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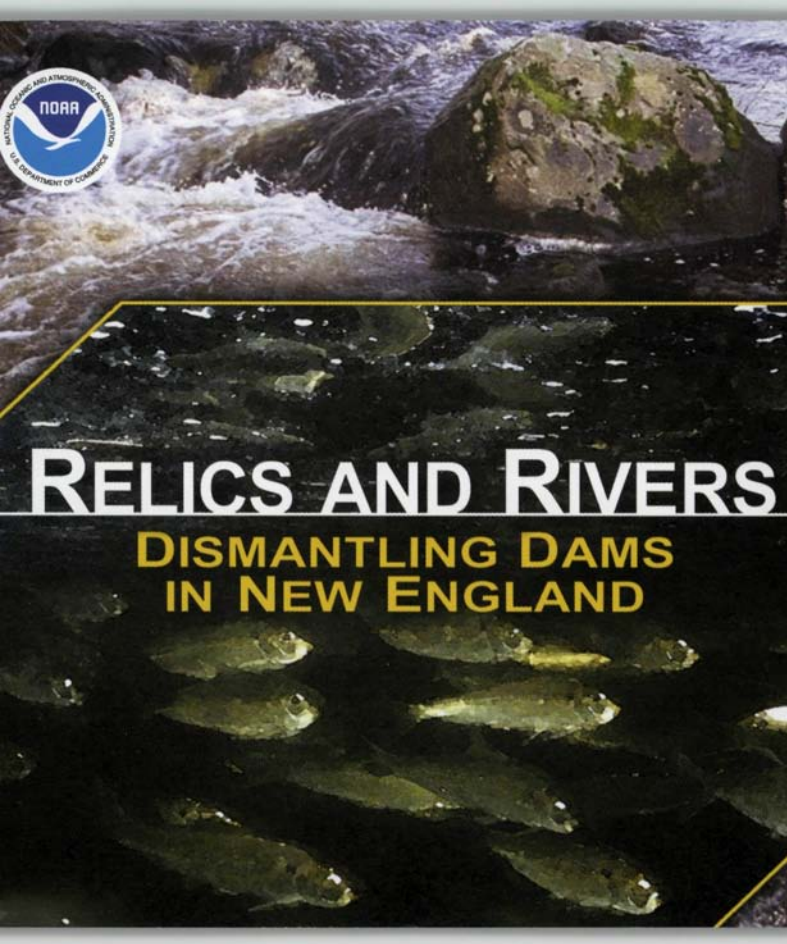
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DISMANTLING DAMS
IN NEW ENGLAND

***Relics and Rivers*** is a story about community-inspired efforts to remove outdated dams and stream blockages to help restore New England's rivers and their fisheries. It highlights dam removal and fish passage projects on Town Brook, Plymouth, Massachusetts; Parker River, Byfield, Massachusetts; St. Georges River, Union, Maine; and Presumpscot River, Falmouth, Maine. The story traces the importance of anadromous fisheries to the earliest colonists and examines the role of dams in the decline of fisheries.

More than 2 million small dams block the passage of migratory fish in U.S. streams and rivers. Dams provide numerous benefits for modern society, but they also contribute to the overall degradation of estuaries, deltas, and river environments. Although most U.S. dams still serve their intended functions, many no longer provide the benefits for which they were built. Still others have outlived their planned life expectancy and present safety hazards and liability risks to communities. The story illustrates that, while dams have played a constructive role in U.S. history, dams that have outlived their usefulness can be removed with community support.

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