

### **Lamprey River Relief Pulse (September 16, 2015)**

The Lamprey River has stream flow criteria that were established for the protection of instream public uses. Because sufficient rain did not fall last weekend to meet these criteria, on Wednesday morning, September 16, water will be released, also known as a relief flow pulse, from Drowns Dam on Pawtuckaway Lake. A two-day release of 10.5 cubic feet per second will be started Wednesday morning and continue through Friday morning. The purpose of the pulse is to restore the stream flow pattern in the Lamprey Designated River. Pawtuckaway Lake is expected to be lowered less than 0.05 feet (0.6 inches) by the two-day release. This pulse is one of several actions under the Lamprey River Water Management Plan. Other responses to this period of low stream flow include outside water use bans and cessation of a large withdrawal from the Lamprey River.

The stream flow conditions and the protected instream flow criteria are available at [Current Lamprey Instream Flow Conditions](#) or by going to the [NHDES Instream Flow website](#). Please contact me if you have any questions.

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