

2021 Prioritization Ranking for Protected Instream Flow Studies

Priority	Designated River/Reach	Rationale for Selection
1	Lower Ashuelot River	1 - Highest ranked, good gage record, strong LAC interest, logical to follow Upper Ashuelot PISF Study
2	Isinglass River	2 - Highly-ranked, stakeholders have requested PISF Management, needs to precede Cochecho
3	Pemigewasset River	3 - Highly-ranked, first in North Country
Highly-Ranked	Contoocook River	Gage period of record relatively poorer than others
	Exeter River	Gage positions poorer than others
	Oyster River	Gage period of record relatively short
Moderately-Ranked	Ammonoosuc River	Poor stream flow data quality
	Cochecho River	Poor stream flow data quality
	Contoocook River	Poor stream flow data quality
	Upper Lamprey River & Tributaries	Gage period of record relatively short
	Mascoma River	Poor stream flow data quality
	Piscataquog River	Gage positions poorer than others
	Saco River	Gages inadequate
Swift River	Gage period of record relatively short	
Low-Ranked	Upper Merrimack River	Many upstream tributaries must be completed in advance
	Lower Merrimack River	Many upstream tributaries must be completed in advance, target fish community not established
	Connecticut River	Many upstream tributaries must be completed in advance, half of watershed in Vermont
Previously-Ranked	Upper Ashuelot River (under Study)	Study to begin in 2021
	Cold River (under Study)	Study in progress, expected complete in 2021
	Lower Lamprey River (completed 2013)	Completed 2013; Water Management Plan in place
	Souhegan River (completed 2013)	Completed 2013; Water Management Plan in place
	Warner River (under Study)	Study in progress, expected complete in 2022