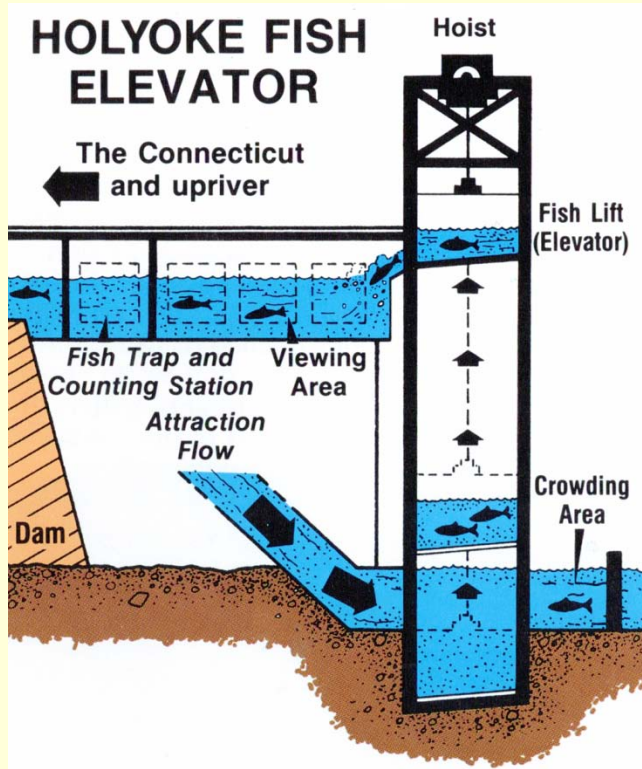
Upstream Fish Passage Facilities



Upstream Fish Passage



Upstream Fish Passage



“Natural” Fishway in Bypass Reach

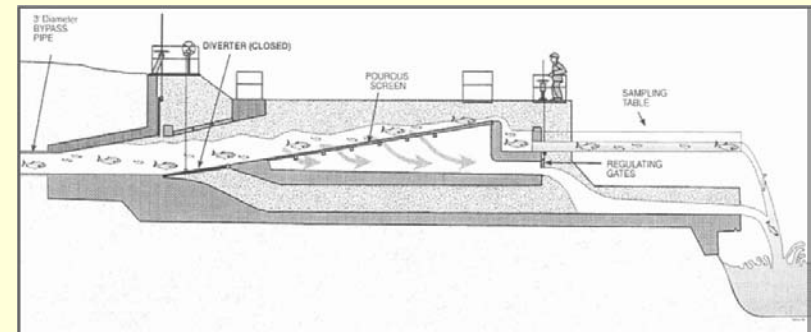
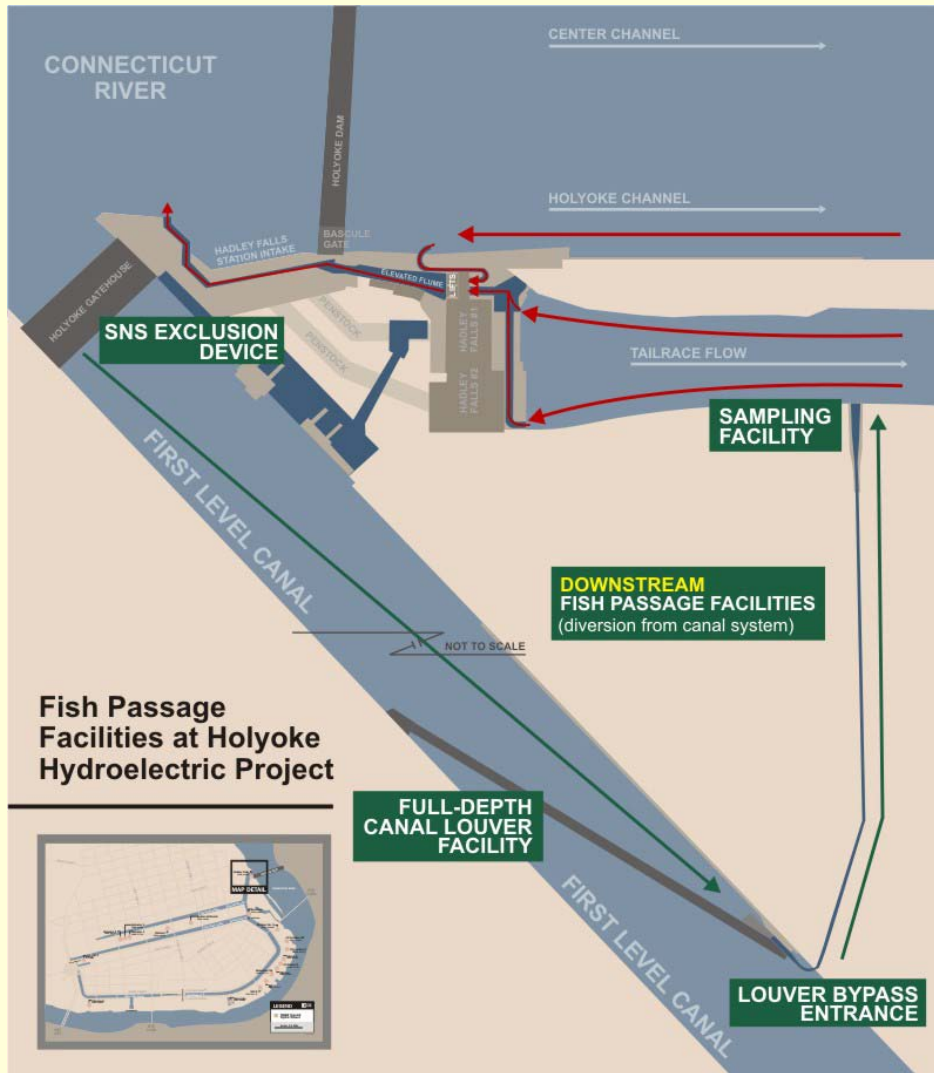


“Natural” Fishway in Bypass Reach



Downstream Fish Passage Facilities

- ▶ Shortnose Sturgeon Exclusion Device (2003)
- ▶ Full Depth Canal Louvers (2002)



SNS Exclusion Device



Full Depth Louver Assembly



Full Depth Louver Assembly



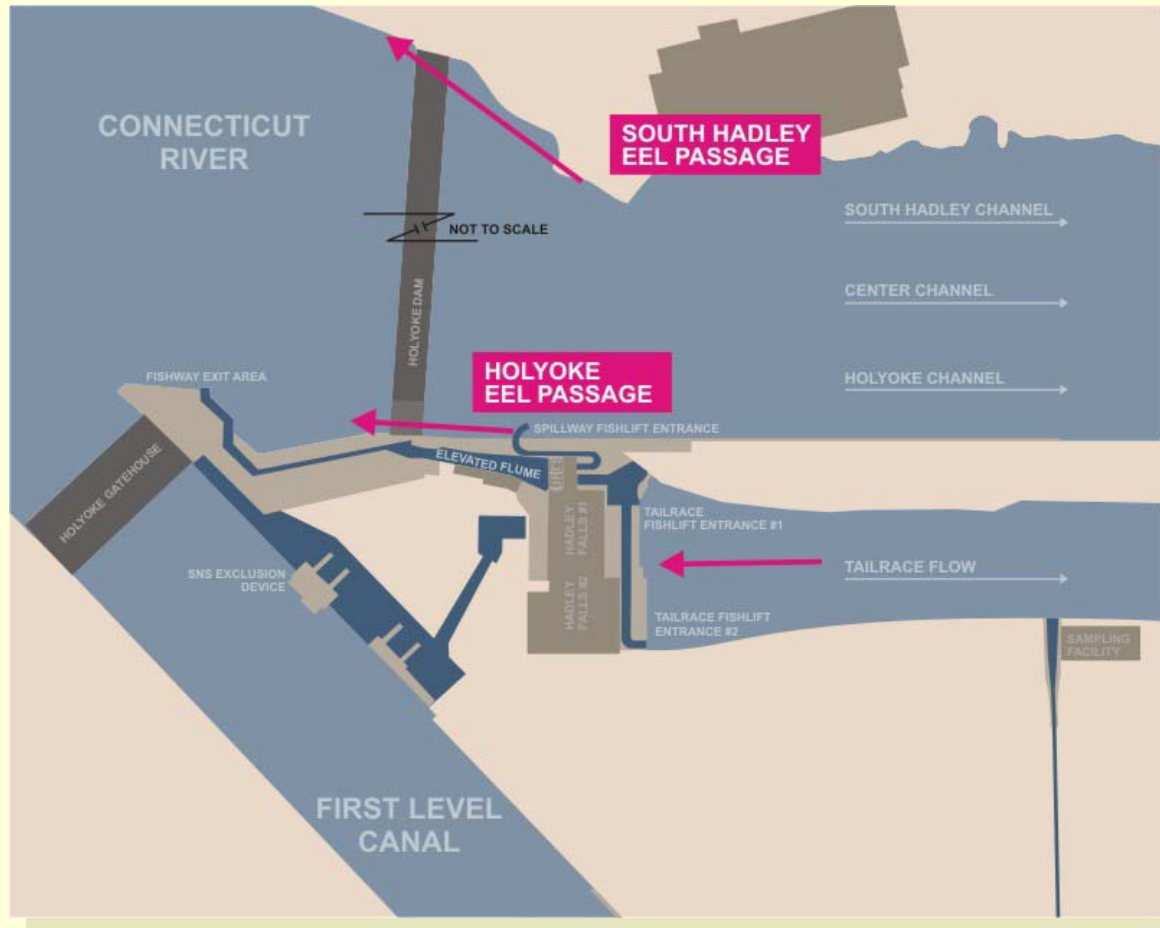
Full Depth Louver Assembly



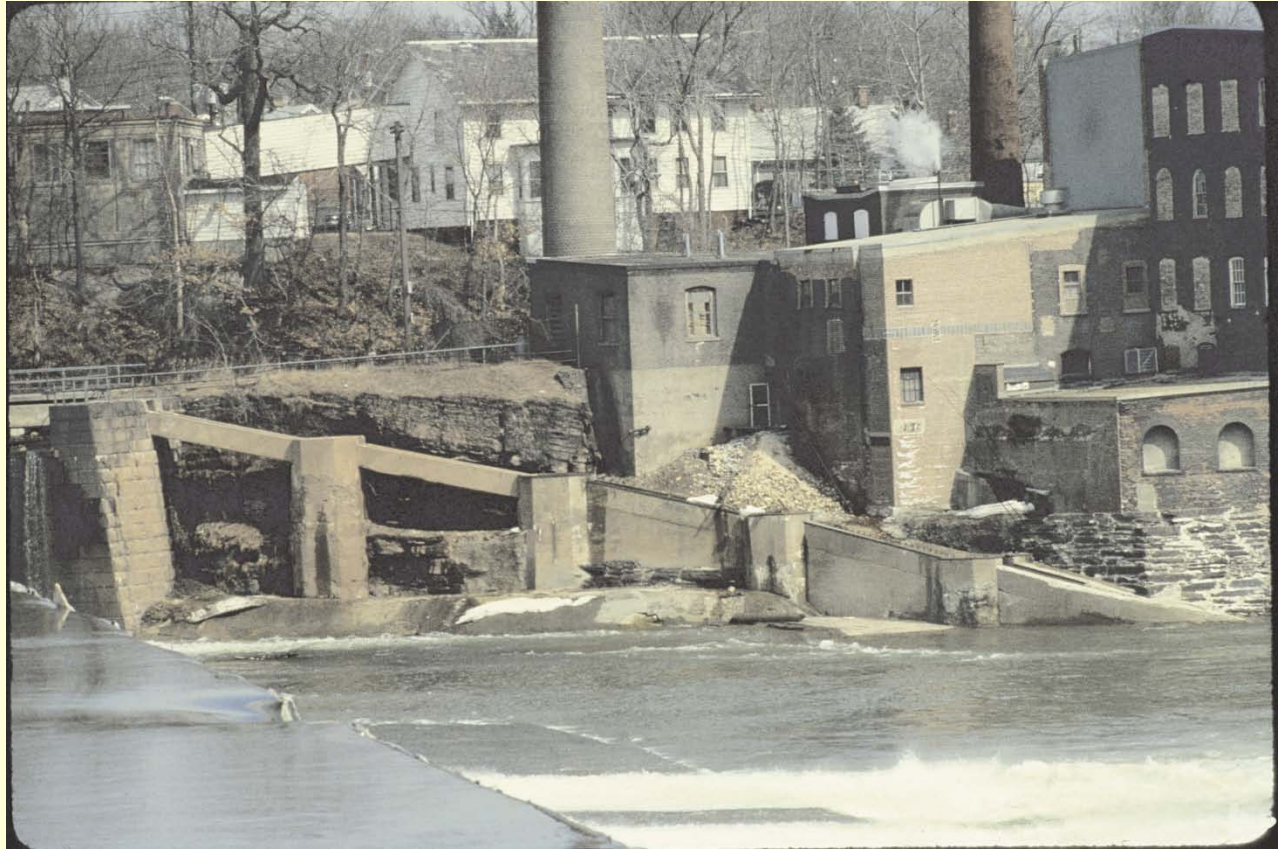
Atlantic Sturgeon



Eel Passage Facilities



South Hadley Eel Passage



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Holyoke Eel Passage



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Other T&E – Atlantic Salmon



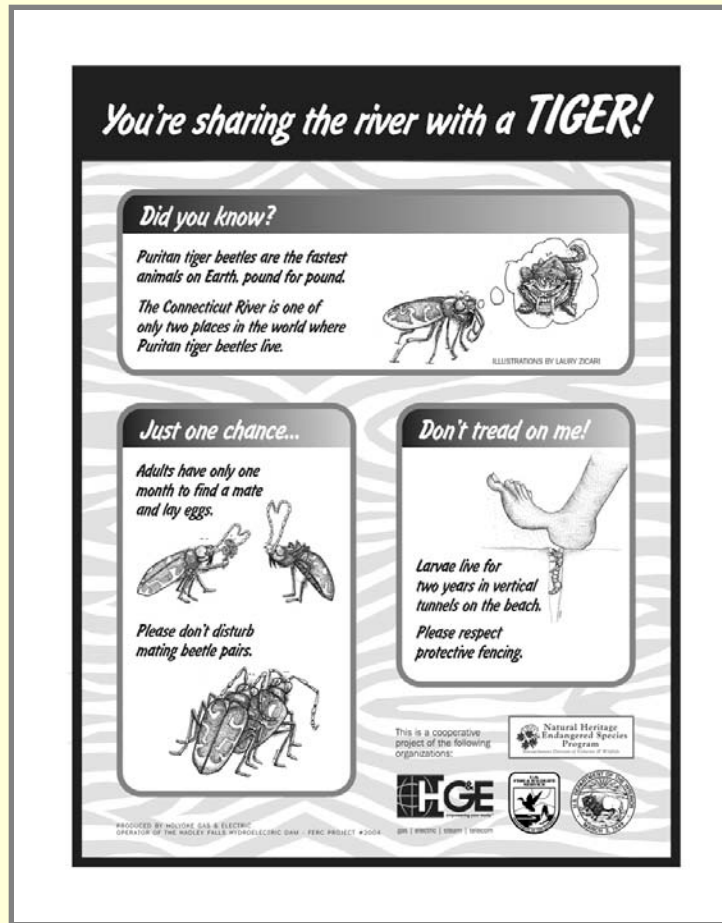
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Other T&E – Yellow Lampshell Mussel



- ▶ Conduct Surveys
- ▶ Installed Concrete Weir in Canal
- ▶ Public Education Efforts

Other T&E – Puritan Tiger Beetle



- ▶ Translocation Project from Cromwell, CT
- ▶ Public Education Efforts / Kiosks

Other T&E – Bald Eagle Nesting



- ▶ 20+ Eaglets Hatched
- ▶ 2006 OSAR Award Winning Project

Thank you

