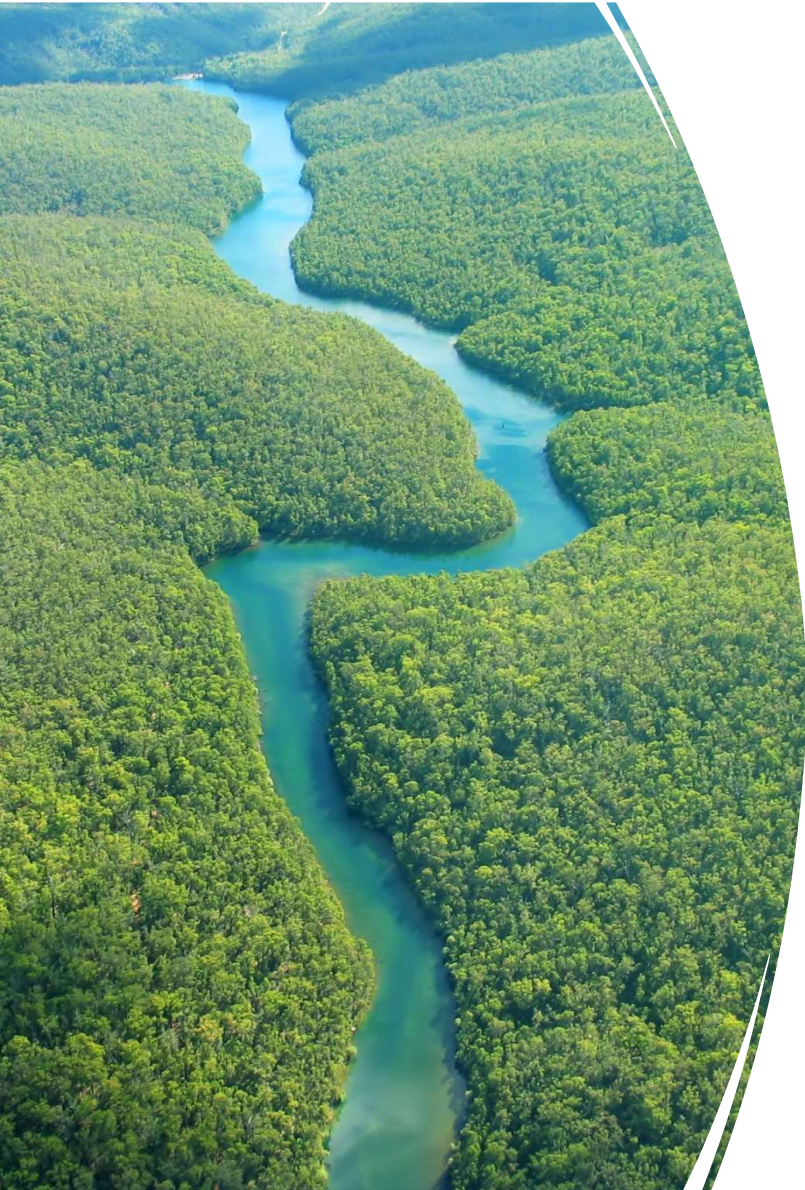


Fish Passage Workgroup Updates

Spring Habitat GIT Meeting

May 1, 2024

Co-Chairs: Jim Thompson and Ray Li



Outcome:

Continually increase access to habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed's freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migration routes by opening an additional 132 miles every two years to fish passage. Restoration success will be indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods.

Strategy Review System:

- Quarterly Progress Meeting on December 14, 2023
- Looking Back - 2022-2023:
 - Did not achieve outcome
 - COVID 19
 - Landowner willingness
 - Funding and staff capacity
- Looking Forward - 2024-2025:
 - Outlook - on course
 - COVID 19
 - Additional funding through BIL



Oakland Dam before removal, Sheila Eyler, Ph.D./USFWS, Public Domain,
<https://www.fws.gov/media/oakland-dam-removal>

Other Activities:


- Social Science Behavior Change Project
- CWA 404 Mitigation Credit Calculator
- Coordination with Federal and State DOT agencies



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Workgroup Meeting:

- May 23, 2024 @ 10:00
 - Tentative agenda:
 - FY2024 GIT Funding Competition & Social Science Behavior Change Project
 - FHWA presentation
 - Invasive species
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Questions?

