

MISSING



The alewives have been missing for 30-35 years. From 2009-2013 the DMR put in 500 fish each year. The babies that were spawned by the new alewives never returned when they went out to the ocean. One reason there are no alewives is that there are now pickerel in the marsh. Pickerel are very aggressive and they could've eaten the re-stocked alewives. Another reason is that in the early 1900's they use to lower and raise the water level. In the summer they lowered it to cut hay for the old farm nearby. The alewives wouldn't have any habitat and it would have been hard for them to reproduce. In the winter they

raised the water to cut ice. One more reason is that the old culvert wasn't passable so that made it hard for the alewives to get to the other side.

What: Alewives

When: Been missing since 85'

Where: Tenants Harbor Marsh

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