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I have known Kathy Urffer for many years and trust her judgment. Based on a recent article of hers, I offer these thoughts. I hope that the following can be done at the three dams in MA, VT and NH: improve the fish ladders to accommodate diadromous species; utilize alternate means to pass American eel if the ladders cannot adequately provide effective passage; implement structural and/or operational changes to provide safe, effective and timely downstream passage for Am. eel, Am. shad and juvenile sea lamprey; expand fishway operations to accommodate resident riverine species; continue to test and gather information so that these dams do not continue to cause delay, injury and mortality of these species. THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATING PROCESS!!!

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