

Appendix 1. Primary interview questions.

Personal involvement

- What is your role within river restoration/the alewife fishery in your community?

Local restoration

- How would you characterize local river restoration efforts? Who has been involved? Have there been any local conflicts?
- Have you noticed changes in alewife abundances?
- Have there been any notable developments in local alewife fisheries?

Perception of benefits and community involvement

- Have you seen your community benefit from the restored river and/or alewife fishery? If yes, in what ways?
- How would you characterize community involvement with restoration and/or the alewife fishery?
- Does your community sponsor any events that recognize the fishery or river restoration? If yes, how would you characterize community involvement in those events?
- What do you see in the future for the alewife fishery in your town? What challenges remain?

Town specific information (asked of town clerks and fish agents):

- How long has the alewife fishery existed in your town?
- How have landings changed over time?
- How are fishing rights leased in your town?
- How is revenue divided between the harvester and the municipality?
- Have there been any recent changes to the alewife fishery in your town?