



**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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