



## **Department of Natural Resources Position Statement**

### **Boardman River Fish Passage at the Union Street Dam and FishPass Facility**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) established in 2018 that no salmon or steelhead would be passed for 10 years following the construction and initial operation of FishPass on the Boardman River in Traverse City. Studies of various fish passage technologies and techniques using native fish species may occur if deemed necessary by the FishPass Advisory Board.

In the meantime, the DNR will continue to collaborate with partners to evaluate fish communities and habitat throughout the Boardman River Watershed. The DNR supports the periodic assessments of public opinion, both locally and statewide, on fish passage at the Union Street Dam using Structured Decision-Making process and other appropriate public opinion survey instruments and methods.

After 10 years of FishPass operations or another agreed upon timeframe with engaged partners, the DNR will work with tribal partners, angler groups, and the public to review Boardman River fish and habitat assessment data and fisheries management options to make an informed decision on future fisheries management goals for the Boardman River Watershed. Those goals will include consideration of future fish passage desires and needs.