



2022 Prioritization Process for Protected Instream Flow Studies



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