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Announcement of Public Comment Period

The United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) announces a 30-day public review period for an Environmental Assessment (EA) which provides analysis of various fish passage alternatives at Wiswall Dam in Durham, NH. The selected alternative of a Denil fish ladder and downstream migration notch will provide 43 miles of upstream habitat access for declining migratory fish species such as: American Shad, Alewife and Blueback Herring.

The NRCS invites your participation and is soliciting comments on the EA during a 30-day comment period which begins February 9, 2011 and ends March 11, 2011. Comments concerning the EA and the proposed action must be received during this time to be assured consideration. All written comments received during this review period will be taken into consideration by the NRCS and made public upon request.

A copy of the EA is available for public viewing at:

The Durham Public Library, 7 Mill Road Unit H, Durham, NH 03824.

<http://www.durhampubliclibrary.org>

Or on the NRCS-NH website at: www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov

Please provide comments in writing to: Kim McCracken, USDA-NRCS, 2 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03824 Tel: 603-868-7581, Fax: 603-868-5301/E-mail: kimberly.mccracken@nh.usda.gov

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