



PROJECT 5-1: Beaver Dam Removal in High Priority Streams

Background: Beaver dams frequently block fish passage, especially for anadromous fish which often have to swim long distances upstream to spawning areas.

Problem Statement: On key anadromous streams, fish spawning runs are often blocked by beaver dams, preventing trout from reaching preferred spawning areas.

Goals: Maintain passage for both anadromous and resident trout to access spawning/rearing areas.

Priority: High

Task Duration: Ongoing

Potential Mechanism: TS, CPL

Partnering Organization(s): MNDNR, LSSA, AFF

Estimated Cost: \$10,000/year

Comments:

Special Considerations: Work has been ongoing by DNR Fisheries with contributions from LSSA and AFF.

Accomplishments: Removal in high priority streams is ongoing.

Measure(s) of Success: Open access to high priority spawning/rearing areas and reduced temperature impairment to streams.

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*Vision Statement: Maintain, protect, and restore healthy cold water ecosystems with relatively stable flows and a diversity of habitat for fish and wildlife to enhance our quality of life.
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