

"All at last return to the sea—to Oceanus, the ocean river, like the ever-flowing stream of time, the beginning and the end."

Rachel Carson,
 The Sea Around Us

October 10, 2013

Dear Mr. Bullard:

We urge NOAA Fisheries to approve efforts by both the New England and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Councils to establish federal management of river herring and shad in the formerly completely salt water Atlantic mackerel and herring fisheries.

We urge establishment of strong annual catch caps, improved observer coverage, and a dramatic decrease in fish deaths as bycatch and at-sea-dumping, "slippage," of unobserved catches.

The Mid-Atlantic Council's Amendment 14 to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan and the New England Council's Amendment 5 to the Atlantic herring plan are worthy of your support in their entireties as developed by the Councils.

Designation adding river herring and shad to these two federal fishery management plans would enable more responsible management and stewardship by the Councils and NOAA Fisheries.

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- 2. Coordinate with state and local efforts to restore river herring and shad.
- 3. Identify and protect habitats essential for river herring and shad.
- 4. Set science-based annual catch limits.

We strongly support taking these actions for both conservation of river herring and shad, and for sustainable seafood of these fish and of their predators. We must strive to leave Atlantic marine life better off than how we found it, if not for our enjoyment than for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests for responsible stewardship.

Executive Director

and 1,147 individuals with comments (see attached)

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We have simply GOT to save the fish - ALL the fish. SAVE them. Thank you. Beth Norwood 2002 Wooddale Drive NE Huntsville, AL 35801

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All species are dependent on one another. We cannot make enough profit to equal the value of your children's future. Jerry Freeman PO Box 622 Odenville, AL 35120

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Do the right thing. Irene Huskisson 3407 Peggy St. Springdale, AR 72764 Designation would rebuild river herring and shad populations in four ways:

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We must look at the ecosystem to sustain marine life. All life is dependent upon another life, losing one can cause a collapse of all others.
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I actually caught a shad as a child on the Deleware River. I'd like to see more. Bob Miller 17 Florentine Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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The small fish need to be spared from utter decimation in order to replenish future stock and more importantly, TO FEED AND SUPPORT WHAT LITTLE EXISTING "MEGAFAUNA" WE HAVE LEFT! Anne & Joseph Klein

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The whole ecosystem needs a healthy supply of these types of forage fish, otherwise we risk losing all of the larger animals that need them to survive. We need to stop raping the seas and waterways indiscriminately.

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If you kill off the aunts or uncles in a family, imagine how much smaller the bloodline would be in years to come. The same goes for fish, or any member of an ecosystem. There are no exceptions. You can't say, "Oh, it's OK. They are just a couple species." If you kill off one species, then you start to kill off other members of the ecosystem as well. If nothing else, it's simply math. Every species and family is necessary to our survival.

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Fisheries are vital resources that help keep us alive. I consume fish regularly and do not care to see fish stocks depleted to the point where fish is no longer a viable dietary option. Such a thing could happen if we are not careful, especially with a global population of over 7 billion.

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C'MON, YOU GUYS, DO THE JOB WE

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This will benefit all life.

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Every species in the web of life matters!

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It is important to protect all our river and ocean creatures and their habitats, because by doing so we are protecting our future as well!!

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Our waterways and the wildlife they support are a direct reflection of the health of our environment and therefore our own viability. Anyone knows this.

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For our health and because we love the children. Renee Locks 325 Richardson Way Mill Valley, CA 94941-4051

All fish are critical to protect and overfishing is a Huge issue, along with catastrophic by-catch deaths. This must be stopped now! Melissa Polick 280 Loring Mill Valley, CA 94941

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We must protect the food chain. It is the foundation for a balanced ecosystem. Heather Cauldwell 28 Helvic Road Monterey, CA 93940

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I have always loved fish, not just eating them, but observing and appreciating their amazing lives in the ocean. I will support anything that helps fish and their habitats thrive. Taking an ecosystem based approach to fish management is crucial to their survival. Thank you for your time and consideration. Julie Amato

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I have 2 granddaughters under age 13 and I want this worlds' diversity to be intact for them. You need to be part of the solution to gurantee that goal. Kate McDermott 191 E El Camino Real #175 Mountain View, CA 94040

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Please do everything possible to save the health of all populations of herring and shad. It is so important to us all. Claire Chambers 38118 Calle Quedo Murrieta, CA 92563

Save river herring and shad. They are essential to the health and balance of Healthy Rivers.
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We MUST protect our rivers and streams. Water will become THE significant issue within this century. A balanced ecosystem is vital to water health. **Iennifer Kelly** 1750 University Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301

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We must conserve those species which the entire ecosystem relies on! If not, the entire ecosystem will collapse. We must manage our resources wisely so future generations can enjoy the marine life with which we are fortunate to share our earth. Cynthia Fernandez 1400 Pinnacle Court Point Richmond, CA 94801

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WE ARE WELL INTO THE 6TH MASS WORLD EXTINCTION EVENT RIGHT NOW. YET ANOTHER WHOLE, ENTIRE SPECIES **GOES EXTINCT EVERY 20 MINUTES NOW** WITHOUT FAIL. WE MUST STOP THIS TERRIBLE THING FROM CONTINUING. HERRING AND SHAD ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS EVERY OTHER SINGLE SPECIES ON THIS WORLD. WE MUST SAVE AS MANY SPECIES AS WE CAN! WE MUST ALL PAY ATTENTION AND STOP KILLING THINGS OURSELVES, AND MAKE THE REST OF THE WORLD STOP AS WELL. THESE FISH DESERVE TO SURVIVE! Susan Ibarra 583 Laguna Dr. Rohnert Park, CA 94928

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We humans have polluted this beautiful planet to the point that many of the wonderful species that inhabit it with us are extinct or almost extinct. By using an ecologically based approach, we can strengthen the planet's already fragile environment and increase the amount of fish available for food and to protect the existence of the fish.

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Our oceans and their marine populations are under dire threats. A healthy ocean benefits the whole planet. Good stewardship is vital for a healthy planet. Jackie Pomies
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They are part of the food chain and you can't have a chain with links missing.
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IF THE CREATURES WE EAT DON'T EAT,

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The entire ecosystem depends on these species. They must be protected.

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These fish need our help. Please do all you

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Though I have been a Californian for 50+ years, I grew up in Holyoke, MA on the Connecticut River and loved watching the

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These critical fish need our protection and need to have a healthy environment in which to live and thrive.
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Protect river herring and shad because they deserve it - nothing more and nothing less. Joan Marks 23481 Mashie Court Tehacahapi, CA 93561

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I think it is fair to say that one does not need to be a genius to realize that unless we are better stewards of our resources, we will lose them forever. Then where will the livelihoods be, the markets, and the future, as we destroy yet another layer of the natural resources that have sustained us for so many centuries. Vincent Young 1170 Winged Foot Drive Upland, CA 91786 Alicia Jackson 401 Goheen Circle Vallejo, CA 94591

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We need to manage all aspects of the ecosystem. If we do it in a piecemeal fashion, we run the risk of destroying the food chain - not only for u,s but also for other fish.

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We need to have a healthy food chain to sustain each type of environment. These fish are part of the base level food chain. If we want the larger sport fish we need the smaller ones in healthy numbers. Please protect these fish.
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Big fish need little fish in their waters to

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Other species depend on these fish for food. Preserve one or two species and you will preserve many others.
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Many ocean creatures depend on herring and shad for their survival. And by saving them, you maintain the health of this delicate ecosystem.

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believe that we should overfish. We have a duty to keep the herring population healthy.
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I live near the Connecticut River. Its health is vital to our area, and that includes shad in particular!

Although I love eating herring, I don't

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These fish need to be included in proper management. Their rapid decline has been catastrophic.
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All fish are important to a sustainable ecosystem, which supports our economy as well. The issue of river herring and shad populations declining cannot be overlooked.

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Why wouldn't better data be a great idea? If the herring and shad prove to not be in danger, then great, keep killing them. However, if they do prove to be in danger, wouldn't it be a good idea to rectify this problem? It's "eezey cheezy" to me! Tina Bailey 16270 Forest Mist Court Alva, FL 33920

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Saving these species of fish matters to me because all life matters to me, be it wild or not. This is my home, our home, and the home we're leaving to our children. They deserve a clean and beautiful earth like it should be complete with all its life and resources. No one has the right to take that away from them.

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As a grandparent, I hope to see a reversal of the current "It's all about me and mine" attitude so those who come after will have a well managed fish population, resulting in a plentiful fish supply.

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As a youngster, we had Shad running in the Hudson River. I believe they are very rare nowadays. We need to re-stock for future generations too. Thank you. June Grieco 625 Casa Loma Blvd, #904 Boynton Beach, FL 33435

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These are foundation fish whose life cycle should not be disrupted.
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River herring and shad play a vital role in the ocean ecosystems. They feed many of the larger fish, birds, dolphins and whales. They also support the commercial fishing of larger, commercially valuable fish like cod, striped bass and tuna. The health of the ocean ecosystem depends on these forage fish. Ricky Buttery 6395 Wien Ln. Cocoa, FL 32927

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We must maintain sufficient numbers of all species. James Hartman 4800 S. Pine Island Rd #25 Davie, FL 33328

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Every living creature deserves to live out its natural life and it is a shame when humankind invades its territory. It could disturb the whole ecosystem over time. Amy Dellinger 600 Jimmy Ann Drive #1736 Daytona Beach, FL 32114

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Marsha J Holbert 1216 West Lakes Drive Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 David Leithauser 3624 Royal Fern Circle DeLand, FL 32724 We must do everything we can to protect each and every species, including these river herring and shad. We must take action to protect our ecosystems. Our environment counts on us to protect it. Rochelle Maloy 414 Westwood Avenue Deland, FL 32720

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The oceans are being over-fished and the environment is under attack. We must all support efforts at returning our world to a natural balance.

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These fish are a part of our ocean ecosystem, and by reducing or eliminating one of them, it has a domino effect on the rest of the system. Use common sense to maintain marine life.

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Ecosystems are the lifelines of our

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These fish are vital links in the food chain. They must not be decimated or their absence can have a debilitating effect on all of the fish that depend upon them, as well as the fish that they depend upon. It's very important not to remove links from the food chain. If we don't protect them, we will end up with nothing.

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On average, 90% of all marine fisheries have already been depleted. If we do not make a serious effort to establish a long term management program, we stand to lose the little we have left. If these fisheries collapse, the economic losses (like the cod collapse in Canada) might hit the US hard. We will not only lose a natural resource, but also pay a heavy financial toll for it as well.

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These forage fish are instrumental to the aquatic food chain
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Due to overfishing and pollution, the local fishermen that I became friends with a dozen vears ago are no longer fishermen. There are no fish to catch. The fishermen who are still around are struggling to make their way in other employment. Obviously, if there are no fish to catch locally, there are no fish to market locally to wholesalers and restaurants. Other local businesses have therefore suffered, too. There is no reason whatsoever to allow the replication of this Indian River estuary/Atlantic Ocean disaster. Altruism remains a job requirement for every public servant. Act in good faith or find the nearest exit. Susan Chandler 3008 N 25th St Fort Pierce, FL 34946

As I hope you know and understand, all life is interdependent. We need to cease being so greedy that we overfish, as we overharvest timber and use seeds that need specific fertilizers that pollute our river systems. It makes no sense to continue these self-defeating practices when we know better.

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Having Shad and Herring in our waters is a privilege and it should be preserved for future generations. It is proven worldwide that over-fishing can and will make species disappear. Are we smart enough to conserve these precious resources? Chris Pozgar 3680 Leghorn Rd. Grant Valkaria, FL 32950

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These examples of wildlife must be preserved in order to keep our ecological biosphere balanced.
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I do not know much more I could add. It is about every Being on the planet being important to the survival of every other Being and beauty of this planet. Even our species (with all its advancements used to try to own everything and separate from all other Beings for its own ELITE Members' benefits) will not be the same with each Being we extinct. 'Great White' (Shark: Earth & beings Rights Person)
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Water is a precious resource. We must preserve and protect it for all life. R Albani 155 Ocean Lane Dr Key Biscayne, FL 33149

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It's really very simple, biodiversity is essential to life on this planet. Therefore, we need to act in ways that preserve the delicate ecological balances of the Earth. Lonnie Albrecht 895 CR 481 Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

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It is all part of the cycle of life. It's not reasonable or wise to only be concerned with what humans want or is profitable. We have learned so little. Carlos Quiroga-Lassepas 2044 Bent Tree Loop N Lakeland, FL 33813

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Without the food fish, there won't be the game fish.
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You must implement plans that will save river herring and shad so adequate quantities will be there for fishermen like me. You must not allow them to disappear. That is why an ecosystem-based approach must be implemented. Elmo Dunn 208 Harrogate Pl

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We can't let our fish become extinct. Farm fishing is unhealthy and makes us sick. We must start to eat more vegtables and not so much meat. Americans are unhealthy, with tons of medical problems. Patti Schultze
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We need to protect the earth and respect all life on earth. Every living creature on earth has the same right to exist as man. Stop thinking about money & power and do what is right for all life on earth. John Deddy 11676 SW 91 TERRACE Miami, FL 33176

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It matters when we keep up the ecosystem, for all other living things dependent on it.
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We need to save as much as we can and improve the environment.
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We need these fish for others to survive.

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It is unwise to allow the food base for commercial fisheries to be destroyed. Remember - It is also a food source for humans, larger fish and animals depending on it for their own life sustenance. David Marshall 5834 Otis Drive New Port Richey, FL

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Save the herring and shed so there's something for future generations. Hector Rivas 943 NW 122nd Terr Newberry, FL 32669

Within an ecosystem all creatures depend on each other for survival. In order for the ecosystem to be healthy, all parts need to be kept healthy. The health of the ocean ecosystem depends on these forage fish. Bernadine Turner 371 NW 249th St Newberry, FL 32669

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It's the ecosystem - so basic. Please act sensibly and with a whole-picture view. Jane Marquet 1304 Mustang St Nokomis, FL 34275

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We must take care of these animals, which predate us and with whomm we have to find a way to live with without destroying them.

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We must use the best plan possible to manage sustainable river herring and shad marine life, and to do that we must take a ecosystem-based approach by using the above actions and information. H Hollon 2816 Overlake Orlando, FL 32806

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All wildlife and fish are important. Once a species is almost depleted, it takes years for it to come back. The generations of people to follow expect and deserve no less from us.

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Ecosystem-based management of fish like shad and river herring, because *all* animals, whether mammals, fish or even insects affect people each other and plant life. If one type of animal is killed off or harmed, those other animals, plants and insects that they eat grow out of control. Secondly, both of these types of fish are useful to human beings for food. Wasteful dumping and/or over-killing is not only wrong, but also very irresponsible. Karen Atkinson 1126 Grace Ave. Panama City, FL 32401

It is obvious that these fish are a hugely necessary component of our overall ecology and food chain.
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We need better control measures for the overfishing of species in the wild. Companies have a habit of dumping dead fish into the areas where they've been caught so that the fisherman don't go over the limit. This kind of behavior needs to be stopped.

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We are killing this planet because we are so numerous and ravenous. We are living in an unsustainable manner. This planet is very bountiful and provides us with plenty of food, clean water, and clean air. But since we are quickly depleting our food, polluting our water and air, and thus destroying the living ecosystems that provide us with these things for free, we are literally "killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

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We need to protect our food and water sources. If we don't have clean food and water, we can't survive. Harriet Stein 4355 78th Ave. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

I hope you take action to conserve the marine life mentioned above. You are in a position to help the environment and all I can do is ask. Many people like me are counting on you, all the animals, fish, and birds too. Thank you. Judy Warren 6294 103rd Ave Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Any time we lose a species from their natural habitat, it is a loss to all of us. We are next.

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These fish are bedrock species to our fisheries, so why deplete and destroy them? Our founding fisheries emanated from these stocks. Wake up and do the right thing!!

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I formerly lived in Sitka, AK, and am very aware of the devastating effect that improperly managed fishery regulations can have. The only truly acceptable means of managing a fishery absolutely MUST include an ecological approach, considering inflows, # of fishermen/boats, limits on commercial AND recreational harvests, seasonal conditions, streamside environment, and other species relying on the fish for their own food supply. The resource is ours to use, not abuse, and humans are far from the only users. The sooner we recognize this and protect future stocks and the welfare of other creatures, the better off we will be. Donna Selquist 10530 SW Waterway Lane Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

We as a people, are killing our fellow inhabitants. We have no right. We need to respect all of earth's creatures and stop the belief that they don't matter. Every living thing on earth depends on another for survival. Stop killing our oceans! Andres Tuckman 11224 SW Apple Blossom Tr. Port St. Lucie, FL 34988

Any thing that keeps the natural balance of nature should always be paramount in our interests.

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Without a balanced marine ecosystem, we are doomed. "The last word in ignorance is the man who says of an animal or plant, "What good is it?" If the mechanism as a whole is good, then every part is good, whether we understand it or not. If the biota, in the course of aeons, has built something . . .who but a fool would discard seemingly useless parts? To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering." — Aldo Leopold Janis Sawyer 486 Forest Street Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

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As our oceans and rivers become fouled with contaminants and seafood is overfished, we face a calamity of double proportion: filthy waters and unsustainability of food from the waters. Think these issues through carefully and choose wisely before you condemn the future to an irreversible fate. Conservation and stewardship of marine life is necessary and serious.

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River herring and shad play a vital role in the coastal and ocean ecosystems. They feed many of the larger fish, birds, dolphins and whales. They also support the commercial fishing. The health of the ocean ecosystem depends on these forage fish.

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This is an issue vital to the support of our waters and their ecosystem.

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Please do your job properly. The food chain is important and we need to sustain all living things for our world and environment. PLEASE think about it.

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We need to stop over-fishing our rivers, lakes and oceans. We need strong marine ecosystems and need to stop over-harvesting marine life.
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We need to respect our planet. Please save these vital creatures. Kelley Charnas 208 Rock Garden Place Tampa, FL 33609

The depleting of this life source is becoming a disgrace to the livelihood of the fish industries. Yolanda Figueroa 8467 Sandstone Lake Dr, Unit 201 Tampa, FL 33615

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Every creature serves a purpose in our world. Take one away, and the dominoes will start to fall.
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This needs to be done for sustainable management and to have these fish to protect the food chain and the animals that depend on them too.
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The ecosystem-based approach is the best way to manage wildlife for sustainable marine life.
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Stop ruining this planet. Sheryl Opsahl 3808 Black Spruce Ln Winter Springs, FL 32708

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We strongly support taking these actions for both conservation of river herring and shad, and for sustainable seafood of these fish and of their predators. We must strive to leave Atlantic marine life better off than how we found it, if not for our enjoyment than for future generations.

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We must use sustainable commercial and recreational fishing practices to save river herring and shad along with all other endangered species of fish. Science tells the story of healthy oceans and rivers. Implement effective and viable plans to protect these fish immediately! Kyle Embler 662 Mercer Street SE Atlanta, GA 30312

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We need responsible management of our resources so that we will all benefit. Alex Oshiro 1920 Kahakai Dr. Honolulu, HI 96814-4820

I'm far from you, in Hawaii, but am sickened and fearful of a 90% decline in any fish population. Ecosystems do not need to be ruined! We must not accept that this is the future of the world. Waimea Williams 45-539 Pahia Road Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Functioning ecosystems are vital for our survival. All species need to be saved to

keep our ecosystems healthy and

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If appropriate action is not taken, the health of sustainable seafood stocks is in

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These fish are vital to the environment. Instead of turning your back or ignoring these small fish, help them to survive.

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With dwindling natural resources and the criminal behavior of Corporations, whether oil, gas, or fishery corporations; the idea of "get rich quick" is the mantra for the greedy, ignoring the day when the sea, rivers, oceans, will be dead, along with the fish. What will corporations (not people) and consumers do then? It is critical that the billions of people on planet recognize, especially corporations, that when the natural resources are gone, we won't be around much longer either. We must all be more thoughtful and caring.

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To further deplete the river herring and shad puts the entire ecosystem at risk. We must not allow this resource to be lost to our children and grandchildren.

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If this does not stop soon, there will no longer be any fish left to catch.

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Sustainable populations of shad and herring are vital for the preservation of Northeastern fresh and saltwater ecosystems. Supporting this issue will help prevent another environmental debacle motivated by greed. This is worth taking a stand on. Thank you, Chris Berti

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The importance of Sustainable practices to protect Atlantic marine life cannot be overstated! This is an economic, as well as ecological, issue.

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This is an over-all response to resort to sensible managment. Please listen and act! Thanks for considering my opinion. Tom Rose 413 E Floral Ave Portland, IN 47371

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From a global and local viewpoint, ALL of our water. All the creatures that live in or depend on the water matter. They are an imporatant part of the eco-balance and food supply for people and other creatures. We must act to ensure that our important aquatic resources will be restored and sustainably managed into the future.

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Everything in the ecosystem matters. Everything needs to be in balance. Michael Wohlleb 2102 Glenview Ave Louisville, KY

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Over-fishing is not good at all and it hurts the marine life. Tina Lamia 729 Lesseps Street New Orleans, LA 70117

Water is vital for all life. Laura Kiefer 39375 Beech St. Pearl River, LA 70452

No river herring and no shad means no food supply for larger fish and a disruption of the ecosystem. It takes far longer to bring back a fishery to sustainability from the brink than it does to protect it in the first place.

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These are prey fish for others that are higher in the foodchain, but are in decline from pollution, bycatch, and overfishing already.

Brenda Troup
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You can make a real difference by not being penny wise and pound foolish. Susan Anderson 249 A St 43 Boston, MA 02210

We must take a broad approach to preserving fish stocks, including river herring and shad, that looks at preserving overall ecosystem health. Failure to do so will lead us down a path of destruction and ruin for the planet and humans

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Overfishing these two species will have an effect on all marine life.
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The lives of herring and shad must be saved. Their lives matter very much and their souls are very much a part of God's creative plan. Please save their lives. Toni Siegrist
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I respect all wildlife's right to protection. Annmarie O'Toole 41 Arborway Dr. Braintree, MA 02184 It's common sense - No little fish then soon no big fish. It's really that simple. Carole Smudin 635 Walnut St, P.O. Box 123 Bridgewater, MA 02324

These are essential fish for the lives of other animals. Keep the fish and their habiat fresh and healthy.
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There needs to be a well sustained balance. With the decline of River Herring and Shad, there will be a major disruption in the balance. This imbalance could impact every life that depends upon them birds, animals, other fish and humans. Judi Kidd 1868 Commonwealth Avenue #11 Brighton, MA 02135

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Please restore our rivers to the way they should be - healthy. We owe it to future generations. Thank You, Pamela Barlow 150 Erie St

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We must look at the species in delicately balanced freshwater, tidal and brackish waters, and the salt marsh areas as our responsibility. We must manage and protect the species and their environment from our own predation. Thank you for taking on this challenge..

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Science-based stewardship of our oceans is vital to their health and sustainability. We must take the long term scientific view and reject short term economic gains that will devastate our fisheries for generations to come.

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For nearly 50 years I've lived near the Herring River in Harwich, Cape Cod, where I've seen the river fish disappearing dramatically. Friends who fish for a living say they're not seeing the herring and shad at sea. Because they know forage fish are the foundations of the whole ocean food-chain, they're willing to submit to any plan that will save these fish and save their fishery. Why is there no working plan for the north Atlantic similar to that which is effecting the recovery of West coast

fisheries? Paula Myles 163 Main Street Harwich, MA 02645

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Freshwater herring and shad deserve the same protection as ocean herring and similar fish. Please pass laws now to protect these rapidly decreasing fish species. Thank you for your action!
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When we upset the ecosystem, we affect ourselves along with the wildlife that lives there. An ecosystem-based approach to fish management ensures that river herring and shad populations are allowed to rebuild. This is important not only for the conservation of these fish, but for the sustainability of the entire ecosystem which we share.

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Once they're gone, they're gone, and they play such a key role in the entire foodchain, we must protect their populations over the longterm through science-based management plans.
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Saving river herring and shad will help restore depleted ocean marine fish. John Cevasco 596 Millers Falls Rd, P.O. Box 78 Northfield, MA 01360

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We really need to think about the impact we have on the ecosystem before jumping into things. A 90% decline since 1985? That is outrageous and unbelievable. We need to start protecting now, before its too late. Please help.
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Many rivers on the south shore of Massachusetts have seen their populations of river herring drastically depleted. We need to save this resource. William Vickstrom 11 Ashberry St Plymouth, MA 02360

Protect the whole food chain from mankind. If there is no bottom of the food chain there will be no top of the food chain for man to catch. Eugene Brusin 73 Edison Quincy, MA 02169

We should all be accountable for the rivers, oceans, brooks that we destroy, abuse, and trash. We have an opportunity to save herring and shad that were here way before us and we need to save them. Lynn Lang 417 S. Main St Randolph, MA 02368

When they're GONE, there's NO bringing

them back. You want to create jobs, but don't look to the Whaling Industry as they have NO jobs, as they overfished! Think about what is happening! You don't think that fish are in trouble, keep fishing and then you'll see that you were WRONG! Matthew Carter 31 Arrowhead Circle Rowley, MA 01969-1747

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Rivers are being cleansed, but it is a futile effort if they also become sterile. A wholesome ecological system must have native species to support. It is our duty to maintain sustainable species in our rivers and streams.

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Life survives through the food chain. We need to protect the small species in order for the species up the food chain to survive.

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Without the food at the beginning of the food chain, all the rest of the population is at peril. Please help us save ourselves! Deborah Jose 83 Woodland Rd. Waltham, MA 02451

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River herring and shad are key ecosystem species for the entire Atlantic coast. If these crucial species are not restored to sustainable levels, they will eventually collapse. If that happens, all of our fisheries wil quickly follow suit.

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We need to protect our ecosystem's integrity. All the "parts" are needed for proper functioning!
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We know many fish are very depleted, therefore we must use our scientific knowledge to fix this situation. We must save them for the health of people from now to the future who depend on fish for food and for the welfare of the fishermen who catch fish for a living.

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I'm sure you know that once something's extinct, all our technology can never bring it back again.
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Please consider these comments. Thanks you! Shirley Probst 3 Preakness Ct

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The reasons for this are obvious by now. We have seen countless examples of the inter-dependency of all members of the food chain.

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Please act to save our enviornment. Michael Haskell 7 Sweetbrier Lane Scarborough, ME 04074

As any competent fisheries biologist must know, anadromous clupeids are philopatric spawners; they return to the river of their birth to reproduce. Seiners and trawlers that take them offshore can easily exterminate the entire spawning cohort of one or more watersheds, leaving

the alewives or shad extinct in those watersheds. This simply must be forbidden. When, in the 1950s, MA seiners discovered the offshore "hotspots" where anadromous and pelagic clupeids congregated before the anadromous species peeled off for their natal waters, they raised the annual catch from 4-5 million pounds (caught inshore in weirs and pounds) to over 35 million pounds. Within a decade the offshore catch had declined to 3-4 million pounds, and the inshore catch was nil. I can send you the graphs and data if you wish--it's all from government sources. William Leavenworth 198 Pond Road South, PO Box 69 Searsmont, ME 04973

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Our species must cease decimating the species that make up the woefully wobbly "balance of Nature". River herring and shad are among the dwindling fish populations that are crucial for maintaining healthy ecosystems. I believe your work on this issue is very, very important.

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Without a balanced ecosystem, fish and marine life simply cannot survive. Maintaining its growth and health is vital to marine sustenance. Zoey Green 2898 Davison Ave Auburn Hills, MI 48326

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Designation would rebuild river herring and shad populations in four ways.

1.Gather better data and improve the population estimates of river herring and shad.

2.Coordinate with state and local efforts to restore river herring and shad.

3.Identify and protect habitats essential for river herring and shad.

4.Set science-based annual catch limits.

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Everything has a purpose. We don't know everything. We co-exist here. We are not the owners or rulers. Christine Chaplik 7974 Garrott Rd Liberty, NC 27298

They are critical for the ocean and coastal ecosystem. They feed larger fish, birds and dolphins.
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Every fish has a purpose and if you deplete or delete one species, all the other species will suffer. Renae McKeon 711 13th Ave Kearney, NE 68845

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Please help save our fish and the oceans they live in. Future generations need this as much as we do. Maura Iley 10 Reservoir Street Nashua, NH 03064 All fish species are important for a healthy ecosystem and thus need our protection. Jennifer Books 63 North Maple Ave. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Many "sustainable" methods of fishing are just green wash. Strong protections and enforcement must be enacted to prevent the further collapse of fisheries.

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Let's protect our future by becoming more responsible and accountable for caring for ALL our resources. We must find balance and be better stewards. Stop being so destructive.

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An ecosystem-based approach to fish management is vital for sustainable marine life.
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The intrusion of man into the naturally balanced ecosystems of our planet has resulted in tragedy in many areas. Now more than ever, we need to be mindful of our responsibility to all creatures who inhabit the earth and their interdependence upon each other.

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Many rivers in New Jersey were horribly polluted. Little by little, there is interest in cleaning it up so fish can thrive once more. It is so important to sustain these fish. Heather Nemeth 416 Stonetown Road Ringwood, NJ 07456-1200

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SUSTAINABLE POPULATIONS ARE NECESSARY ULTIMATELY FOR THE HUMAN FOOD SUPPLY. Betty Butler 33 Shrewsbury Drive Rumson, NJ 07760

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No species should be allowed to disappear if we do something about it.
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Other fish and marine mammals depend upon herring to feed. In addition, many people make a livelihood on shad fishing. Where I live, we have a huge shad festival for a weekend in the spring and it is a big money maker for the town that hosts it. Both these fish are important for healthy rivers.

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The sustainability of oceans is essential for our survival. Susan Selbin 2431 Northwest Cir NW Albuquerque, NM 87104

An intact biosystem is the healthiest and most sound. There are intertwined pyramids of predator and prey that will be more disastrously affected if these two key fish are eliminated or their numbers are significantly curtailed. The system is balanced for a reason and should be maintained as closely as possible to the ideal to allow sustainability.

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Please save the river shad and herring by adopting a plan to monitor illegal and unobserved catches. It is so important to have a designated plan that will help monitor and restore these important fisheries.

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All life in the ecosystem is vital. It needs to be protected, especially marine life. Water is the "blood" in the veins of the "body" of the earth.

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I believe in taking care of the environment no matter how big or small. Life everywhere is important. Amanda Esposito 17995 Blackbird Dr Reno, NV 89508

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William Peltz 109 Grove Ave. Albany, NY 12208 This is so obvious as to be an exercise in stooping down. Think ecosystem and the planet, and stop messing with everyone's life. Do the right thing: Be a steward, not a destroyer. Thanks in advance.

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As a retired teacher of Earth Science, I am aware of the Balance in Nature. I also remember the commercial that warned us - IT'S NOT NICE TO MESS WITH MOTHER NATURE! Do you remember what happened to the man who did? Sister Anne Michel St. Joseph Convent, 1725 Brentwood Rd Brentwood, NY 11717-5543

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The Hudson River fish population is being threatened by bridge construction, pollution and nuclear plants. We must take action to protect river herring, shad, striped bass and sturgeon. Hazel Landa

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River herring and shad play an important role in the circle of life along the Atlantic coast. They are prey for birds, marine mammals, and other fish at sea and in rivers. In addition, these species once supported vital commercial fisheries.

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River herring and shad provide food for the larger members of the fish family. When they go, so does a major part of our food supply. We need more diversity, not less.

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The herring and shad are CRITICAL to the whole oceanic ecosystem. Everything we rely on relies on them, directly or indirectly. That system cannot function without them. Please raise their priority much higher.

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This planet is our home. The only one we have. If we destroy it, where will we go? Every ecosystem we harm, every species we cause to disappear, pushes us a step closer to our own extinction. Daniel Cottle 1552 Hogan St. Portsmouth, OH 45662

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For too long fisheries have not been adequately protected. Even when regulations are in place, observation has been too sparse to make a real difference. Please step up to this task. You can do this! Pamela Allee 7425 N Portsmouth ave Portland, OR 97203

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We must take a ground up approach to fish management. If the little things die, then what do the big things eat?
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Such a basic, vital part of the marine food chain must be protected. We must look to the long-term and protect such essential resources for the future.

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River herring and shad have all too often been overlooked, with the focus directed on ocean fish like mackerel and salt-water herring. Yet these fish, too, are critical to the global food chain (including human). Catch caps and monitoring would go far to protect these valuable fish, as would adding coverage for them to Amendments 5 and 14. Your consideration is most appreciated. Susan Markowitz PO Box 656, 3775 Street Rd Lahaska, PA 18931-0656

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It's been said that what we are doing to the oceans of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another. This should give one pause. Protecting the river herring and shad is the way forward. **Bridget Irons** 16 W. Southampton Ave.

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Every species has a right to live in its natural habitat. Every species has a value in the food chain. That is God's plan. We are here to protect the Earth, not destroy it.

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I do not have to tell you why it is important to take an Ecosystem approach...you already know that. If you do not you have the wrong job. We must preserve our environment for future generations unless of course you have another agenda? Allowing BIG Corpora to take over our environment for profit maybe? That is totally unacceptable! Every one of us needs to stop this! ASAP! I am a 68 year old Grandmother. And I love this beautiful country..not so much those running it. We need to stay at home and fix what is wrong and stop the damn WARS that kill and maim innocents and anything else that gets in the way of the nasty O'USA! Start healing and mending and stop hurtin and killin!!! AND starving! There are people starving in my own country and millionaires getting richer everyday! What kind of way is that to run a civilized society? Stopping the environmental assault is a beginning to set things right... Karen Munro 1104 Baucom Park Dr Greer, SC 29650

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My preference is that wildlife of any form should be allowed to exist for its own sake, as opposed to being seen as food to be harvested. Hunting and fishing to the brink of extinction is not something that appeals to me. To that extent, I am a supporter of all attempts to safeguard environments and to put in hunting/fishing limits to sustain healthy water and ground-based forms of wildlife.

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We have to stop thinking of short-term profits and urgently plan for the future of our children. If we want a healthy planet that feeds us all, including generations to come, we have to plan wisely.

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My Dad and sister and I caught river Herring as a kid to salt to relive a Richmond Tradition in the 1970's. There were so many you could catch 18 in one scoop. The city has come to realize that the River Herring support a Great Blue Heron Rookery and walks are given in the Spring to see the Great Blue Herons eating the fish and nesting. Other Richmonders fish for Rockfish in Downtown Richmond which eat the Herring. Bald Eagles also feed on the herring, as well as our winter Ring-billed Gulls. **James Shelton** 811 Roehampton Ct Richmond, VA 23236

No species can be sustained when not kept within an ecosystem-based approach to management. Not only will the river herring and shad be lost, but those who drove them to that end will destroy their own way of making a living. For their own sake, they should not ignore the ecosystem approach to management.

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Without little fish, there are no big fish. Think about it - the big fish are the ones we want to eat.
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Without forage fish, our food fish will not be able to survive and reproduce! Please protect forage fish. Thank you. Virgene Link P.O.Box 543 Anacortes, WA 98221

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We need to protect our entire ecosystem, from the building blocks up!
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With our oceans, rivers and lakes becoming more polluted with plastics and other toxins, it is imperative to take action to protect sea life. Every species has a role to play in a healthy ecosystem. We have already pushed too many to the brink of extinction.

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For healthy oceans, we need healthy ecosystems and sustainable fishing practices. Kill off any part of the chain from plankton to shark and you will kill the ocean. No healthy ocean, no healthy humans. We go hand in hand.

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These are the fish that feed other fish and birds farther up the food chain. Without them, the system breaks down.
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So many species depend on river herring and shad, they are keystone species! Charmaine Slaven 10624 4th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98146

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At some point, we all have to learn to respect the species with which we share the planet. We must learn to care about their lives and their continued presence on the planet. If we do not, yours and my great great grandchildren may not have an earth to enjoy, or it will be so devastated by our foolish waste that it will hardly be a life worth living. We have a short time to work with this. Taking care of river herring and shad is just one small step that will add to what we all hope will be a world that sustains all life--all life Charles Morrison 19030 FremontAvenue North Shoreline, WA 98133-3824

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We have found, much to our chagrin, that trying to save one species or another, or eliminate one species or another, does not work. One needs to understand how the species work together as food and feeders. We need river herring and shad. They have their place in the ecosystem of marine life.

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We have nearly destroyed the earth and the seas. It's past time to start recovering what is left! Ransom D Stone 5320 NE 81st Ave Apt 388 Vancouver, WA 98662-6366

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Stop decimating the natural ecosystems! All wildlife populations should be what they were 1000 years ago. If not, then you are an invasive species that needs culling. Actually, you've gone beyond being just an

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I do not have anything special to add to the ORI recommendations. I believe the technical part can be taken care of - how to manage slippage and by-catch so that these do not result in deaths of river herring and shad.

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Saving river herring and shad is absolutely vital for the ongoing sustainability of our fishing stocks and health of our waters. Please take action now before it's too late. Amanda Wallace 47 Dean Way Storrington, RH20 4QN United Kingdom

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