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*Attached in this email are two files containing the names of 11,415 individuals who have submitted public comments asking the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. In addition to signing on in support of the following letter, 1,056 individuals of the total number have submitted personalized comments. We are separated out the standard and personalized comments into two excel files.*

**Please add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan**

Dear Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council members and staff,

At the October 2016 council meeting, please vote to add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (MSB FMP). The current management approach is failing to increase the populations of these forage fish from historic lows. Comprehensive protection at sea is the missing piece in the puzzle to help ensure that conservation efforts already underway are successful and not lost because of what is happening at sea.

Federal, state and local governments have invested over \$100 million to help river herring and shad populations return to rivers. But the large-scale catch of river herring and shad offshore is undermining this substantial investment and preventing the recovery of these imperiled species. The Mid-Atlantic Council can solve this problem by adding river herring and shad to the MSB plan. Bringing these critically important forage species under sound federal management will ensure that they are managed sustainably coastwide, through science-based population goals, annual catch limits set to rebuild stocks, and protection of essential habitat.

Restored river herring and shad populations will help support predator fish important to commercial and recreational fishermen—such as striped bass and bluefish—along with other marine wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Robust populations of river herring and shad will also bring important benefits to coastal Mid-Atlantic communities that once depended upon these fish as a key component of their local economies and cultures.

Restoring and maintaining river herring and shad populations will take commitment, cooperation and coordination from all authorities with management responsibility. The Mid-

Atlantic Council has an opportunity to lead the way in addressing the threats these species face at sea.

Sincerely,

*The Undersigned*

Name		City	State	Response_Text
Nancy	Hall	Orono	ME	Thank you for considering my comments. I remember when lobster men used redfish for bait, as my father was in that line of work, in the '40's--'60's. Redfish must've been depleted, because I have not seen them being used for bait nowadays. Lobster fishers, commercial fishers must have bait, so the careful protection of the herring and shad populations is essential to many workers in Maine!
Elizabeth	Lewis	White Plains	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I remember years ago when the shad nets were in the Hudson River. No longer. It's sad. Something should be done.
Mike	Mutchler	Millersville	PA	As a biologist I feel strongly that it is critical that river herring and shad are added to the MSB plan.
David	Reeves	Dickerson	MD	As a former commercial fisherman, I understand the importance of sustainable fishery management. Forage fish such as river herring and shad are crucial to maintaining balanced marine ecosystems and healthy populations of larger fish. They need protection. Thank you for considering my comments.
Alfred C	Miles Jr??	Walnutport	PA	As a lifelong fisherman, I have seen many changes in the ecology of eastern Pennsylvania. Many of the ravages of coal mining and since production are in the process being eliminated in the Lehigh River basin. In order to complete this work it is critical that the aquatic food chain be protected. Proper regulations in federal waters of shad and River Herring are vital to complete restoration. Thank you for considering my comments.
Gregory	Stan	Norwalk	CT	Please preserve the remaining remnants of these key species. At 58 years old, I have spent a large part of my life on the water, including commercial gillnetting of salmon in the states of Alaska and Washington, and longlining Black Cod in waters off of Washington. I have also taught sailing and environmental education in Washington and Connecticut. I am aware of the needs of commercial fishermen and of the ecosystems of which we fisherman are in fact a part. The yearly return of species like shad and herring (like salmon) is hugely important. At this point we need to manage for recovery of fishstocks. Catch methods which are highly targeted with little bycatch are a great way to go. Dragging, with its wasteful bycatch and horrid habitat destruction, destroys too much for far too many. Turning wealth into garbage is really stupid. When I think of how excited we all got with the return of the shad every year in my boyhood home in New Jersey, and see the devastation that's been done to this beautiful event by human behavior, it makes me shake my head. Go ahead and fix this regulation as a step towards fixing this awful problem. Sincerely, Gregory A. Stan BA, MS
Ron	Cleeve	Cobleskill	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I am a 79 year old fisherman who has been fishing the Hudson River for 50 years- don't let our best fish dwindle down to nothing!!!
Roy	Clark	Raritan	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. It's real important Tumi as they have changed the Raritan River to be able to bring shed and hearing back up I am a fisherman and a naturalist we really need to keep these Rivers alive and you can only do it by the fish that swim in them thank you have a good day.
Martha	Gifford	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I've lived in New England and New York most of my life, and know the importance of these fish to local fisheries. The Council must take the strongest possible actions to stop the needless destruction of these species.
Melinda	Mcknight	West Hurley	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Shad and Sturgeon used to be plentiful where I live near the mighty Hudson River. My great great grandfather was a Shad fisherman and I even have photos to prove it. Please extend protections so that these fish may be plentiful again someday. We cannot afford to lose them to extinction.
Mabel	Mcelhane y	Hillsborough	NC	For the first 60 years of our lives, my husband and I relied on seafood as a source of high-quality, affordable protein. Now overfishing and habitat destruction, especially destruction of forage fish, has moved seafood well beyond our means. As we age, we need seafood more than ever. Please stop its extinction.
Rocio	A.	Norfolk	VA	Vote YES to save the fish! They are living creatures and have a right to humane treatment.

Joseph	Abdella	New Preston	CT	Connecticut has regulated sport fishermen from these fish, now the Fed must as well.
Harlan	Abernethy	Salem	VA	The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Like salmon, they spend most of their lives at sea but swim up streams and rivers every spring to spawn--a migration that is critically important for coastal and river ecology. If the council votes yes, these severely depleted species will have a fighting chance of returning to healthy population levels, because they will be managed sustainably through science-based rebuilding goals, meaningful catch limits, and protection of essential habitat. So much work has been done to restore these fish. Helping them survive in federal waters is the last piece in the puzzle. We only have until October 4 to speak up and save these fish. Please urge the council to vote yes to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, before it's too late. Your personalized message will be added along with the following letter: Welcome back Harlan Abernethy. If you are not Harlan Abernethy, click here. First Name: Last Name: Email: City: State: ZIP Code: Please act now to restore river herring and shad by adding them to stocks in the MSB FMP. Thank you for considering my comments.
Irene	Abrams	Glen Cove	NY	We need to protect our ecosystem or we will lose many species. Thank you for considering my comments.
Anthony	Adamczyk	Manchester	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. We are rapidly moving towards a mass extinction, caused by human greed and indifference. We are part of and interconnected to all life on this planet. Humans can't stand alone. We die with the planet.
Gordon	Adams	Bourne	MA	I live on Cape Cod and this is a personal issue for me.
Terry	Agee	Manassas	VA	Save the River Herring and Shad, you save the Atlantic coast rivers!
Frederic	Aldhizer	Verona	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Every species lost is another broken strand of the web of life on this planet.
Paul	Aldredge	Williamsp ort	PA	As stewards of the Earth and its resources, we must be ever mindful to preserving and improving that which is available and it most certainly includes these fish. Thank you for reading.
Charles	Alexander	Lutherville	MD	We can not allow these iconic American fish, the "heralds of spring" , ( for their very early and once abundant spring migration) disappear. I believe Geo. Washington himself once harvested abundant shad that swam by Mt. Vernon. They are rooted in our history and our culture.
Jeannette	Allan	New Rochelle	NY	The industrial scale activities MUST be stopped, the river herring are in peril, and have got to be protected. Thank you for considering my comments.
Philip	Allen	Annapolis	MD	Although I've followed ocean fisheries reports for years, this is the first account I've seen of the herring/shad peril. Please consider it seriously.
Edith	Allen	Albany	NY	I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the need for river herring and shad as forage fish in marine as well as fresh water.
Keith	Allen	Cedar Grove	NC	The oceans are dying. Will you, effectively, pound one more nail in the coffin, by failing to protect river herring and shad? This is "fishery management"???
Constance	Almy	Marblehead	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. PLEASE STOP driving fish and animals to EXTINCTION! PLEASE!

Katharine	Almy	Charlottesville	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please confirm that these fish matter with your vote to make them abundant again .... for future generations.
Susan	Altman	Brooklyn	NY	If we don't save them now, we won't have them later.
Sal	Amendola	Brooklyn	NY	Enlightened self-interest is how human society will survive and thrive. Short-term, narrow self-interest will more than likely kill us all. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marlene & Bill	Ament	Apollo	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Please extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring & shad to preserve these fish. We MUST preserve & make permanent protections for this species. Thank you!
Don	Ament	Leola	PA	To deplete anything until it is at 5% of historic levels is playing with the survival of many species. As we continue to abuse the environment and species, hopefully we will see the errors in our ways before it is too late. The quest for more and more should not put our planet and therefore ourselves in jeopardy. Thank you for considering my comments.
Theresa	Ammons	Front Royal	VA	My father won fishing records, in the 1980s, and was told due to overfishing his record would never be broken. This is sad. Please protect our wildlife. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kirsten	Andersen	Yonkers	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. We used to hold a shad fest in Croton Point Park NY but now there are no shad . Bring back the shad & herring!
Bruce	Anderson	Jamestown	PA	Any life form that is taken out of the chain the whole chain link is affected negatively...including us...
Gillian	Anderson	Boston	MA	Please act now to restore river herring and shad by adding them to stocks in the MSB FMP. Thank you for considering my comments. Gillian Anderson
Alison	Anderson	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you.
Robin	Anthony	Pittsburgh	PA	Not to mention the loss of pickled herring in our grocery stores, an affordable fish for poor folks on a budget. All industry needs to be sustainable or go bust like the coal industry. We have the most well educated engineers in the world that industry can put to work solving the problem of how to make a profit while conserving our environment. The gas industry has implemented newer cleaner technologies and is actually capturing more gas and making more profit because of them. Time for the commercial fishing industry to follow suit. Thank you for considering my comments.
Genevieve	Appel	Sparta	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Expressed regrets later will not bring back species too depleted to survive if current fishing practices continue. Please take action now.
Barbara	Appelbaum	New York City	NY	The oceans are vital to feed our world. Without a healthy food chain, we and wildlife of all kinds will be in deep trouble.
Denise	Applewhite	Lawrenceville	NJ	Do you really want to only have access to GMO fish ?
Anthony	Ardito	Newark	NJ	Over fishing longline netting has to stop we are really taking more fish then nature can recover to many giant fishing ship's taking to many fish we need global fishing management or we will see the fish disappear for ever.stop the madness people of the worldbefore it's to late.
Terri	Armao	Arlington,	VA	umm let's see...save the fish or allow them to become so depleted that they become extinct so some commercial fishers can turn a profit. I side with the fish. Save them

Edward	Armm	Lake Hopatcong	NJ	Please extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad that are currently killed in huge numbers by fishing in federal waters.k you for considering my comments.
Susan	Armstrong	Northfield	MA	comments.
Polly	Armstrong	South Thomaston	ME	This is an outrage for humans to destroy our planet. Wake up and protect what has already not been permanently decimated. Thank you for considering my comments.
Iris	Arno	Hastings On Hudson	NY	I live in Hadrings in Hudson and kayak on this great river. So much has been done over the years to make this river clean snd beautiful again. Our town and other local villages continue to be a part of this ongoing effort. Your yes vote will give the shad snd herring a chance of survival. Thank you for considering my comments.
Sissy	Aron	New Milford	CT	Please don't waste all the money spent on increasing the numbers of these depleted fish species. Please continue their recovery. Thank you for considering my comments.
Diana	Artemis	Falls Church	VA	You think our planet's resources are infinite ??
Kenneth	Ashe	Marshal	NC	The chad and river herring are an important part of a healthy marine ecosystem. We need their populations to be healthy and plentiful. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ina	Asher	Merion	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. We must manage many depleted species at the mercy of human activity.
Lynne	Atherton-dat	Arlington	VA	The need is greater now than ever before that we think long term and not make decisions based on short term gains. Please extend federal management protections to the imperiled river herring and shad. If not, we will lose in the near future, not the distant future, 2 more species we cannot replace. Thank you for considering my comments.
Daniel	Attila	New York City	NY	Overfishing is a threat to our ecosystem.
Betty	Ausley	Dumfries	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. These fish need to be saved.
Audrey	Austin	Boone	NC	When these fish are gone they are gone.
Arra	Avakian	Concord	MA	Please vote to protect the fish (and ourselves).
Melody	Avery	Hampton	VA	keep life in our oceans!
Norma	Avino	Bear	DE	Please save the Herring and Shad because animals depend on this source of food, too. Thank you for considering my comments.
Susan	Bachelder	South Egremont	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. I was raised on a fresh water estuary and to lose this precious resource would be a shame.
Diana	Baker	Rockville	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. PLEASE act now. Don't wait until it's too late!
Alexandra	Ballantine	Brewster	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. We hope we can develop new ways to manage the many amazing fish resources we have, still, despite centuries of overfishing and pollution.
Tim	Banks	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. All to well we know the end of this storie. Fatal for fish and human kind.

Linda	Banner-bacin	Annandale	VA	Thank you for consider Sustainable methods are urgently needed, please consider the recommendation provided.
James	Bannerman	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for considering my comments about sustainable fisheries.
Susan	Bannister	Columbia	MD	Thank you.
Mark	Barbash	Philadelphia	PA	A thought for the future
Virginia	Barber, M. D.	Crozet	VA	Thank you for considering this important issue. I hope our species can act to save endangered species before they are all gone.
Jane	Barbiasz	Medford	MA	Please vote to protect the herring and shad on the East Coast!
Cindi	Baricko	Trumbull	CT	Please protect River Herring and Shad on the east coast. Thank you!
Carolyn	Barker	Aldie	VA	Thank you.
Linda Sue	Barnes	Wade	NC	Please don't let river herring and shad be driven to extinction because lack of laws that would protect them.
Jeffrey	Baron	Cambridge	MA	We can do better to protect these fish populations.
Kevin	Barrett	Narragansett	RI	Thank you for considering my comments. Since we've spent so much fixing the watershed and building fish ladders why not complete the task
Lee	Bartell	Hoboken	NJ	Asking you to protect East Coast river herring and shad is one more bit of nature that needs help. We continually overfish, overhunt, till the creatures are endangered or nearly extinct. What's wrong with us? Please do the right thing and protect these marine animals.
Robert	Basmaji	Marlborough	MA	Thank you for reading my letter.
Gail	Bates	Hyde Park	MA	Protecting river herring and shad doesn't just protect them. It also protects other fish and birds who feed on them. Everything is interdependent. Thank you for considering my comments. Please add them to the Fishery Management Plan.
Lois	Battersby	Center Conway	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. I hope you will decide to save the river herring and shad from extinction and keep the ecosystem healthier for future generations.
Brigitte	Baumann	Medford	NJ	Over fishing is a major problem. We need to protect our resources, including river herring and shad!
Dwayne	Beard	Hickory	NC	Please vote Yes to protect river herring and shad!
Laura	Beaty	Fairfax	VA	Save the species we have. It's too hard, or impossible to replace them once we've allowed them to struggle then disappear. Thank you for considering my comments.
Toby	Beavers	Charlottesville	VA	Vote yes to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan
Elaine	Becker	Roanoke	VA	We MUST save species for future generations! Thank you for considering my comments.

Carol	Beesing	Columbus	OH	Please, this is serious. Thank you for considering my comments.
Clarice	Begemann	Branford	CT	Limits and quotas help nature recoverDo the right thing!
Brenda	Beggs	Williamsburg	VA	I'm urging the council to vote "YES" to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, before it's too late!
Jonathan	Beit-aharon	Newton	MA	We see great jelly blooms as we deplete the populations of the fish that compete with them. If we don't protect the fish, pretty soon the jellies will be all we will have. Thank you for considering my comments.
Peter	Belmont	Brooklyn	NY	World overpopulation (and USA overpopulation) are killing the planet and its life -- including fish in oceans. The proper course of government is to LIMIT human predation. Hope you will do so.
Donna	Bencil	Wharton	NJ	EVERY LIVING CREATURE SHOULD BE SAFE, without all these petitions! Thank you for considering my comments.
AL	Benford	Manchester	CT	We must maintain ecological balance and saving these fish are part of that
Carolyn	Bennatti	Orland	ME	This year 90% of puffin chicks starved to death because their parents were unable to provide enough herring to keep them alive. This should serve as a serious warning that historically low herring and shad populations are having ripple effects in ocean food chains. Thank you for considering my comments.
Arlene	Benny	Philadelphia	PA	If the waters are Federal that means they belong to us. That means you may not fishing there. Thank you in advance for your understanding.
Carol	Bentley	Charlotte	NC	We can not afford to lose these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Jeanne	Bentsen	Eastford	CT	ThThere is nothing organic anymore. We have another battle to fight first. The Military Industrial Complex around the world have been spraying us for the about 70 yrs. Nano particles of Aluminum, Strontium, and Barium to name a few. These trails spread out and cause a haze or white out. These chemicals fall to earth poisoning all life on earth. The government won't admit to it yet but it is called Solar Radiation Management or Geo-engineering. The science is that by spraying these chemicals it will reflect the rays of the sun and cool the planet. They are making it worse. Creating a heat box. Forest fires are burning hotter due to the aluminum that encases them. The Arctic is melting. Methane gas is releasing. Along with HAARP they can control the jet stream and the weather. Creating drought and deluge wherever they see fit. Not to mention earthquakes. They are damaging the ozone layer. These chemicals are being blamed for Alzheimers, Autism and Asthma to name a few. Species are going extinct. Bees are dying. There is massive fish die off around the world. Monsanto has developed drought and aluminum resistant seeds! We assume that our Brothers and Sisters in the military who are flying these planes think they are doing it for the good of the planet. BUT whistleblowers have stated that these pilots know what is going on...but it is their livelihood. There are 2 lawsuit proceedings against Canada and the US to stop the spraying. It has been addressed on the UN floor. If the spraying doesn't stop we are headed for extinction SOON. To learn more go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/dane.wigington.geoengineeringwatch.org/">https://www.facebook.com/dane.wigington.geoengineeringwatch.org/</a> ank you for considering my comments.
Francis	Bentz Jr.	Fishing Creek	MD	Please regulate and save the herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Nick	Berezansky	Ridgewood	NJ	Loss of biodiversity threatens all life on this planet. This is a far more serious issue than it might appear to be.



M	Bergman	Willis	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Current practice of scooping up tons of herrings and shad and then dumping them (dead) back into the ocean are reminiscent of the slaughter of buffalo in the Wild West, and like that practice, this one is unsustainable. You can't wipe out whole sections of an ecosystem and assume the rest of it will be fine. What is happening puts world food sources at risk, which means it puts human lives at risk. That may mean nothing to the big fisheries, but it means plenty to me, and millions of people like me.
Chantal	Berman	Bellport	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I live on the Great South Bay with many rivers and streams emptying in the bay and understand the great importance of saving the fish species like river herring and shad or eels etc..that feed striped bass and other little fish and that are so critically important for coastal and river ecology.
Jean	Berman	Revere	MA	These fish are important!Thank you for considering my comments.
Karen	Berman	Haddonfield	NJ	WE NEED TO START CONSIDERING THE HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM WHERE HUMAN ACTIVITY IS CONCERNED YOU MUST BE STUPID IF CAN'T SEE THE INTERCONNECTION OF ALL THINGS BIG AND SMALL, AND THAT INCLUDES YOU !!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Paul	Beron	Warwick	RI	We have to change the path we're on, when interacting with both the environment, and wildlife. Your vote can make it happen. Vote to save the river herring and shad .Thank you for considering my comments.
Alicia	Berry	Pittsboro	NC	Please vote YES to save these species! Please start the process of rebuilding these species' populations, and do not permit their annihilation.
John	Berry	Bethlehem	PA	Thank you for considering my comments and restoring our foundation forage fish populations.
Lance	Biesele	Albany	NY	I've helped NYSDEC monitor herring runs for a couple of years and know personally that the fish are in trouble. I'm 72 now, and will probably never see spawning runs like those that used to occur - but I'd like to know that my grandchildren will and that their grandchildren will. Only by protecting these fish at all stages of their existence can we hope to keep these species - and dependent species - in good condition. Thank you for considering my comments.
Shaney	Bisset	Narragansett	RI	Please!
Sam	Black	Richmond	VA	If we keep messing with the Food Chain, it's going to mess back. Think about it!!!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Eugene	Blackburn	Rome	NY	Please close the loop on protecting the shad and herring. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lucy	Blackman	Willow	NY	Thank once an animal is extinct that's it.you for considering my comments.
Stan	Blanko	Clinton	CT	As a teenager my dad and older brothers took me shad fishing on the Connecticut River in the 1960s. It is an experience I will never forget as the most exciting fishing ever. Bluefish and striped bass fishing pale in the light of hooking on to a spring run shad at the base of the Enfield Dam. Please save these fish so that I may pass my knowledge of shad fishing on to my son. Thank you for considering my comments.
Liliane	Blattner	Oceanside	NY	save lives that includes nature. Thank you for considering my comments.
Moisha	Blechman	Ancram	NY	We need to protect and respect every specie. The species of the planet are life. Without all of them, none of them, including ourselves, can live a full and rich life.

Arlo	Blocher	New York City	NY	Please vote to save the fish.....
James	Bloom	New York City	NY	Let's make sure that fisheries remain intact for future generations, not to mention for the sake of preserving these fish species for the sake of the ecosystem and the fish themselves.
Ingrid	Boehl	Hackettstown	NJ	Forage fish are a vital link in our food chain and necessary to other species and our environment. Please extend protections to them and thus to other species.
Ruth	Boice	Shamong	NJ	I am a descendant of generations of Chesapeake Bay watermen. I understand that the industrial scale fishing has upset the balance of the ecosystem. We must manage and rebuild these fisheries carefully.
Shireen	Bonegio	Sandton	MD	Before they become extinct please take action. Thank you for considering my comments.
Harold	Bork	Newton	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Any action taken should not have a major impact on sport fishing. Unlike what has occurred with Cod,
CJ	Bosch	Woodcliff Lake	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. River fishermen depend on these fish for their livelihood --give them a break.
Joyce	Bower	Citrus Heights	CA	Please take action to conserve and restore these fish. Nature should be kept in its natural state, as that is how an ecosystem works. That is the intelligent, long-term good we are obligated as human beings to leave behind when we each leave this world. Thank you.
Scott	Bowling	Hendersonville	NC	Five percent of historic levels! This is an Emergency, not something to just vote on. Where are our brains. They are the food source for countless other species. Do we want the Atlantic coast to die. Please extend federal management protections.
Ryan - Lester	Boynton	Philadelphia	PA	Please help save our environment and our only PLANET from these money hungry uncaring people. Thank you RyB
Vern	Brainard	Va. Beach	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. We WILL be watching you.
Bob	Brano	Philadelphia	PA	We must do everything we can to maintain the natural balance of species in the ocean. Thank you for considering my comments.
G.edward	Branthaver	Williamsport	MD	The Earth is our Mother. We must protect her.
Talmage	Brennan	Philadelphia	PA	Easy to lose, virtually impossible to recover. Let's get smart.
Patricia	Brennan	Providence	RI	The State of RI and numerous local environmental partners have worked very hard to help recover the shad runs in RI - getting agreements to demolish dams, getting budgetary resources and permissions to build fish ladders, etc. Don't allow this important work to be in vain. WE NEED OUR HERRINGS AND SHAD! Don't let industrial fisheries destroy our LOCAL fishery. Save these fish species with the protections they need and YOU can bestow.
Jordan	Breslow	Hudson	NY	Please vote to save these vital parts of environment. You have an opportunity to make a real difference.
Nancy	Bridge	Windsor	CT	Please restore the river herring and shad to healthy levels enabling them to survive and re populate.
Joseph	Bridy	Philadelphia	PA	Healthy fisheries depend on healthy populations of fish. All fish, fresh and salt and migratory species, need to be allowed to breed wherever and whenever they do it without man's interference. Limiting by-catch during the Atlantic shad and red herring runs is good management and benefits all commercial fishing because it benefits all fish species. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sierra	Bright	Dover	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely, Sierra Bright
Linda	Brovsky	New York City	NY	Please consider this protection and do not let greed overpower the need to save species of our planet.
Jonathan	Brown	Huntersville	NC	Please include these important fish in the protections to support a sustainable ecosystem.
Tracy	Brown	Jamaica Plain	MA	We need to think of other species and of the future for all us.
Dick	Brown	Charlottesville	VA	What's the point of spending hundreds of millions of dollars (federal, state, and local combined) to protect and nurture survival prospects for river herring and shad, only to allow industrial-scale fisheries to decimate them once they reach the Atlantic Ocean?!! No, it doesn't make sense to me, either! The herring and shad are NOT the only casualties being suffered because of wanton ocean fishing. They provide valuable food sources for shorebirds and marine mammals as well as other game fish. This case study for the interconnectedness of species should be an object lesson to ALL OF US regarding the intricate workings of Nature. We often don't realize the damage we visit on nature's design until it's too late to avoid species extinction. We're lucky enough this time to see the peril in time to act, if we make a SMART decision now. Please protect river herring and shad from the blind and indiscriminate fishing in the Atlantic, offshore!
Barbara	Bruce	Johnstown	PA	Please act to limit industrial-scale fishing and sustain the river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Crystal	Brunelli	Raymond	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. The actions we take now will preserve the bounty of our fisheries for the next generations.
Eugene	Brusin	Quincy	MA	This fish are important to the overall health of the ocean, they are a finite res=resource. Please protect them.
Illene	Burack	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Add shad & red river Herring to protect
Cindy	Burke	Weston	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Please take time to pass this vote
Joe	Burnham	Pfafftown	NC	Thank you for considering these comments as a proxy for my personal concerns.
Betsy	Burr	Morristown	NJ	Don't dstroy these important parts of our ecosystem! Thank you for considering my comments.
Canary	Burton	Wellfleet	MA	save some fish for the future
Henry	Buser	Ulster Park	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. yeas ago we had shad festivals here. But, that was stopped due to the fall off of the shad. Something has to be done or there wilo be not more shad, Henry Buser
Marcia	Bushnell	Bedford	MA	Please act now to restore river herring and shad by adding them to stocks in the MSB FMP.
Pat	Butler	Raleigh	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. As a pescatarian I depend on fish as a source of protein.
Eleanor	Butner	Charlottesville	VA	Please help save the fish! This is critical and must be dealt with NOW!
Rhonda	Buttacavoli	Apollo	PA	I have fished for river herring with my children and the experience helped them become stewards of the environment. Thank you for considering my comments.

D.	Buxbaum	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I am concerned about overfishing where ever it takes place. We need to leave future generations a viable planet.
Michael	C	Kennebunk	ME	Stop accelerating the Sixth Extinction.
Steven	Cabana	Leominster	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to preserve our ecosystems toward a sustainable future.
Cenie	Cafarelli	Pittsford	NY	forage fish are essential to the population of predators that form the basis of our fishing industry. There is a delicate balance that must be maintained to preserve a healthy marine ecosystem on which we depend. With ocean warming there is a further stress on our marine ecosystem.
Barry	Cameron	Hackettstown	NJ	Please vote "yes" to protect the River Herring. Thank you for considering my comments.
Katharine	Campbell	Malvern	PA	Please think again - this protection is not just for the fish - it is for our children and grandkids! The ecosystem is tightly woven together - are you doing this because of lobbyist pressure?I hope not! Please, please do what is morally correct. Thank you for considering my comments.
John	Canepa	Warner	NH	These are both critical forage fish for other top sport fish such as Striped Bass and Blue Fish. Both of whom will be depleted significantly if there food source is gone. Please use your heads while there is still a chance to correct this. Once again if left to the fishermen they will shoot themselves in the foot. Where have we seen this before - maybe along the whole eastern coast, and now they are whining the loudest.
Marisol	Canton	Yonkers	NY	Pls vote yes to save the fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Neus	Canyelles	Begur		River herring and shad were once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. They are now at all-time lows, with populations hovering at less than 5 percent of historic levels coastwide. While hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by federal, state and local entities to improve water quality and increase access for river herring and shad to spawning grounds upriver, many fish never make it there. That's because after these fish migrate to the ocean, industrial-scale fisheries in pursuit of other fish species sweep river herring and shad up by the millions. They are either dumped overboard dead or sold with other fish to be used as bait.Thank you for considering my comments.
Gregory	Caplan	Jamaica Plain	MA	This is an easy and very helpful action for you to take...Thank you for considering my comments.
Edgardo	Capot	Cary	NC	Thank you for considering mycomments. We must respect Nature by intelligently restraining our greeds and appetites. EC
Daniel	Capson	Fishkill	NY	Let's do what's right for future generations... Thank you for considering my comments.
Barbara	Cardwell	New Castle	DE	we need to restore shad and river herring ,Thank you for considering my comments.
Janet	Carpenter	Univ Park	MD	Please take immediate action to protect river herring and shad, whose numbers are rapidly declining due to industrial-scale fisheries catching them, in pursuit of other fish species. Thank you for considering my comments.
Dana	Carpentier	Boston	MA	Ecosystems are a delicate balance. We need to protect each part the best we can. Please vote to protect the shad and river herring before they're gone forever. Thank you for considering my comments.
Diane	Carsia	Philadelphia	PA	What will it take to do the right thing? Why must everything reach crisis-level for recognition.

Catherine	Carter	Cullowhee	NC	I actually remember the shad fishery; I know what it was once, and what it is now. It would be one thing to overfish them and threaten their populations if it were necessary to keep life in humanity...but it's in no way necessary to scoop them up and throw them back dead. We can do better than this for fish which have done so much for American fisheries.
Matthew	Carter	Rowley	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. when is enough too much and all are gone? what then?
Sandra	Casanova	New York City	NY	Species are disappearing at an alarming rate. Why wait until there are none?
MI	Caskey	Philadelphia	PA	A favorable Yes vote by the Council will go far towards keeping the ecological balance the earth needs in order to survive. Thank you for considering my comments.
Anne	Cassebaum	Elon	NC	Thank you for reading my letter.
Yardley	Cavanaugh	Edgewater	MD	Please consider
John	Cecot	Newark	NJ	NJ sport and leisure fishers need help and support to keep the shore a viable resource for residents and visitors.
Bernard	Cerone	Newburgh	NY	I have lived near the Hudson my whole life. I have witnessed the uncontrolled pollution and the meager attempts to clean it. I have watched the shad fish population diminish in population in our tidal river. It is criminal to allow any further loss of our fish species by the industrial-scale fisheries.
Karen	Chaikin	Columbia	MD	It is amazing the impact that one small fish can make on the entire ecosystem. If those industrial fisheries can't see past the current profits to see that they are ruining their own future survival by killing record numbers of the river herring and shad, then please enlighten them by continuing and strengthening the federal management protections for these two small but significant fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
John	Chall	Crownsville	MD	Treating fish like trash to gain higher profits is bad for the eco system,thus bad for humanity. Thank you for considering my comments.
Nancy	Chang	Silver Spring	MD	Please do not permit the obliteration of more species of fish in such a disrespectful way. Please protect these fish from the fate of the too many species mankind has already caused to be extirpated in the oceans and on land. Thank you for considering my comments.
E.	Chapman	New Brunswick	NJ	Shad runs are not only part of our history on the east coast, they're an important part of our ecology and culture. Please work to save the shad and herring.
Martha	Chapman	New York City	NY	Your consideration of my comments is greatly appreciated.
Natalie	Charles	Belfast	ME	Please extend the federal management protections for the river herring and shad currently being killed in federal waters!
Carol	Chaykin	New York City	NY	Please protect our fish! Thank you for considering my comments.
Jonathan	Checo	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you .
Christine	Cheng	Bronx	NY	It's more than this particular fish: it's about the food chain.
John	Chepulis	Flourtown	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to change our old ways and stop depleting and destroying this only one world we have

Beth	Chester	Dennis Port	MA	The entire world is at risk! Our beautiful Earth, the water, the air and, the animals are being destroyed! Time is running out! Please, do something to save our planet! Every fish and animal are critical to the delicate Ecosystems where they live! Thank you for considering my comments.
Chasie	Childs	State College	PA	Save the diversity of fish species, which helps the ecosystem.
Susanna	Chivian	Cambridge	MA	River herring are an integral part of the life cycle of many species. They need protection. Thank you for considering my comments.
Carol	Chowdhry	Charlottesville	VA	Please think of the long-term benefit to all rather than the short-term benefit to a few. Thank you.
Shirley	Christie	Cockeysville	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Shad in particular, have been an important part of this area's sport fishing as well as a delight for our table.
Cynthia	Clark	Huntington Station	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. This is an vital part of our ecosystem that cannot be allowed to fail.
Diane	Clark	Woolwine	VA	These waters are federal, and protected, but the herring which is food for other fish are being destroyed. These waters need stringent protection, and much better regulations. Thank you for considering my comments.
Bruce	Clarke	Fairview	NC	From the title it sounds like you manage fish ,so manage river herring and shad responsibly for FUTURE GENERATIONS.....PLEASE.
Ronald	Clayton	Asheboro	NC	Please protect this important species before they disappear ... forever!
J. Stephen	Cleghorn	Punxsutawney	PA	It is obvious. If a fish species is threatened, protect that species. Thank you.
Christine	Coari	Freehold	NJ	River herring and shad are at an all-time low because of industrial-scale fisheries. They are a crucial food source for many species. Please help them survive by voting yes to a federal management plan. Thank you.
Tanya	Cobb	Alexandria	VA	Thank you in advance for your "yes" vote.
Carol	Coddington	Washingtonville	NY	Fishing the Hudson River. Thank you for considering my comments.
John Cohen	Cohen	Northampton	MA	Thank you for considering my comments.
Charon	Collings	Philadelphia	PA	Our lives are so adversely impacted by the industrialized businesses in all of its forms. This Earth just is not able to withstand the effects of industrialization. The impact upon Nature is far too great. It is impossible for there to be a natural response, one in which, for instance, a species can recover its population after massive nets sweep the ocean of mammoth quantities of fish with every single catch. This mindless pursuit will bring many fish to the level of extinction; even the fisheries must know that to be the ultimate outcome. It is not the smart thing to do. It is less than that. It is suicide not only for the fish but for the fisheries. So who is in charge here? Where is the COMMON sense that even a child would bring to the situation?

Michelle	Collins	Salem	NJ	I'm signing this petition because these animals deserve a fighting chance. They should at least be allowed to repopulate their species; if not left alone indefinitely. They play a very important role in our ecosystem, and the fact that they're so low in number is very concerning and risky. Thank you for considering my comments.
Sally	Conte	Raleigh	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Your efforts to extend federal management protection to imperiled river herring and shad are appreciated.
Gene	Cooper	Fayetteville	NC	We all must think of the future. Thank you for considering my comments.
Joseph	Corbett	Chepachet	RI	To the Federal Management Council, Please continue to extend protection to shad and river herring. Their protection is vital for their sake and ours. Thank you for considering my comments.
Thomas A	Cormier	South Hadley	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. I HAVE FISHED THE RIVER (ct. RIVER) BY HOLYOKE DAME IN HOLYOKE MA.. SCENCE I WAS 12 YEARS OLD, NOW I'M 63 AND HAVE NOTICED THE DECLINE IN BOTH SPECIES..VERY SAD PLEASE BRING IT BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS YEARS AGO. TYVM
Richard S.	Corney	Alexandria	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please be responsible and pay attention to our planet.
Lynn	Cornish	Coopersburg	PA	It's time that this country starts to see the big picture and overall impact of not preserving and protecting. The future of an important food source is at stake.
Marianne	Corona	Middlefield Middlesex County	CT	Protecting these fish are so very important for not only the present but even more important for the future!
Dale	Corzine	New Paltz	NY	Let's not let another fishery crash due to poor management. Thank you for considering my comments.
Martha	Cottle	Chilmark	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. It is only by protecting entire ecosystems & the species in them, that we can maintain the health of planet earth.
Greg	Coughlin	Springfield	NJ	Shad and herring saved america during the revolution feeding washintons army. Now it is americas tirn to tey to save them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Stua Kort	Cowan	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I appreciate your essential work on behalf of endangered marine species.
Maria	Cox	Acton	MA	Time to consider the whole ecosystem, not just the interests of one industry. thank you
Devon	Cozad	Tonawanda	NY	Thank you for considering my message. Wildlife preservation is extremely important to me as an individual, but I also want future generations to know and enjoy our natural resources and heritage. Protecting our wildlife is imperative to our well-being as a global community.
Todd	Crawford	Surf City	NC	I am puzzled as to the reason(s) for your hesitation? No one is suggesting a complete halt to the industrial-size demolition of river herring and shad even though the by-catch is useless to the entities and dumped as garbage or sold for profit as bait. God forbid that they should be demonized for such enormous waste and destruction! Please put reasonable restrictions in place. Get ready for backlash. Thank you for considering my comments.
Allan	Crawford	Charlestown	MA	So much for practicing 'sustainability fishing' - greed dominates - financial greed that is.

Mark	Creighton	E Greenbus h	NY	Thank you.
Elena	Cretella	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. THERE a LIFE!
Jean	Crichton	Summit	NJ	Please consider protecting imperiled river herring and shad when you vote early next month.
Thomas	Crockett	Gloucester	VA	I have been fishing in Virginia's tidal rivers for more than half a century. Today's fishery is a mere shadow of what it was when I was a boy. Please take the strongest possible action to preserve depleted stocks of river herring and shad and help restore this formerly productive ecosystem.
Laura	Cromwell	Brooklyn	NY	We have to be extremely vigilant and conservative at this sad point in time when so many species are being wiped out if we want to try and preserve biodiversity on Earth. Please help. Thank you for considering my comments.
James	Cronk	Prattsville	NY	To have the numbers of River Herring and Shad so low is sad. Please protect them.
Gerrit	Crouse	Nyack	NY	I sign as an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). We lose now about 200 species /day as we proceed into 1 of the 6 largest worldwide species extinction spasms that have been identified since lifeforms became large enough to be seen with the unaided eye 540 million years ago. Do we think we are not a species? Do we think we will not ourselves go extinct for the same reasons the others are? Reference: Elizabeth Kolbert, /The 6th Extinction: An Unnatural History/ (NY: Henry Holt, 2014).
Martha	Crutchfield	Towson	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Corporate greed is destroying our planet's oceans and fish populations, barrier reefs. This must stop. These disasters may not be able to be reversed, but we must do what we can to get these travesties from becoming a zero end situation. It boils down to the greed for money. Martha Crutchfield to a zero end game.
William	Cuddy	Guilford	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Shad and river herring are important to Connecticut, its shore and rivers, its coastal ecology and its people. So I strongly urge you to vote to save these fish from heedless destruction in the sea.
Maria	Cullen	Mashpee	MA	Please protect the river herring and shad currently being killed in huge number in federal waters. Thank you for considering my comments.
Loretta	Cummings	Bayville	NY	Please protect our irreplaceable naturalResources.
Susan	Curry	Elizabethtown	PA	Please let's clean up our streams and rivers. Let's hold polluters accountable. Thank you for considering my comments.
John	Cusano	Westport	CT	these creatures deserve our love and attention. Thank you for considering my comments.
Dan	Cush	Aspinwall	PA	Balance. Sustainability. Inter-dependance. Thank you for considering my comments.
George	Czerw	Caswell Beach	NC	Thank you for your consideration.
Gislin	Dagnelie	Baltimore	MD	Eating lower on the food pyramid should not mean cutting a slice out of it, because the top will crumble! Thank you for considering my comments.



Deborah	Dall	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my coTheir is a interconnection between all species. Kill one -all the others will die mments.
Theresa	Dann	Holyoke	MA	Please help preserve the fish!!
Diane	Darcy	Tuckerton	NJ	nk you for considering my comments.
Carole	Davidson	Durham	NC	Diversity in our waters are important. Let's do everything we can. Thank you for considering my comments.
Frances	Davis	North Wilkesboro	NC	I vote YES to saving these fish and restoring the eco system on our coasts.
Phillip	Davis	Ellerbe	NC	Maintaining the balance of our interconnected ecosystems is critical; both for the well-being of ourselves and of living things that were here long, long before we were.
Mary	Day	New York City	NY	Please do all you can. Thank you for considering my comments.
Anneke	De Vries	Ossenzijl	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to improve water quality and increase access for river herring and shad to spawning grounds upriver, many fish never make it there. That's because after these fish migrate to the ocean, industrial-scale fisheries in pursuit of other fish species sweep river herring and shad up by the millions. They are either dumped overboard dead or sold with other fish to be used as bait. The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem.
Phyllis	Deal	Hightstown	NJ	It is VITAL that the protections to these fish be extended. Please vote YES!
Michelle	Dean	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I care about the entire ecosystem which depends on these fish and their migratory waters.
Molly	Dean	Waterford	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Save the River Herring and the delicious Shad!
Andrea	Defrancesco	Franklin	ME	In addition -- lack of herring has dramatically effected the lobster industry here in Maine. Herring, the major bait source, is the back bone of this lobster fishery. The lobster fishery is the back bone of our coastal economy.
Margaret	Dehlin	Midland	VA	If the ecosystem goes we go! Thank you for considering my comments.
Richard	Dekoyer	Emerson	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Save the fish.
Marilyn	Delafield	Greensboro	NC	Don't wait until it is too late!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Daniel	Delalla	Ridgewood	NJ	Let's help to get these fish back to a healthy population. Suspending fishing now doesn't mean we have to suspend fishing forever. The problem we seem to have on this planet as humans is our incessant desire to fish until all the fish are gone. Not to smart, but it's unfortunately a reality. Our intervention can give these fish the opportunity to survive and rebuild their populations. Please help. Thank you for considering my comments.
Aleta	Delisle	Northampton	MA	Please protect the river herring and shad.
Leona	Denne	Pottersville	NY	It makes no sense to fish a river dry; thank you for taking the necessary steps to curb the misuse of those companies who are only able to see their own immediate profit margin. Thank you for considering my comments.

William	Dent	Rockingham	VA	I definitely miss the days when we could count on having shad and shad roe readily available in groceries and restaurants and hope to see their recovery before I die. Thank you for considering my comments.
Denise	Derk	Latrobe	PA	Save the fish before they're gone.
Denise	Deroba	Coraopolis	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Every species has an impact on another. The balance of nature is at a critical moment in history. The fishing industry should sit up and take notice!
Patrice	Dewitt	Dundalk	MD	Protect river herring and shad on the East Coast Thank you for considering my comments.
Donald	Di Russo	Hyde Park	MA	It's never too early to start taking care of this magnificent, fragile planet. Thank you for considering my comments.
Anne	Dietrich	Hamburg	PA	Please extend federal management protections to river herring and shad. Industrial-scale fisheries are decimating their populations in pursuit of other species of fish , which hurts many other species in the ecosystem.
Marti	Dietrich	Fayetteville	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Shad is closely tied to the history of the east coast since Native American and colonial times!!
Thomas	Dillon	Winston Salem	NC	Protect river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marisa	Dipaola	Manahawkin	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Protecting all our fish species will help heal the entire ecosystem.
Nancie	Disilverio	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Broad healthy species diversity supports everything and everyone! Please protect the river herring and shad in MSB FM Plan. We need you to lead the way! Thank you!
Marybeth	Diss	Brooklyn	NY	Please be the heroes we need you to be!
Mitchell	Donian	New York City	NY	If we can't save the fish what is the likelihood we can save ourselves?Thank you for considering my comments.
Kelly	Doolittle	Locke	NY	I'll always stick up for endangered animals. The bottom line for some is that if we continue to wipe out animal species we will endanger ourselves. That is true, but actually I care more for the animals. Unlike us, they are completely incapable of racism, violence for violence sake, ignorance and stupidity. Thank you for considering my comments.
Deb	Doolittle	Wakefield	RI	River herring and shad need to be protected: please help! Thank you for considering my comments.
Michael	Doraby	Ballston Spa	NY	We need to preserve future sources of food for our rapidly overpopulating planet.
Ellen	Dougherty	Southampton	PA	We are ALL interdependent.
Rosamund	Downing	Pawcatuck	CT	Thank you.
Mary	Doyle	Brooklyn Ny	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I was raised near bays and have seen what lack of care can cause
Michael	Drake	Elkins Park	PA	Sounds pretty straight forward. Just do it!

Fritz	Drayton	Needham Heights,	MA	Fish are People too!!!!
Caroline	Druschke	Wakefield	RI	I research and teach about river herring at the University of Rhode Island. Their return each spring to spawn is a major community event in southern Rhode Island. The success of river herring in Rhode Island is important ecologically, culturally, and economically. Please protect them.
Gloria	Druss	Ardmore	PA	I would very much appreciate it if the federal government would support other than big enterprises. In this case, the industrial-scale fisheries. It's time to stop the degeneration of river herring and shad in rivers along the Atlantic coast. I ask the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad. We cannot continue to lose them in large numbers by those fishing in federal waters.
Anne	Dubrow	Great Falls	VA	Thank-you for protecting our delicate balance of sea-life.
Christien	Ducker	Norwalk	CT	Sometime we forget the lower level of the food chain ... so thank you for considering this request.
Sharon	Dunfrund	Alexandria	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. It is important to help these endangered species to recover as well as the impact of their loss on a much larger ecosystem. Please vote yes to provide protection.
J	Dunkelberger	Arlington	VA	Everything is connected! Please show respect for these fish and their critical value to the ecosystem
Bruce	Dunn	Jefferson	MD	Herring and shad are too important to allow over-fishing and waste
Christy	Dunn	Keysville	VA	Please help the river herring and shad. They, along with so many other fish, are just wasted through the voracious slaughter that is committed by industrial, commercial fishing.
Robert	Duplessis	Philadelphia	PA	These are fantastic fish. Shad, which I know best, is an amazing fish to watch during its upstream migration. And then they make an excellent meal. They are also vulnerable fish, which demand your aid in order to survive to reproduce and provide both pleasure and meals (and jobs for the fishermen who catch them). So please institute the proper measures to protect and preserve them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Pamela	Durousseau	Leesburg	VA	As a nutritionist I counsel my patients to eat sustainably. We as a world are depleting fishing stocks at an alarming rate. Please vote to save and restore the shad and herring stocks for future generations. Thank you
Linda	Eckert	Ocean City	MD	The world is a complicated place Do you sometimes feel like you're playing a game of guacamole? Thanks for improving Atlantic Ocean water quality . Now, please act to give river herring and shad protection from industrial scale fisheries in federal waters. Thank you for considering my comments.
Alysha	Edelman	Farmingdale	NY	THESE FISH ARE DYING AT AN ALARMING RATE!! SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY!!
Larry	Edwards	Beacon Falls	CT	Can't keep on endangering these species. They must be protected for the future.
James	Edwards	Hampton	VA	Changes needed in fishing areas and dates.
Alisa	Eilenberg	Bronx	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please all you can to save imperiled aquatic life! Thanks!
KC	Ellis	Apalachin	NY	"... river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals." Please vote to protect river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.

Wallace	Elton	Saratoga Springs	NY	Once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast, these species are critical to the health of more than one ecosystem. It is time to bring them back. Thank you for considering my comments.
Roger	Emerick	South Glastonbury	CT	It is critically important to put the Earth and its creatures ahead of near term human pleasure and profit.
Jeannette	Episcopo	Fredericksburg	VA	Each Spring we are privileged to watch the magnificent Great Blue Herons, Ospreys and Bald Eagles catch the herring and shad that run up the beautiful Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg, Virginia. These amazing birds, smaller birds, river otters, black bears and other creatures depend on the herring and shad. It is our duty to protect the fish which are such an important part of the life cycle. PLEASE take the necessary measures to protect the fish and all those who depend on them! Thank you!
Karla	Erickson	Bolton	MA	No shad - how awful would that be?! Please consider saving them.
Mrs. Marie-louise	Ericson	White Plains	NY	IF WE DO NOT DO THE CORRECT, ETHICAL AND MORAL THINGS AS WELL AS KIND, HUMANE, GODLY AND ADULT WITH OUR ECOSYSTEMS. WE WILL CERTAINLY ALL PERISH A HORRIBLE DEATH AND SHAME ON US FOR GOD HAS GIVEN US A WONDEROUS MIRACLE PLANET, AN EDEN AND ALL WE'VE DONE IS MAKE AN ABUSIVE SEWER OUT OF IT FOR PRIVATE 'GAINS' BY THE ARMS, FOSSIL FUELS, PETROCHEM, BANKS, PHARMA AND MINERALS. ALL AT EVERYONE'S EXPENSE. DO YOUR JOBS AND SERVE AND PROTECT AND STOP TAKING MARCHING ORDERS FROM SOCIOPATHS! Thank you for considering my comments.
Michelle	Ernst	Vineland	NJ	Herring and shad are crucial for the overall habitat health of our freshwater streams that connect to the ocean. Don't let them slip away.
Robert	Essman	Stamford	CT	The time is now or never to follow good science where ever it leads. You have a responsibility that has not been fulfilled in our past as stewards of this beautiful land we call America. If you don't understand the science then do not make decisions based on gut feelings, jobs or current political atmosphere. Our children are counting on you people like you . Thank you for considering my comments.
Carlos	Estin	Mclean	VA	if you don't take care of what you have you will never have anything
Vincent	Evangelisti	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for your responses to our concerns.
Patricia	Evans	Riverside	NJ	The River herring and Shad are a part of our eco system they belong here in a balance numbers, please save them. Thank you Patricia ----- Please add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan Please act now to restore river herring and shad by adding them to stocks in the MSB FMP.
G.	Everett	Glen Burnie	MD	Please protect the River Herring and Shad on the east coast as these are important to our ecosystem.
Eric	Evinczik	Buffalo	NY	Please protect these fish.
Mike	Fahey	Frisco	NC	Industrial scale fishing vessels are actually too efficient in their methods in harvesting every species, including the ecologically significant feeder fish like shad and herring. The entire fleet should be held collectively responsible for maintaining a sustainable population of every sea creature that they extract, by means of fees, taxes and fines earmarked for species re-population. Regulations are required, but so are reduced financial incentives to over-harvest legitimate catch species as well as deplete feeder species. Financial restraints are the most important tool for reining in irresponsible operators.

Jean	Fallon	Ossining	NY	Can it be that you want a future... just as we do? Why then, is this even a question that needs our prompting so that you will do what is urgently needed for survival? Thank you for considering my comments.
Jonathan	Faria	Bristol	RI	Pls protection all animals land water climate change real kock brother suck give Republican party win seats in Congress citizen's law change give Americans right to vote
Linda	Farley	Poughkeepsie	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. As a life-long resident of the Hudson Valley area, I have witnessed first-hand the dramatic decrease in River Herring & Shad. They are a key assets to the delicate Eco-system of the Hudson River. I urge you to vote "Yes" to protect these species. Thank You
Carole	Farrar	Arlington	VA	Please extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad, which are currently killed in huge numbers by fishing in federal waters. These fish were once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. They are now at an all-time low with populations hovering at less than 5% of historic levels coast wide. Their loss at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem and are a crucial food source for important sport fish along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Much work has been done to restore these fish. Helping them survive in federal waters is the last piece in the puzzle. Your support in this effort is crucial. Thank you.
Veronica K	Ferris	Aberdeen	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help these fishes ; they as all the fish and wildlife are a very important part of our eco system and the survival of our EARTH !!!!!
David	Fiedler	Bensalem	PA	Over-fishing and other population depleting problems like water quality are decimating fish species. Problems need to be addressed. Thank you for considering my comments.
Karen	Fields	Richmond	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. I am optimistic that, once told what's at stake, many people will speak up to save these fish for future generations.
Nancy	Fifer	Lewes	DE	STOP THE INSANITY...NOW!!!!!!
Jean	Finch	New York City	NY	Thank you for ensuring that we will always have these precious fish on our earth.
Elaine	Finelli	E Haven	CT	Proper fishermen make sure to leave fish to multiply otherwise we will have no fish to eat. If regs have to be made so be it.
Gail	Fischbach	Glenn Dale	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. I see that herring meal is an ingredient in dog food! Please protect these fish!
Andrew	Fisher	Huntingdon Valley	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. The video "Secrets Police Don't Want You To Know" at <a href="http://youtu.be/B3nok7Cby28">http://youtu.be/B3nok7Cby28</a> is 2.5 hours long but it's totally worth your time to watch the whole entire thing because it exposes how the cops, judges, prosecution attorneys, politicians, and car insurance salesmen have stolen BILLIONS from the common people as well as the secrets that anyone can follow to prevent them from stealing that money. Also check out the scripts related to the video at <a href="http://logoradionetwork.com/tao/">http://logoradionetwork.com/tao/</a> This video can help put a stop to tyranny and in turn bring freedom and higher consciousness to all! So please help me in my crusade to spread this info like wildfire on a global scale.
John	Fitzpatrick	West Springfield	VA	Thank you for your attention and consideration.
Ned	Flaherty	Boston	MA	Thanks.
Caren	Flashner	Washingtonville	NY	I would like to see meaningful scientific management of these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.

Amy	Fletcher	New York City	NY	I trust you to do the right thing.
Jjudith	Floyd	Plymouth	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. The importance of river herring and shad are urgently important in the ecosystem. Please extend federal management protection to them.
I	Fogg	Clinton	ME	Extend these protections, no matter what these fish must be saved. Thank you for considering my comments.
Susan	Foley	Westfield	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Our consumption cannot keep up with Mother Nature and her order of balance. Take heed!
Thea	Folls	Auburn	NY	Please help preserve these fish, they are essential for a healthy ocean ecosystem.
Matthew	Ford	Nazareth	PA	It's the right thing to do. Thank you for considering my comments.
Edward	Forstein	Princeton	NJ	the earth needs a balance.Stop this over fishing to help protect the fish and marine mammals and birds that depend on this food source
Mark	Forsyth	Redwood	NY	I used to be able to catch shad and herring in every Virginia river flowing into the Chesapeake Bay or the sounds of Eastern North Carolina.Now it would take all day to catch enough for one meal.Please do all you can to protect this vital resource. Thanks
Michael	Foskett	Ballston Spa	NY	Please take action to protect these fish.
Barbara	Fox	Harrisburg	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. I know it is hard for fisherman to make a living but killing off a species that is critical to marine life along our coastal regions is not acceptable. Please help find a way for us all to stop this method of fishing.
L G	Franklin	Brookline	MA	grew up fishing i n Hull bay, visiting the herring run on the South Shore of Massachusetts Bay. What good is the Marine Sanctuary Obama just created if we're decimating native fish populations with overfishing???
Kevin	Fraser	New York City	NY	In the first grade , I learned the rudiments of The Food Chain and the Balance of Nature. By the 7th grade , I was taught the Conservation of Nature. Big Business, especially the huge fleets of Japan and China SCOUR the Bottom of the Ocean destroying the floor. Couple this, with The 30milePursein nets, and what will be left ZERO. The US , the world's most powerful economic and military force should apply its strength , marginalize the space wear these greedy, non- conscionable, amoral nitwits. Otherwise, it will be too late. What don't we get?
Susan	Freel	New York City	NY	Fish are the beginning of the ocean food chain. they are vital and they are being destroyed by bad fishing practices. Please stop this senseless waste of marine life. Please vote yes to protect these important Alantic fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marianne	Frei	Philadelph ia	PA	Here we go again - Not thinking about what is happening to the environment ! ! ! If the industrial-scale fisheries scoop up these fish by the millions, don't you think they should have figured out a way to stop this waste before we come to this point? Could larger holes in the nets save these poor fish from being caught ? ? ? Thank you for considering my comments.
Brenda	Frey	West Seneca	NY	I want you to do the smart thing and keep protecting the river herring and shad before it is too late.
Richard	Friedberg	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Unfortunately the commercial entities that deplete these endangered fish have no regard for long-term consequences but only seek immediate profit. This is an example of the need for good government.
Dorothy	Frisch	Woodstoc k	CT	Let's manage our fish resources wisely, for the good of all!

Tracy	Frisch	Greenwich	NY	This is a tragic and totally unnecessary situation and it needs to stop as soon as possible. Thank you for considering my comments.
Mary Ann	Frye	Hingham	MA	Please help to save these fish! Thank you for considering my comments.
Charlotte	Fullam	Portland	ME	When I first visited Grand Manan in NB, Canada, fish houses abounded with thousands of herring being smoked. In recent years these houses are empty. Enough said.
David	Funsten	Asheville	NC	I grew up playing along the Potomac River in Virginia across from D.C. The Shad and Herring runs were an iconic annual event which provided food to many other species which fed on their spent bodies after the spawn. This increased the biodiversity levels along the river. Turtles, heron, bass, catfish, and many other species increased their numbers since the shad and herring spawns coincided with their egg production in late spring. Sadly, this event is now barely noticable since the populations are only a tiny fraction of their original grandeur. Please take steps to retore their populations, as so much of the biome is dependent on a sufficient population of these fish.
Sharon	Furlong	Feasterville	PA	we cannot longer afford wholesale catching of fish that does not discriminate between species. Indeed, we could never afford it....
John	Furlong Jr.	Trevoese	PA	As life in the sea goes; so goes humanity!
Silverius	Galvan	Point Pleasant	NJ	Thank you.
Thomas	Gannon	Montpelier	VA	An approach as a whole is needed. Every time we protect any species we are protecting our selves and our children. Thank you for considering my comments.
Thelma S. & James C.	Garbutt	Pittsboro	NC	Our natural world is severely stressed. We need to protect it--plain and simple. Thank you for considering my comments.
Roberta	Garcia	Greencastle	PA	I have a Ph.D. in Fisheries Management and live in PA. I was drawn to study in this field specifically because of shad migration conservation programs. I know that there is really no such thing as 'bycatch.' It's just a polite term for waste. These are important fish for the entire ecosystem. Please extend federal management protections to the river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Anne	Gayler	Monroe	NY	Once they're gone, they're gone for good, never to return.
Linda	Gazzola	Bronx	NY	PLEASE...PROTECT RIVER HERRING AND SHAD ON THE EAST COAST!!!
Carmen	Gelinas	New Castle	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. we must continue to help these animals.then we can also help us.
Sally Jane	Gellert	Woodcliff Lake	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Many of us living near the Hudson River (and I am sure other Atlantic rivers) have worked to clean up the river for decades; in fact, Hudson Riverkeeper was formed by an alliance of environmentalists and commercial fishers. There are annual Shad Festivals; these fish have been an integral part of our river basically forever. The herring and shad that are so thoughtlessly killed need federal protection to recover their proper place in our ecosystem. I urge that you extend that protection to them.
Roberta	Gentile	Baltimore	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. These resources are precious and limited. It is our responsibility to do a much better job taking care of them than we are currently doing.

Virginia	Germino	Charlottesville	VA	Please give these fish a chance.
Edward	Gerster	Raleigh	NC	Please don't undermine the efforts of rebuilding these fish species populations.
Dorothy	Geyer	Williamsburg	VA	Living along the coast and having worked with scientist studying this matter, I see the great impact these fish has on our ecosystem
John	Gfrorer	Wenonah	NJ	Mans inhumanity to man is only surpassed by mans inhumanity to other living creatures!. Thank you for considering my comments.
Theo	Giesy	Gloucester	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. We cannot allow short sighted practices deprive other species of these needed food fish. Loosing these fish will mean loosing those that depen upon them for food.
Wes	Gillingham	Livingston Manor	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Shad are an important part of the ecosystem here in the Catskills. Along the upper Delaware we have one of the healthiest Bald eagle populations. One of the major reasons they made a comeback here first was because of the Shad in the rivers here. Every year we see fewer and fewer this could have serious consequences for other species such as the American Bald Eagle.
Mary	Gilmore	Amityville	NY	Thank you for action to protect the ecosystem
D. Daniela	Gioseffi	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Sea life that feeds millions is dying due to climate crisis, acidifying and warming oceans. Herring & Shad are a highly important and healthy food source. Climate Crisis Emergency is here and starvation and drought, food and water shortages are the result. Do all you can to protect rivers and oceans from pollutants and warming. PLEASE
Michael	Girard	Windsor Locks	CT	The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Like salmon, they spend most of their lives at sea but swim up streams and rivers every spring to spawn--a migration that is critically important for coastal and river ecology. Please protect the imperiled river herring and shad that are currently being devastated in large numbers by fishing in federal waters. Thank you for considering my comments.
Caroline	Glaeseman	Wilmington	DE	I urge you to vote yes to extend Federeral management protections to river herring and shad.
Gai	Glickman	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please protect fish species endangered by fishing in federal waters.
Carl	Glitzenstein	Silver Spring	MD	We must act wisely now to conserve these species for moral reasons. All species are to be treasured since they are part of creation and it is arrogant and sacrilegious not to do so.
Laura	Glover	Wilmington	NC	Until drastic measures are taken to protect the planet, ALL fauna will disappear and the planet will be able to heal itself.
Gary	Goldberg	South Orange	NJ	It's our job to save all creatures, big and small, from extinction. Too many have been lost already..



Allan	Goldhammer	Kingston	NY	Herring and shad are important species, not only for their own sake, but because of the rich heritage of human use of these fisheries. They need protection so they survive and some day may thrive again. As fisheries biologists, I know you are aware of the dangers of overfishing and how it can change genetic diversity and resilience. Please act now. We are no longer having shad festivals in the Hudson River. They stopped suddenly several years ago. these festivals are part of how human attention focuses on the health of the river as a whole. Protecting shad and herring will multiply protection efforts! Thank you for considering my comments.
Carolyn	Gombosi	Newton	MA	Thank you very much for considering my comments. Please remember that the restoration of abundant river herring and shad is critical; the situation is reaching the point of "no return".
Pedro	Gomez	Hyde Park	MA	Do we have to plunder every single resource the planet has bestowed us with? Sheesh! Thank you for considering my comments.
Ronaldo	Gonzalez	Beacon	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I live in the Hudson Valley, where the shad have only returned in the last decade or so. Industrial-scale trawling needlessly destroys millions of fish that are vital parts of major river ecosystems, some -- like the Hudson -- just coming back from decades of industrial abuse. Federal management protections must stay in place and should be strengthened so that these essential members of the riparian ecosystems aren't destroyed while they are at sea.
Suzanne	Goodelman	New York City	NY	Please protect our resources and our planet. We need them to live! Thank you for considering my comments.
Dorothy	Goodwin	Raeford	NC	Can everybody just stop killing everything we need to survive in this world. Just because you can and you have all the means doesn't give you all the rights to destroy everything that doesn't apply to you. There are some things in this world that need saving. Protect our SEA and the things in them.
Rose	Gordon	So Amboy	NJ	As a nation, we MUST start thinking ahead and taking the steps necessary to insure that we HAVE a future.
George	Gordon	Concord	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Leave the fish in the water.
Johanne	Goslow	Champlain	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please save these fish. We cannot afford to take anymore risk.
Elizabeth	Gottlieb	Middletown	NY	THESE CORPORATE BASTARDS MUST BE FINED AND IMPRISONED FOR SABOTAGING THE WORK OF OUR GOVERNMENT.... THIS IS AN ICONIC EXAMPLE OF "OBSCENE" IN THE REAL SENSE OF THE WORD!!!!!!!
Lynne	Graburn	Slingerlands	NY	We have to provide for the future, not just for short term profits.
Joyce	Grant	Asbury Park,	NJ	Many, many people rely on Fisher people to bring local fish to our community. Please stop this outrage.Thank you for considering my comments.
Royal	Graves	Wethersfield	CT	Please help save these fish. Thank you for your consideration.
Kristin	Gray	Arlington	MA	We are not letting fish replenish themselves and not addressing how serious over-fishing is. Humans have become too greedy.
Virginia	Green	Holden	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. keep the fishes and water clean and protect the animals so they can life like they was supports to life.
Joyce	Greenberg	Highmount	NY	All life is connected. When one species is diminished, there are repercussions throughout all species. Thank you for considering my comments.

Margaret H.	Greene	Bethesda,	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. The Connecticut River is now cleaner than it has been in generations and the shad have returned.....only to be killed with impunity by big fishing interests in the Atlantic Ocean. Please protect these fish from extinction. Thank you for taking appropriate actions to save our native fish..
Margaret H.	Greenfield	Norwood	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote to extend federal protection to herring and shad. Protecting them would also benefit many other species in the ecosystem.
Ann	Greenfield	Morris Plains	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. We are destroying this planet bit by bit. Let's save these fish as the first step towards saving the planet.
Stuart	Greenzang	Jaffrey	NH	Short sightedness will destroy your industry. You should look at the Maine Lobster fishing industry as an example. If you want your children or grandchildren to have no livelihood continue on your path.
Woyshner	Greg	New York City	NY	I am all about sustainable fishing practices. So generations can enjoy what their forefathers did
Ana	Gregorio	Address	NY	Please protect life
Worth	Gretter	Menands	NY	I want to see more of these fish in the Hudson River!
Veronica	Grimm	Bklyn	NY	When will humans stop all the killing of animals,fish destroying the land when their is nothing left? So do something to help this planet.
Diane	Grohn	Morris Plains	NJ	This Sounds extremely bad for all the creatures that feed on them. 5% is horrible!
Anne T	Gross	Kennett Square	PA	Please save these fish!
Jill	Grundfest	Richfield Springs	NY	These fish are absolutely essential to wildlife. Please keep them from being needlessly killed.
Martha	Gunnarson	Oxford	MA	We've got to save EVERY species that we can.
Henry	Gwiazda	Chevy Chase	MD	Science based policies on the West Coast have helped fisheries to grow and recover from overfishing. These actions work against the tragedy of the commons. Please vote to reverse the wasteful destruction of this marine resource.
Robert	Haavind	Rock Hill	NY	Used to watch them netting whole schools of mossbunker (for cat food) when fishing for bluefish in Long Island Sound. They were cleaning them all out. We need a sustainable fishery. Please help. Bob Haavind
Chelsey	Hack	Millstone	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments- I work in the field of conservation, and all too often, fish take a backseat to more iconic animals like polar bears despite their critical importance in hundreds of ecosystems. Please, as my nephew would say, use your powers for good, and protect these species.
Stephany	Haesaert	Cato	NY	protect and save these fish.. Thank you
Jack	Hafer	North Chesterfield	VA	I'd recommend a recent book: The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert.
Cathy	Haft	Brooklyn	NY	We are murdering our planet! Please save these all important fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Melinda	Haigh	Asheville	NC	The food chain has changed in many ways. I will harm all of us. Thank you for considering this comment.

Robert	Haile	Hampton	NH	The big fish disappear with the little fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Mary W.	Haines	Hagerstown	MD	Thank you for considering my comments.....our moving to the moon, or Mars, or that new planet trillions of light years away is not a realistic plan for replacing Earth.....
Michele	Hale	Essex	MD	Nobody really fishes anymore because there are hardly any fish. Just stop it earth killers.
Shirley	Hale	Lovell	ME	Please do the right thing.
Michael	Hall	Mount Holly	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. These species have a rich history throughout the United States, it would be a shame to see yet another species, that once abundant and a staple, disappear without our help caused by our negligence...
Ann	Hallowell	New York City	NY	These fish have historic importance, as well as their current economic and ecological significance. Thank you for considering my comments.
Norraine	Halvorsen	Rochester	NY	Stop money profits and other's convince from not considering nature and the earth's purpose to support humans and life.
Cecilia	Hammond	Madison Hghts	VA	Please save the fish!
Denny	Hanley	Taunton	MA	Industrialization is killing our planet. Humans are killing off all other forms of life...
Pamela	Hanny	Orchard Park	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. It is our responsibility to protect the natural ecosystems on our planet.
Ian	Hansinger	Suffern	NY	Please save these fish populations ! Thank you for considering my comments.
April	Hardee	Emerald Isle	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. My family lives on the eastern coast of NC, and we urge you to help protect these fish that are so important to the marine ecosystem.
Ray	Hardin	Boston	MA	The way commercial fisheries use these waters is GROSSLY WASTEFUL. Tons of perfectly good fish are DUMPED because of industrial-scale methods. PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR DWINDLING FOOD SUPPLY!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Marsha	Hardy	Gaithersburg	MD	Thank you for giving this the vital attention this issue deserves. A vote to extend management protections to these fish is essential to the balance of a healthy fish population. Please vote yes to extend. Your support is of major significance to me.
Megan	Hargan	Lansdale	PA	There must be balance in nature.
Janet	Harmon	New York City	NY	Habitat preservation is critical. Also fish is important for people as lean protein.onsidering my comments.
Pat	Harms	Morehead City	NC	Protect fish on the East Coast. Thank you for considering my comments.
George	Harris	Virginia Beach	VA	Protecting our nature resources is critical to the survival of our world and ourselves. Thanks very much.
Louis C	Harris Jr	Cherry Hill	NJ	We, that is you and I, must become more thoughtful as to what we do. At this point we seem to be behaving irresponsibly. We must change. Thank you for considering my comments.

Harry	Harrison	White Plains	NY	River herring and shad were once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. They are now at all-time lows, with populations hovering at less than 5 percent of historic levels coastwide. While hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by federal, state and local entities to improve water quality and increase access for river herring and shad to spawning grounds upriver, many fish never make it there. That's because after these fish migrate to the ocean, industrial-scale fisheries in pursuit of other fish species sweep river herring and shad up by the millions. They are either dumped overboard dead or sold with other fish to be used as bait.
Harold	Harrison	Lincolnton	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Let's do something to help the river herring and shad before they are gone forever.
James	Hartley	Arlington	VA	If Fishing isn't regulated, soon there will be no fish to regulate. Thank you for considering my comments.
Helen	Haslam	Newland	NC	Please care. You live in this world, so please care.
Linda	Hassa	Brick	NJ	Thank you for your time and consideration.
Steven	Hasty	Laurel Park	NC	I support restoring healthy populations of both fish! Thank you for considering my comments.
Katherine	Hawkins	Summit	NY	Humans cannot survive without a healthy ocean environment. Duh!
Marilyn	Hawrylik	Rochester	NY	The oceans are being over-fished. This needs to stop so that the fish populations can repopulate instead of going extinct. Thank you for considering my comments.
Joan	Hayes	Lancaster	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Our national heritage lies not only in the magnificent scenery of our parks but in the bountiful supply of our wildlife, especially species like these fish which have played such an important part of the life of the people who settled this land and made America great.
Brenda	Hayes	Hillsborough	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. The decisions you make now will have effects far into the future. Instant profit must be restrained for long term sustainability.
Francesca	Heap	Plainville	CT	Save the river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Frank	Hearne	Wanaque	NJ	Vote Yes!
Dorothea	Hecht	New York City	NY	A "Management Council" should take its responsibilities very seriously and promote a policy that will promote the increase of river herring and shad, not obliterate them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Jeanne	Hedberg	Plainfield	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. When something is gone it is forever!
Joshua.	Heffron	New York City	NY	Save the Oceans Save the Oceans!!!!!!!!!!
William	Heiland	Oakford	PA	The fish are vital source in the food chain. We must preserve these fish for the health of the ecosystem as a whole.
Kay	Helberg	New York City	NY	Our waterways and oceans maintain an important ecosystem and these river herring and shad are key to its balance. Please protect them and restore balance Thank you for considering my comments.

Steve	Hemstreet	Glenn Dale	MD	I want to take a moment and thank you for considering my comments.
Belgrave	Henderson	Mount Vernon	NY	PROTECT RIVER HERRING AND SHAD ON THE EAST COAST, we need them.
Donald W.	Henderson, Ph.d.	Ithaca	NY	Commercial over-fishing is a classic human abuse of a natural resource. To provide for a sustainable natural resource, regulation is required -- in order to keep the human greed at bay. This is a universal truth that has been repeated many times in history.
Ruth	Hendrickson	Lincoln	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. These fish are a critical part of the fishery food chain
Volkmar	Heratsch	Alexandria	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to preserve all our natural resources!!
Wendy	Herbert	North Branford	CT	Please protect river herring and shad on the East Coast.
Bill E	Heyman	Wantagh	NY	This is getting out of hand.
Vonnie	Hiatt	Mount Airy	NC	Thank you for reading my letter.
Jeff	Hill	New Milford	NJ	Imperative to protect forage fish for the entire food chain !
Barry	Hilliard	Yardley	PA	If we do nothing to protect the oceans NOW, fish of every kind will disappear, meaning a major food source for humankind will subsequently disappear. We must act immediately and certainly more aggressively.
Diana	Hiza	Canton	CT	Thank you for taking the time to protect river herring and shad!
Samantha	Hoch	Buffalo	NY	please take action on this matter and treat it with the urgency that it deserves
Gretchen	Hodgin	Lutherville Timonium	MD	Over-fishing affects the entire ecosystem and must be controlled.
Jean	Hodgins	Ballston Spa	NY	I fished in these rivers with my Granddaddy for years (I am 76) .As you should know by now, we all need each other, and that includes fish. They are part of the of the whole. When one goes missing, it effects all others in the food chain. I thank you for considering my comments.
Jonathan	Hohman	Charlottesville	VA	Please vote to save these fish and help them survive. Your vote is the difference. Thank you.
Nance	Holland	Gales Ferry	CT	Protection of the river shad and herring who swim in Atlantic waters is critical to nature's balance. They are currently being killed in large numbers that are not sustainable. Please consider protection measures now.
Kathy	Holland-medanic	Jamaica Plain	MA	It is outrageous that these important species become mere 'by-catch," thanks the industrialization of fishing! It is vital, now, to protect them! Thank you for considering my comments.

Wade	Hooker	New York City	NY	I remember as a child the herring runs we used to have each year in Massachusetts, which now mainly just memories. It is important to bring these fish and shad back to the rivers of the eastern United States. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lauri	Horkitz	Medford	MA	Let's try to balance the whole process and make it possible for these fish to survive and actually spawn in the river habitats we have protected for them.
Ross M.	Horowitz	Ithaca	NY	If the science is clear, do it!.The science is clear!
Laura	Horowitz	Pittsburgh	PA	The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. If the council votes yes, these severely depleted species will have a fighting chance of returning to healthy population levels, because they will be managed sustainably through science-based rebuilding goals, meaningful catch limits, and protection of essential habitat.
Tracy	Houck	Fredericksburg	VA	Please do what you can to protect the remaining population. Thank you!
Tim	House	Uptin	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Bi-catch is a terrible waste. "Factory fishing" needs to be ended.
Harold	Hovel	Katonah	NY	Overfishing is an environmentally devastating activity that endangers the health of many fish species, both intended and by-catch. Please don't add to this problem.
Donald	Howard	Laurel	MD	Please stop over fishing. Prohibit all fishing targeted on endangered species. Also, limits on "By Catch" of non-target species are needed along with strict enforcement. Long-line nets should be outlawed.
Jean	Hricik	Mcdonough	NY	Attention to the desires of commercial interests have crowded out the human rights and environmental rights that are crucial to avoid a culture that is too similar to organized crime. We cannot destroy local community neighborhoods. River herring and shad are part and parcel with local communities. Thank you for considering my comments.
Christine	Huff	Charlotte	NC	Please protect these fish..
Mark	Hufford	Seattle	WA	Thank you for considering my comments. Restoring herring and shad populations is an important step in restoring these river ecosystems. As a boy growing up near the Potomac in Arlington in the 60s, one of the highlights of my year was always walking to the river to witness the spectacle of the herring run and shad run near Chain Bridge. Learning about the journey these fish made was inspiring and exciting,. The efforts to clean up the river and the Bay during my lifetime also have been impressive, and now there is this final piece of the puzzle to complete restoration. Please ensure that these fish can be managed sustainably, without the ignorant, wholesale industrial slaughter wrought by commercial fishing in federal waters. Thank you.
Melissa	Hughes	Stockton Springs	ME	Maine is trying to improve life of herring and shad but they need the Council's extension of protection if we are to save them and therefore, species that depend on them. Thank you.
Gerrit	Huig	Stratford	CT	Thrown overboard by the millions? Please do something. Thank you for considering my comments.
Margaret	Hume	Holly Springs	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Please consider the ecosystem for which these fish are so important. We world is depending on your decision to be Eco-friendly.
Colleen	Humphries	Edgewood	MD	Every choice we make today (or do not make) affects the next seven generations. That includes your family. Think about it! Thank you for considering my comments.
Anne	Hunnewells	Holderness	NH	The ocean is one of our most precious resources. We need to protect it and all creatures in it. Thank you for considering my comments.

Catherine	Hunt	Monroe Twp	NJ	Please vote to extend federal management protections to river herring and shad.
Cheryl	Hustvedt	Durham	NC	Save our ecosystem
Cynthia	Hypki	Baltimore	MD	Please work quickly to protect these important species. Thank you for considering my comments.
Takeshi	Imajo	Richmond	VA	Thank you.
Donna	Inglehart	Bath	ME	We must pay attention to this critically important issue.
Mala	Iqbal	Ridgewood	NY	Please vote "yes" to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan! Thank you for considering my comments.
Louis	Irwin	Essex	MA	Ladies & Gents, I think we've messed up titanicly in our management of migratory fish. At one time I could have walked on the backs of shad over the James River in VA. For the sake of further commercial fishermen and all the rest of us, do the thing that science advises, and not the thing that financial interests dictate.
Howard	Iwahashi	West Caldwell	NJ	Nature put these creature here. Help her to protect them. Thank you for considering my comments.
George	Jackman	Bayside	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. It is vitally important to protect these fish, especially when viewed from an ecosystem standpoint.
Anthony	Jackson	Clayton	DE	Sport fishermen will turn against you if you don't start to actually manage fish like you're paid to do!
Leonard	Jacobs	Lattingtown	NY	ThanThe loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Like salmon, they spend most of their lives at sea but swim up streams and rivers every spring to spawn--a migration that is critically important for coastal and river ecology. k you for considering my comments.
George	James	Old Lyme	CT	Bait fish are essential to any fishery. Thank you for considering my comments. T
Paul	Janas	Levittown	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help protect these fish.
E	Jaramillo	New Haven	CT	If you vote yes, the severely depleted forage fish, the shad and river herring, will have a fighting chance of returning to healthy population levels. Please do what you can to restore the ecological balance. Thank you for considering my comments.
Edward	Jasiewicz	Pittsburgh	PA	I know all you clever darlings who majored in "finance" are bored by discussions of fish. But will you be so bored when your food chain collapses and you starve? Thought not...
Gonzalez	Jeanmarie	Pine Beach	NJ	Please add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan Thank you for considering my comments.
Sheri	Jedell	Mahwah	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. I
Catherine	Jestic	New York City	NY	We must act now for the river herring and shad before it's too late -- once they're gone, they're gone.
Howard	Jeter	Chevy Chase	MD	Save these fish species. Thank you for considering my comment.

Elizabeth	Jewell	Upper Darby	PA	Historically, colonial settlements survived on the spring migrations of these small fish. We owe them the chance of survival. Thank you for considering my comments.
A.	Jhangiani	Reston	VA	It is a crying shame that the U.S. Government agencies tasked with protecting wildlife and fisheries haven't taken their responsibilities seriously and allowed the situation to deteriorate to this extreme level, of allowing industrial fisheries to destroy the native population of fish to virtual nothingness. The fate of Homo Sapiens is tied to other life on this planet. Please do something positive in your lives instead of allowing industrial monsters to destroy all that is left.
Angel	Jimenez	North Bergen	NJ	We must protect all aquatic sources of protein--what if viruses were to decimate cattle & poultry? Thank you for considering my comments.
Deborah	Jindela	Suffern	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Every time something disappears from the earth, there are other consequences. All of which appear to be negative. Let's take an intelligent approach to save ourselves.
Curtis	Jirsa	South Bristol	ME	Please take steps to preserve these species and the others that depend upon their healthy populations. Thank you so much.
Winifred	Johanson	New Providence	NJ	Thank you for saving herring and shad!
Ellen	Johnson	Springfield	MA	I remember the Shad Derby in CT, many years ago. Now they're disappearing?! Wow. Shameful. Something must be done! Thank you for considering my comments.
Jim	Johnson	Takoma Park	MD	Loss of fishing stock is now becoming a world-wide phenomenon, with complaints from local fishermen that industrial fishing concerns are depleting fish in waters of nations around the world. Here we see the same problem localized in the Mid-Atlantic. It is not just a problem for countries like Senegal or Peru. It's now our problem too. That is why protection of our waters from industrial fishing is so very critical, and why a vote to extend federal management protections to river herring and shad is now simple common sense as well as a moral imperative. We must save our resources and protect them as well before they are gone forever.
Mary	Johnson	Mount Kisco	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I'm from Connecticut, and people here have looked forward to the run of the shad for millenia. It would be awful if there came a time when it didn't happen!
Philip T	Johnson	Chapel Hill	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. THESE SPECIES ARE CRITICALLY IMPORT MEMBERS IN THE FOOD CHAIN !
Kathy	Johnson	Belmont	MA	Why would you not continue to protect species that are in danger of being over fished? Look at the money that would be wasted from your efforts to improve water quality and increase access to spawning grounds. Why throw all that work away now? Thank you for considering my comments.
Tucker	Johnston	Hingham	MA	Help the damn fish
Toni	Johse	Apex	NC	Please help protect these fish. Each one has its place in the balance of nature and in preserving our food chain. Thank you for considering my comments.
Robert	Jones	Pleasantville	NY	Earth first!
Charles	Jones	Capitol Heights	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. You do not like fish or what?
Kelvin	Jones	Durham	NC	The United States should have had protected barren,s in place years ago ,like 200 years.



Karl	Joppas Sr	Webster	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. without all species of fish in the ocean other fish will decrease to live its how that life circle continues please help these fish live thank you
Joseph	Jordan	Philadelphia	PA	PROTECT RIVER HERRING AND SHAD ON THE EAST COAST
Mark	Jordan	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. PROTECT RIVER HERRING AND SHAD ON THE EAST COAST
Claudia	Joseph	Brooklyn	NY	Long term management is essential for ensuring e will have fish to eat in the future. Regulate big fishing operations to protect of food supply. Thank you.
Sarah	Joslin	North Falmouth	MA	As a resident of Cape Cod who frequents upper Cape herring runs each spring, I have been deeply concerned by the diminishing amount of fish in many of our herring runs. Herring are so vital to the food chain that I find this very distressing. Thank you for considering my comments.
Linda	Juliano	Bedford	MA	Please say yes to this protection. Industrialized fishing is like clear-cut logging in our waters. They just take too much plain and simple. thank you
Patricia	Kadar	Richmond	VA	When I moved to Virginia in 1979, shad and their roe were eagerly awaited in springtime, and were part of the political scene for annual "shad plankings" by major parties. Now no one anticipates these rites of spring because there are no fish available. I may not have wanted so many fish harvested for political use, but I wanted the fish population to thrive. And I still do. Thank you for considering my comments.
David	Kagan	Jersey Shore	PA	It's the correct and caring environmental action to take.
Isabel	Kalofonos	Lexington	MA	It is time that we take action to protect our world and the heritage of our children. Depleting resources is not Sustainable. As our representatives I expect you will help us protect our environment. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lori	Kardok	Hartford	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Please do what is necessary to save the river herring and shad.
Mr. Vale	Karlski	Monessen	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Stop dumping medical waste and nuclear waste in our oceans and waterways. Only a complete moron would do that. Where are all the climate change whiners? Our Oceans and waterways are of no.1 importance.
L	Karlsson	Berwyn	PA	These fish play an important role in the ecosystem. Their loss would certainly have an impact on the health of the ecosystem which could include the loss of additional species.
Rosemary	Kaszuba	Oak Bluffs	MA	Please keep these fish viable.
Merrill	Katz	Groton	CT	Thank you for considering my comments We are dgrading our environment and delimiting species diversity at an alarming rate. Forage species need to be protected or we will destroy the balance within the food chain.
Gerry	Katzban	Putnam Valley	NY	As a resident of the Hudson River Valley I am an avid kayaker on the Hudson and its wetland estuaries. I see first-hand the varied ecological landscape and its potential to support abundant wildlife. Yet, it is obvious that this region no longer harbors the diversity and numbers it once did, and is only slowly recovering from decades of abuse. Shad used to be of huge economic and ecological significance to this river. I hope protection for them and river herring will be extended so we may begin to see their numbers, and the benefits they bring, increase in the years to come.

JL	Keith	Providence	RI	The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. KEEP 'EM ALIVE AND FLOURISHING! Thank you for considering my comments.
Thomasin	Kellerman	Cumberland	RI	These are small fish with a big mission. Please spare them.
Fred	Kelly	Stony Creek	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please do all you can to save these important species.
Nancy	Kelly	Alexandria	VA	The Council can sit on its hands or can assert leadership---probably unpopular with industrial fisheries---to ensure shad and menhaden survive in sufficient numbers to make it through this very stressful era. Thank you for listening.
Anne	Kelly-edmunds	Mt. Sinai	NY	Your help is needed!
Linda	Kemp	Emmaus	PA	The above facts can no longer be ignored by Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management. By doing so would only help deteriorate and unbalance our rivers and streams. Our healthy Watersheds are depending on your swift action! Thank You for your work on improving our rivers and stream. Penn State Master Watershed Steward Linda Kemp
Trish	Kendall	Gardner	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad , currently killed in great numbers by fishing in federal waters. Please vote to save these very important species.
Rosalind	Kenworthy	Ithaca	NY	Thank you for your help for these critically important fish.
Susan	Kepner	York	ME	I have lived in New England on the coast all my life. I know how VITAL herring and shad are to a healthy fishery. Both my Dad and an uncle fished for a living. With all the other climate issues effecting our oceans, we MUST not allow these fish to decline. PLEASE have the COURAGE to vote YES. Our fish population and the health of our ocean depends on ti!
Charles D.	Kerr	Kearny	NJ	Please consider this request. Thank you for considering my comments.
Carolyn A.	Kidder	Wayne	PA	It is crucial that we protect species on which we depend. Thank you for considering my comments.
Robert	Kimball	Charlottesville	VA	Please make every effort to extend federal protection.
Kay	Kin	Cleveland	NY	We are smart enough to realize our natural world thrives by delicate balance. Time for humans to honor and maintain and do our part to insure the balance survives.
Joan Payne	Kincaid	Sea Cliff	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please save these vanishing fish.
Marcia	Kindlmann	Guilford	CT	Shad & herring are an important food tradition in New England and we want to see their population protected. We who live near streams have experienced the strict state & local regulations eg. regarding building required fish ladders, so we want to see that effort & expense rewarded in the big picture -- what happens in the ocean.

M	Kirby	Philadelphia	PA	Please act to preserve fish populations.
Thomas S.	Kirk	Palenville	NY	Council Members, I am the Vice President of the Red Lily Pond Project Association Inc. (RLPPAI), located in Centerville, MA on Cape Cod. Our environmental non-profit group has spent well over a million dollars in private, local Town, State, + Federal Funds since 1972 restoring Red Lily Pond and it's environs. The Pond Systems' HERRING RUN flows into the Centerville River Estuary and thence Nantucket Sound. Our river herring population has been dwindling, to nearly none, for decades due to humanity in general and over-fishing practices in particular. Please assist efforts such as ours by including river herring + shad in the MSB FMP. Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely, Thomas S. Kirk
Sandra	Kissam	Newburgh	NY	In only the past 40 years I have seen the shad go from a spring tradition in the valley to none. Riverkeeper's Shad festival is just a memory. Industrial fishing commits crimes.
Adam	Kistler	Allentown	PA	I hope that people making these decisions are looking at the how all species are effected, not just a narrow band of considerations .. which are often directly related to a few business profits. Follow the economic impact, the money trail, and you'll spot the connection between big campaign donors and specific decision makers! Thank you for considering my comments.
Linda	Kittell	Stamford	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Save our fish!
Jenny Cecilia	Kjellstrand	Brooklyn	NY	Let them not go the way of the cod.
Laura	Klein	Bronx	NY	All life is connected, and these non-exotic fish are a very important part of the chain of food for all other creatures. Thank you for considering my comments.
Frederick	Klein	Somerville	MA	If these fish did not have the environmental interactions they do, maybe their destruction wouldn't matter beyond the concept. They do, though, and thus should be protected.
Nina	Knanishu	New York City	NY	WE ARE ALL participating in senseless KILLINGS. WE SHOULD ALKYL CARE ABOUT THIS HORROR, IN ADDITION TO THE SUFFERING OF THESE ANIMALS!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Rhonda	Knauf	South Glastonbury	CT	This just common sense. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kathleen	Knospe	Springville	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I feel that the federal management council should vote yes to extend its protections to the imperilled river herring and shad our rivers and waters need to be protected for the ecosystem
Robert	Knox	Quincy	MA	The Pilgrims fished for herring. The Wampanoag did before them. Our environmental heritage needs protection.
Charlotte	Koons	Northport	NY	Shad Roe, one of my favorite delicacies will also disappear! Save the River Herring!
Jackie	Kosloski	Brooklyn	NY	Please do the right thing. Thank you for considering my comments.
Chris	Kosta	Malden	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help them survive.
Elisabeth	Kotowski	Branford	CT	These fish need help, still! Once gone that'll be it for fishermen too! Thank you for considering my comments.
Joseph	Krelik	New Egypt	NJ	Allow the prtecton
Bonnie	Kretchman	Kittery	ME	We need to overhaul the fishing industry so that our fish remain healthy and sustainable. Please continue to help fish as they are important to our ecosystem.

Jeffrey	Kronemeyer	Water Mill	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please add these important species in order to maintain a balanced ecosystem along the Atlantic coastline.
Nathan	Kropp	Fredonia	NY	I am concerned about the health of our ocean ecosystems and the part that river herring and shad have to play in it. I urge you to protect them.
Betsy	Krueger	Natick	MA	These valuable resources belong to ALL Americans--not just those that financially profit from their exploitation. Do not allow these special interests to destroy the ecology of the mid-Atlantic fisheries. This must be protected for all of us, and for future generations of Americans.
Mary Ann	Kulla	Bethel	CT	I want to have healthy ecosystems because people need ecosystems to survive. As a child I remember eating fresh shad in the spring. It was wonderful! Now shad is rarely to be seen at the market. Like many species the shad and herring are threatened. They can make a comeback is given the chance . Thank you for considering my comments.
Michele	La Monica	Atlantic Highlands	NJ	Preserve River ecology, waterways, habitat, fish, and environment.Thank you for considering my comments.
Daniel	Laemmerhirt	Tonawanda	NY	Once again, we see how the selfishness of man is destroying our planet. We desperately need to fix our terrible mistakes and right our wrongs by helping these necessary fish recover. Thank you for considering my comments.
Angela	Lambert	Portsmouth	NH	Keeping the balance in our ecosystems in vital. Thank you for considering my comments.
Suzanne	Lamborn	Nottingham	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. We have to be good stewards of the earth. Killing species is not doing that.
Deirdre	Lane	Medfield	MA	This is an important fight. Please help the river herring and shad survive in federal waters!
M.	Langelan	Chevy Chase	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. This matters.
Elizabeth	Langhorne	Hamden	CT	Save the shad!
Luke	Largess	Charlotte	NC	I urge you to take the steps necessary to protect river herring and shad. As someone who grew up in coastal RI and watched the fishery there collapse from over-fishing, this is the same issue all over again. We need to find a balance. Please look at this carefully.
Renee	Lascala	Northampton	MA	Time to curtail, and entirely rethink industrial scale fishing. Ecosystems are at stake.
Janet	Latham	Berlin	MA	Please vote to protect these crucial fish species. Thank you.
Paul	Lauenstein	Sharon	MA	We destroy the base of the marine food web at our own peril.
Donald	Lauer	Fredericksburg	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Fifty years ago,when I was a child we could catch multiple herring on a treble hook with every cast.That time is no more. I am sorry I was part of that destructive practice.We have abused nature's bounty.Don L.
Hannah	Lavan	Bronx	NY	we exist in an ecosystem; at very least we should protect ourselves by protecting our wildlife.
Deane	Lavender	Cranberry Twp.	PA	There was rejoicing when shad reappeared in the Delaware and other rivers flowing into the Atlantic. It showed that the rivers were being cleaned up. Now the threat is offshore netting, killing millions in so-called by- catch. For many reasons this must stop. Thank you for considering my comments.

Vedet	Lawler	Patterson Ny 12563	NY	STOP putting any species at risk of detriment as a result of our ignorance and stupidity!!!
Cary	Lawson	Fort Lee	NJ	Please take action to protect the river herring and shad so we can maintain the delicate marine ecosystem. They feed the bigger fish that feed us. Thank you.
Gregory	Laxer	Danielson	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Those who lobby on behalf of the factory-fishing industry seem blind to the fact that if they get their way, their clients will go out of business once they've driven species to extinction. This is because blind greed trumps common sense. We need some science and common sense applied to this situation before it's too late!
Dr. Richard	Lazar	Apex	NC	Heaven help us that we have to do this. It must become a way of life to protect life. Doc
William	Leavenworth	Searsmont	ME	Clupeids in the Gulf of Maine are at about 2-3% of their numbers and biomass when my grandparents were born in the 1870s and 1880s. Herring are seined offshore before they can reach their spawning grounds, and the offshore hotspots contain alewives, bluebacks and shad, also. When I seined herring off Seabrook, NH back in 1980, we killed them before they could spawn, and the fish hold was filled with ovae and milt. They are caught even further offshore today. We must put a stop to seiners over 40 tons within 200 miles of the coast, or we will lose our forage stock altogether, and with it all of our demersals and scombrids.
Patricia	Lebeau	Plainville	CT	Let these fish recover their numbers.
Barry	Lebeau	West Warwick	RI	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to preserve forage fish or lose more important recovery of imperiled recreational and commercial fish.
Sheila	Leclair	Worcester	MA	Please consider my comments. These fish must be allowed to procreate for not only our food supply but for future generations to be able to see their beauty in the oceans.
Jeanette	Lee	Dillsburg	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. There should be limits to protect populations of these important fish. Please add river herring and shad to the management plan.
Jeanne	Lee	Friday Harbor	WA	There is limited time to act in behalf of this fish population which benefits the environmental future of other species and also the human population of the area.
Anne	Legene	Great Barrington	MA	Enough with the over fishing. We have to put the earth's natural systems first at this time.
Zach	Lehman	Mclean	VA	we need to take action in this issue
Andrew	Lenton	New York City	NY	We need the shad in the Delaware and Huson Rivers!.
John	Leonard	Pittsburgh	PA	Please protect these fish.
Valerie	Leonard	Columbia	MD	When are we going to realize that our ecosystems are fragile, and the more we desimate all the species involved, we will have nothing left?
Paula	Lepore	Berwick	ME	Over fishing and pollution are causing our fisheries to disappear. Please help revitalize Atlantic waters.

Nancy	Leroy	Chapel Hill	NC	Please take action to protect the river herring and shad, vital fish in nature's ecosystem, and devise a workable federal management plan.
Matthew	Levine	Huntington	NY	Let's preserve this dying species.
Deborah	Lewandowski	Easton	PA	Please protect these species from becoming eliminated by ocean fisheries. They are an integral part of the ecosystem and need to be protected! Thank you for considering my comments.
Dale	Lewinski	Salem	MA	Please start making the environment a TRUE priority.
Nicholson	Lewis	Staten Island	NY	River herring and shad are important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. Please vote to save these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marvin	Lewis	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please add river herring and shad to fishery management.
Kathryn	Lezenby	Philadelphia	PA	It is critical for the preservation of these fish that our government exercise its power to protect them in federal waters from the fishing industry. Please stop the senseless loss of the shad and herring and the many species that depend on them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Cynthia	Lidd	Asheville	NC	Please vote yes to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, Thank you for considering my comments.
Johan	Lindgren	Brooklyn	NY	Please save these fish so those coming after us can enjoy this species in the same way we have.
Jordan	Lipka	Rego Park	NY	Please protect river herring and shad from overfishing. Don't let the fishing industry ruin another species of fish. It is important to overprotect than underprotect and to err on the side of caution.
John	Lippiello	Morris Plains	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. River herring and shad were once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. They are now at all-time lows, with populations hovering at less than 5 percent of historic levels coastwide. While hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by federal, state and local entities to improve water quality and increase access for river herring and shad to spawning grounds upriver, many fish never make it there. That's because after these fish migrate to the ocean, industrial-scale fisheries in pursuit of other fish species sweep river herring and shad up by the millions. They are either dumped overboard dead or sold with other fish to be used as bait.
Helene	Lisy	Takoma Park	MD	In this 21st century we must act to preserve all of earth's necessary inhabitants and not be short sighted in the name of business. Thank you for considering my comments.
Geoffrey	Lizotte	Wilmot	NH	Are we going to turn a blind eye and let these fish species crash like we did to Atlantic Cod or are we going to do something about it? Please think long term not short term.
Avril	Lomas	Tryon	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. WE are gradually destroying planet earth. Take a stand on the side of saving other species as once gone there is no reincarnation!
William	Long	Rutland	MA	Act to stop the needless slaughter by commercial fishing.
Jim	Long	Accokeek	MD	In spring, our streams once ran as quicksilver. Estuarine nurseries teemed with young-of-year as forage. Today, anglers in Maryland may no longer keep River Herring or shad. Migratory fish require conservation measures in both state and federal waters if they are ever to rebound.
Kit	Lord	Northwood	NH	I go deepsea fishing recreationally and keep up with the commercial fishing industry news. Please bring common sense to this issue.

Margaret	Louden	Silver Spring	MD	The oceans are being depleted by overfishing. It's time to stop fishing on public lands. It doesn't benefit the public. Thank you for considering my comments.
David	Low	Flourtown	PA	THE LONGER-TERM HEALTH OF THIS FISHERY IS WHAT MATTERS--PLEASE DO THIS!
LM	Lowson	Huntington	NY	The time is NOW to save the resources that belong to all of us - and to our future generations. Take the leadership action that is your responsibility. Thank you for considering my comments.
William	Lukang	Pearl River	NY	Please vote to protect the river herring and shad. Thank you for the good that you do. God bless you and your family.
Rick	Mabry	Raleigh	NC	Thank you for your work on this important management council.
Peter	Macgregor	New Gloucester	ME	The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. - Mahatma Gandhi
J.	Macleod-ashton	New York City	NY	As a taxpaying citizen and patriot, I feel there is nothing more important than extending protection to wildlife, wild-places, and especially imperiled species such as River herring and shad - both of which are critical food sources in the wider food-chain of which Humanity is but a SMALL part. As a taxpayer, voter and concerned citizen, I require that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council act *immediately* and without reservation to protect these fish stocks, and act expeditiously to protect the Atlantic region over which they have been made stewards.
Christine	Macmurray	Little Falls	NJ	I would like to see river herring and shad protected. I don't eat them or any other fish or meat. Animals deserve to live.
Kathleen	Madison	Allentown	PA	please protect these fish from depletion
Laura	Magzis	Penacook	NH	Every time an element of an ecosystem disappears, it harms all other parts of that ecosystem. That is very true in this case, because river herring and shad are food for striped bass and bluefish, along with shorebirds and marine mammals. Thank you for considering my comments.
James	Mahoney	Patchogue	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please extend the federal management protections to the river herring and shad ..Thank You
Karen	Mainardi	Cary	NC	Please vote yes to take action to protect and save the river herring and shad from commercial fisheries! After spending the money to protect and improve the water and create healthy spawning grounds that will increase the population and future growth of the herring and shad, why is there no money being spent to manage the commercial fisheries that kill and waste these valuable fish caught in their nets. I am asking the council to take further action to protect these valuable fish. It is never too late to protect the health of our echo system and our food supplies from being depleted. This is becoming a very real concern for our future generations that we may have food shortages. I am asking our Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council to take action now and vote yes to protect the river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments. Karen Mainardi
Bonnie	Major	Hainesport	NJ	Time to step up and do what's right.
Patricia	Maley	Newark	DE	The planet and its resources that we grew up with are disappearing at alarming rates. Please, I beg you, continue to list these species as endangered and worthy of conservation protections.

Margaret Ann	Malone	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for being concerned about future generations having the river herring and shad populating our waterways.
Kristen	Maloney	Naugatuck	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to protect the wild life for our children's children
Roger	Malouf	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments about this very important matter.
H.r. And Betsy	Malpass	Chapel Hill	NC	Save our rivers. Save the fish!
Rhonda	Mandato	Dover	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. please help the fish!
Christopher	Manley	Kingsbridge	NY	Stop overfishing before it is too late and there are no more fish! Thank you for considering my comments.
Doreen	Mann	Lisbon Androscoggin County	ME	We have to save the fish for the sea birds also. The puffins here in Maine so many of the pufflings died because of a lack of fish and the water was warmer. We have to save the fish for the birds. Think of all life in the ocean.
Laura	Manz	Ingomar	PA	When our oceans are dead, mankind will follow.....Thank you for considering my comments.
James	Marapoti	Willow Spring	NC	Please vote for saving these fish in Federal waters. We can't afford to reduce/eliminate these fish or any. Thank you
Cynthia	Marine	Millbury	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. And please, do the right thing.
John	Marino	Foxborough	MA	We must remember that an extinction of a species can negatively affect the ecosystem and negatively affect human's life.
Irena	Marshall	Upper Saddle River	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. I agree with this message and that's why I'm signing
Allen	Martel	S. Hadley	MA	I visit the shad each spring at the holyoke shad lift
Ruth E.	Martillo	North Bergen	NJ	i appreciate your time and attention..
Michael	Martin	Severn	MD	We have to look into the future to see the devastating effects losing these fish will have.....
Maria	Martinez	Corona	NY	Add the herring & shad to the mackerel, & other fish to the fishery market. Help protect their habitats too.
Joseph	Martinkovic	Lansford	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. It is poor fisheries management to allow shad and river herring to be killed in such large numbers. Please stop this practice.
Kit	Mason	Silver Spring	MD	Please save these important and tasty fish for the future.
Cynthia	Mastro	Elizabeth City	NC	I live in coastal NC, and I don't want these fish to disappear from our rivers. Thank you for considering my comments.
Gayle	Materna	Lititz	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help us protect this fragile web of life that sustains all of us.



William	Matheson	Tyngsboro	MA	nsidering my comments.
Georgianne	Matranga	Port Jefferson Station	NY	Thank you for your attention to my very grave concerns.
Pamela	Matthews	Phillips	ME	Please vote yes to extend federal management protections to river herring and shad, which are being killed by ocean fishermen in huge numbers, imperiling their survival. Thank you for considering my comments.
Bleu	Matthews	Chesterfield	VA	Protect all marine life on the Atlantic Coast line.
Rudi	Mattoni	New York City	NY	there are too may stresses on all natural systems now. all human excesses must stop.
Deborah	Mcarthur-wicks	Holly Ridge	NC	Please vote to save the red herring! Thank you for considering my comments.
Margaret	Mcbride	Greenfield	MA	I live on the Connecticut River and watch the shad come up the river to spawn. Over the years, the decline has been heart-breaking. Please protect this fish stock.
Brenda	Mccall	Efland	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Please add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan
Arthur	Mccarthy	Hampden	MA	Please do everything you can to save these fish.
Eric	Mcclure	Brooklyn	NY	Please act to protect these important fish populations! Their role in the aquatic food chain is critical. Thank you.
Deborah	Mccourt	Leominster	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. We are killing ourselves with greed.
Daniel	Mcdonald	Norwalk	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. I live on the Norwalk River in Norwalk, Connecticut. I have personally witnessed the decline of both River Shad and Black Herring. The Connecticut DEPARTURE have posted up and down the river in my community, with descriptions of the species and stating that they are protected, yet people are still fishing them. We need more enforcement officers patrolling the riverbanks if we are going to preserve these species. In all of my 12 years living on the river I have only seen an enforcement officer once, period. This suggests to me and those that fish the river from Long Island Sound to the River Mill Dam that the DEPARTMENT actually do not care about reestablishing shad and herring runs on the Norwalk River.
Judith	Mcelwain	South Setauket	NY	As a mother, grandmother and great grandmother concerned with protecting our environment for current and future generations, I urge you to vote to protect river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kathleen	Mcgee	Bowdoinham	ME	We cannot keep putting off saving these fish. They are a keystone species critical to our survival. That is not hyperbole. Thank you for considering my comments.
Brian	Mcgowan	New Milford	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. we must take controll of our protection effort of species of fish .Make the industrial fisheries more responsible and accountable.
Joshua	Mckain	Scituate	MA	People, animals, and the environment over profits....for the few!

Frances	Mckinney	Houston	DE	Thank you for considering my comments. I believe that too many other countries are fishing our waters and depleting many of our fish causing our fishermen who work for a living doing this hardship. Also why don't we start fishing for shark to cut those numbers back and maybe prevent some of the attacks on people at various beaches. They are overpopulated apparently. I don't have funds to donate at this time but thank you for listening.
Deborah	Mcleod	Charlottes ville	VA	We need all our laws to become very conscientious of our impact on marine life, on all species really. We are destroying the necessary balance of the earth, life by life. Thank you for considering my comments.
Patrick	Mcmahon	Westford	MA	Please vote to save the river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Susan	Mcmurtrie	Providence	RI	River herring and shad are crucial for a healthy, balanced ecosystem in our rivers along the Atlantic coast. Many people have committed time and determined effort to ensure their survival. With your help we have a good chance of preserving the biological diversity of our much loved rivers for many generations to come. A healthy natural environment feeds all of our souls (not to mention our bellies!), so my family and I hope you agree that protections for these fish are simply common sense. Thank you for considering my comments.
C	Mcnider	New York City	NY	There are more sustainable ways to go fishing. 5% is a near extinct level, please stop interrupting the delicate ecosystem balance!!
Margaret	Mcpartland	Nanuet	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Saveourendangeredfish
Letty	Mcphedran	North Haven	CT	Please install some restrictions. Letty.
Jack	Mcquarrie	Buffalo	NY	PLEASE! Extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad that are currently killed in huge numbers by fishing in federal waters. Thank you for considering my comments. A Mc QUARRIE NY
Eugene	Mead	Bayonne	NJ	These species are at 5% of their top population levels. Please protect them so that they can thrive.
Page	Meade	Reston	VA	Please protect these species as they follow their migratory patterns. It may be inconvenient for current practice but it is future life for all of us. Thank you!
L	Medeiros	North Kingstown	RI	Please do the right thing.
Vener	Medina	Ridgewood	NY	I love anything from the sea or river whether to consume or preserve them. When it comes to the future of our aquatic resources I'm all for the cause.
Gaynell	Meij	East Haddam	CT	OUR LIVES ARE ENTWINED WITH THE HEALTH OF THE FLOWING AND TIDAL WATERS. please take this action to further protect the shad and herring. Thank you for considering my comments.
James	Melloh	S Portland	ME	Our future depends on these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Deforest	Mellon	Charlottes ville	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please take the necessary action to insure the survival of these fish species.
Ruth	Mendes	Pound Ridge	NY	We must stop putting short term profits against long time sustainability.
Maryl	Mendillo	Aurora	NY	We need to protect all our species. They keep our eco-systems in balance. Thank you for considering my comments.

Dale	Mendoza	Bahama	NC	please help conserve all our kinds of animals. They are all important in some way to our ecology.
Fran	Merker	Brooklyn	NY	overfishing is dangerous if we want to preserve all these species for future generations thank you for considering my comments.
Margaret	Merrill	Riner	VA	Species whose populations have dropped to 5% of historic levels are flat out endangered. It is irresponsible of humans to let any species be so decimated. Please place river herring and shad on the endangered species list and bring their populations back to original levels. Thank you
Douglas	Meshna	Lynn	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. I have always lived along the water front. I have personally watched the draggers & purse seiners destroy the local ecology. The fishing industry needs more controls. If not then the fisherman will make zero money & we will be left with nothing to eat.
Mary	Mester	Bridgeport	PA	This national ecological treasure must be protected.
Stephen	Metts	New York City	NY	I flyfish for SHAD in the Delaware issue and this continues to be a significant issue- declining stock, esp. far up in the river. We need as much conservation as possible throughout this ecosystem related to SHAD and HERRING.
Douglas	Meyer	Guilford	CT	By-catching is one of the most pernicious factors of industrialized fishing. It just off-handedly devastates whole species, for no good reason. These are often species that are part of the base of the food change.
Paul	Meyers	Denville	NJ	I strongly believe protection for imperiled river herring and shad to be a very important issue that must be addressed. Even though this message came from an organization that I respect and support, please be assured that I have read it entirely and agree with it. In fact, I could not have said it better.
Laurel	Michaels	Kennebunk	ME	Thank you for considering my comments. This is a very important issue.
David	Michels	College Park	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Extend federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad that are currently killed in huge numbers by fishing in federal waters. As a recreational fisherman I enjoy having the chance each spring to see these fish, and catch and release a few of them.
Barbara	Mierzwa	Buffalo	NY	The Mid Atlantic Fish Management Council should continue to protect river herring and shad. It's important!
Susanna H.	Miller	Virginia Beach	VA	Sustainable fisheries are integral to the well-being of all that interact with the system: Predators (including us), Prey, Environment. Please consider protections for these important species.
Cindy	Minnotte	Durham	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Can you please read this accompanying letter, and read it well ? How can there even be any debate about this ? What kind of management council are you if you don't protect these fish ? I do not eat fish, and I protest these industrial fisheries just doing whatever they want to. This must be stopped before its too late !
Sunil	Misra	Columbia	MD	Why would you NOT protect our ecosystem, including the red herring. What will be left for those who come after us? Thank you for considering my comments.
Mary	Missall	Hemlock	NY	The delicate balance of nature is constantly being pushed off balance. Please consider the following information to stop more things from becoming irreversible. Thank you.
Josette	Mitchell	Lutherville-timonium Baltimore County	MD	We have to stop killing the planet

Gerald	Moerloos	Haverhill	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Fishing hasn't been good for many years even with river clean-up
Joseph	Moller	Meriden	CT	industrial fishing should be stopped from abrogating ecological resources that belong to us all for corporate profits
Reba	Mondo	Rochester	NY	It doesn't take much to get an entire ecosystem to collapse. Once it collapses where will it stop? Please make the right decision. Thank you for considering my comments.
Debra	Moody	Hickory	NC	planscape safety measures in place to save these fish that are in peril species all over the world are going extinct and they need to be protected until they can recover and then some. Thanks for considering my message
Yvonne	Moody	Southport	NC	Please do what you can to restore the stocks of these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
G	Moore	Hyde Park	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please conserve our rapidly vanishing creatures.....vanishing by our hands. We are not being good custodians of our gifts
Thomas	Moore	Philadelphia	PA	We are stewards of this planet. We should treat it with respect. Without it we die.
James	Morgan	Flemington	NJ	Please vote to extend protection to river herring and shad; too many fishes have already been reduced to tiny portions of their former abundance. Please help to stop the extinctions.
David	Morgan	Ambler	PA	Thank you for considering these comments from Earthjustice.
Heatherjoy	Morlock	Norwich	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Promotional Fishery Hatcheries For River Herring & Shad Fish Should Be Considered In Efforts To Save & Protect These Fish As Advise To Help Rights Of Fishery River Herring & Shad Fish!
Shalini	Morris	Charlotte	NC	Please instate science-based rebuilding goals, meaningful catch limits, and protection of essential habitat, to protect the dwindling river herring and shad populations.
Susan	Mosher	Schenectady	NY	We are abusing the balance necessary for healthy ecosystems. Abuse leads to nothing left
Ruth	Moskop	Winston-salem	NC	These fish are very important to the health of our environment. The aquatic food chain depends on their survival! Ruth Moskop
Carolyn	Mott	Spring Lake	NC	It is beyond time for our government to start thinking about the future of the people and our resources, instead of the future of the large corporations that are continuously catered to. If there are no more resources, the corporations will crumble anyway, right?
Judith	Mueller	York	PA	It's time to get realistic about the pressures our oceans can bear. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marianne	Mukai	Delhi	NY	River Herring and Shad are important to human life and to a healthy marine ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.
Patricia	Murphy	Morristown	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Don't let happen to these fish what happened to cod fish years ago.
Karen	Nagy	Spotsylvania	VA	Save the forage fish and give others a much relied upon food supply!
Franklin	Nanney	Cary	NC	Please vote to protect herring and shad. Thank you.

Jean	Naples	West Haverstraw	NY	Thank you for considering my comments and suggestion to please vote yes to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, before it's too late.
Elinor	Neuhasuer	Blue Hill	ME	Protection of all depleting species is essential if the balance of nature,now teetering on the brink, is to be saved! I strongly support this request!
Sue	Nicholson	Washington	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Our river fish depend on your taking action on the industrial-scale fisheries.
John	Nickey	Hanover	PA	Please save these fish! Thank you for considering my comments,John
Sue	Nightingale	Amherst	MA	Thank you for your time in this matter.
Susan	Nimchick	Chicopee	MA	Why are special or certain interests allowed to violate laws for the sake of profit and resulting harm as well as why is not the law, whether local, state, and federal not proactive with vision to protect now and future resources and rights? Thank you, Sue
Maureen	North	Shortsville	NY	Thank you for considering my views!
Pamela	Nowell	Lynchburg	VA	Thank you for considering my vote yes to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, before it's too late. I am always concerned about the impact on nature by ANY big business - fishing is no exception. I am urging you to please add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. A proactive stand and long term planning is always the best approach. Please take action before we loose these fish with no means to get them back. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.
John	Nuckols	Rockville	MD	Dear MAFM Council members, Natural resource agency staff in the states of MD and VA along with a number of staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations are working very hard to restore herring and shad populations through conservation and river ecosystem restoration projects. If mortality due to unchecked commercial fishing operations is allowed to continue, their work is in vain, and a heritage fishery destroyed. Please do all you can to assist us in not leaving this as a sad legacy to future generations. Local fish = local food, and harvesting our own is a tradition worth sustaining. Thank you for your support by voting to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan, before it's too late. Sincerely, J.R. Nuckols
Richard	Obrien	Edison	NJ	Come on! How about some management on this issue?
Jill	Obrig	Kingston	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Overfishing is killing the ocean and our planet. Stop it.
Robert	Odum	Elmira	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Specific species protection efforts are not simply isolated esoteric missions. They are urgent efforts to keep intact or restore the health of the vast ecological network that helps sustain all life supporting systems. The ecological ripple effects of even single species destruction demands as much attention as we can possibly give it. Please vote for this federal management extension.
Barrie	Olsen	New York City	NY	Please help manage our imperiled seas. Species have the ability to make remarkable comebacks when given the opportunity. Please support this initiative. Thank you.
Rick	O'reilly	Seaford	DE	If we do not take care of our home, who will? Thank you for considering my comments.
Maria	O'reilly	Marlton	NJ	Preserve life. Every being is here for a purpose. Do not destroy the ecosystem.
Dilara	Orer	Forest Hills	NY	There is no argument about this. The Council must vote to continue protection for the river .

Kathy	Orloski	Pittsburgh	PA	Save the fish!!! Nature is not intended to be raped as industrial sized fisheries are now doing....
Sherry	O'shell	Oakland	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. We should at least TRY to preserve our world for future generations...
Fred	Osterholtz	East Hampton	CT	Please extend the protection of a management plan to river herring and shad. Shad used to be a favorite in the CT River valley....that part has been worked on Now, we need a management plan. Thank you for considering my comments.
Karina	Otero	Watchung	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Respect nature! Respect life! Respect yourself! - Thanks!
Joanne	Ouellette	Meriden	CT	We as Earth's stewards have failed in protecting all her creatures and land. It's never too late for us to do our jobs.
Jeanne	Out	West Trenton	NJ	There is no turning back from forever.
Amelia	Overbay-day	Jamaica Plain	MA	Please preserve these resources for future generations. Thank you for considering my comments.
Elaine	Owens	Yonkers	NY	Our care of all earth creatures is vital for survival and this includes the herring and shad of rivers. Please take care of them for all of us and future generations
Roberto	Pace	Philadelphia	PA	We must use our resources wisely. Thank you for considering my comments.
Susan	Paige	Marion	IA	Fish are important to us no matter their importance to one man or business.thank you for considering my comments.
Bob	Paine	Rochester	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Let's not end the human race alone- keep these species alive
Paul	Pala	Greencastle	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. SAVE SOMETHING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!
Sheila	Palmer	Pocomoke City	MD	Restore the fish so that they will not be extinct.
Pamela	Palmer	Claymont	DE	Thank you for considering my comments. I enjoy catch and release fishing in Atlantic and east coast rivers, please help save fish for our children and grandchildren to utilize, long after we are gone! Thank you.
Kathryn	Panaro	Lynbrook	NY	EVERY LIVING THING MATTERS in Our World and is IMPORTANT!!!! PLEASE Help!!!!
Catherine	Panciocco	Salem	NH	If we protect them now, this will enable fishing for many long years ahead, You have to protect the species or in the future there will not be a fishing industry. It is for the fisherman's future that you take caution now!thank you for considering my comments.
Walter	Pankoe	Lansdale	PA	We as a human society seem to be bent on destroying this planet that we live on, starting with it's animals. Please vote for the protection of river herring and shad on the east coast of our nation. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lori K Renn	Parker	Reading	MA	Thank you.
CW	Parker	Ramsey	NJ	Without rules & controls, you'll be wiped out of existence. If you want something, protect it. CWP.

N	Parkinson	Warren	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. River shad and herring are necessary for the health of the larger sport fish not to mention the general ecosystem. Please add federal management protections to them. Thank you.
Bob	Parnofiello	Babylon	NY	To protect the earth, our home, and the home of all the other creatures that our creator sent into this world..
Vincent	Partos	Summit	NJ	If you do not put a stop to over fishing -eventually there will be nothing left. Can't see the future because greed has you blinded.
Richard	Partridge	Mcleansville	NC	As the dominant species on Earth it is our duty to manage our activities wisely to avoid harm to other creatures that share this planet with us. Thank you for considering my comments.
Hitu	Patel	Jersey City	NJ	Save the fish.
Shamil	Patel	Chevy Chase	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Your work is extremely valuable and greatly appreciated.
Christina	Paul	Silver Spring	MD	We as a species of this planet have so destroyed species after species from global warming pollution pesticides drilling...tThankst we need to stop as much as we can now to protect those species that are left on this planet. Please stop this useless killing. Please for the sake of all species on this planet. Thank you for considering my comments.
Wendy	Payne	Nahant	MA	Please protect our planet
Lisa	Payne	Purcellville	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. River herring and shad are essential species to the health of our rivers and oceans and serve as an essential food source for several varieties and species. I urge you to support a yes vote by voting to protect these forage fish. The collapse of these species would likely cause significant destabilization and create unintended consequences to the health of our bays, estuaries and coastal waters. Our oceans and commercial fish stocks are already showing signs of depletion; we cannot afford to cause additional damage to our already threatened coastal fisheries.
Alexandra	Pearson	Malden	MA	Save the fish!!
Patricia	Pellegrini	Milbridge	ME	No Atlantic Salmon....where will it end?
Kari	Percival	Malden	MA	The alewives (river herring) have been increasing in the Mystic River, MA over the last 10 years, making the water boil in spring time, but this spring they had a bad year. Was it drought? Rising ocean temperature? The shad are all but extinct from their original habitat here. Please protect our efforts to restore these beautiful fish to their native habitats here in New England.
Nancy	Perkins	New York City	NY	Overfishing and warming of the oceans, which greatly lessen the number of fish available to shorebirds, are causing crashes in baby-bird survival-- they're starving to death. Please protect the fish from overfishing and save the birds!!!
Mitch	Perlstein	Chester	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. THESE FISH ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT PLEASE PROTECT THEM!
Rita	Pesini	North Wales Montgomery County	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. As we watch species become extinct, man forgets he's also at risk for extinction!

Ann	Peters	Philadelphia	PA	I have powerful childhood memories of biking to see the herring run in the fresh Massachusetts springtime. Thank you for considering my comments.
Christina	Peterson	Greensboro	NC	Thank you for considering our planet.
Scott	Philbrick	Meriden	CT	WE HAVE HARD CHOICES TO MAKE IF WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR SPECIES... we must control our appetite for money... to do this we need to stop continual greed of over fishing... Thank you for considering my comments.
Suzanne	Phillips	Orleans	MA	I understand the ecological situation is more complicated than presented in this petition. But, as a herring volunteer and member of the River Herring Alliance, I am very concerned about the fate of the herring, and urge the MAFMC to take steps to protect these fish from the indiscriminate and wasteful factory trawlers. Thank you.
John	Phipps	Southbridge	MA	I don't eat any wild creatures, especially fish. My position is very important regarding the sad condition of our lakes, rivers and oceans. Stop eating fish!
Vivian	Pierce	Silver Creek	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help to save the River herring and Shad.
Nancy	Pierpont	Madbury	NH	Allow fish a chance to repopulate.
Teresa	Pistole	St. Stephens Church	VA	Please do all you can to protect our fish!
Tracy	Platero	Croton On Hudson	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. The fishing industry is out of control and by the time people wake up and realize they are gluttons it will be too late
Edward	Po	N Syracuse	NY	Protect our fisheries from over fishing. I am a voter not an exploiter of the seas. Industrial scale fishermen use weapons of mass destruction to kill the seas of all life. Disposing of those not deemed profitable, as dead garbage.
Hazel	Poolos	Richfield	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Extending federal management protections to river herring and shad is protecting our golden goose. Protect herring and shad now and have them forever. Think long-term. Think having our fish and eating them, too, forever--with protection.
Herbert	Popolow	Danville	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. I like herring in wine sauce.
Lisa	Porter	Chesterfield	VA	Please, keep sustainability in mind in all actions. Thank you.
Michael	Potter	Newburgh	NY	Please act now to help save theAtlantic ecosystem . Thank you
Devon	Powers	Florence	MA	Please save our fish! They are important to both ourselves and the ecosystem that they reside in. Thank you for considering my comments.
James	Prah	Chapel Hill	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Save the small fish saves the large fish.
Charles	Prescott	South Salem	NY	This is a very important subject. We must continue to bring back the balanced ecological situation in or rivers that was disrupted by the industrial revolution. That's over. Let's not let the pillaging of our oceans extend inland as it now does. Thank you for considering my comments.
Gerald	Press	New York City	NY	Enough's enough overfishing. Preserve and protect these fish and the environment, of which they are part.



Don	Price	New York City	NY	get them abundant again....
Michele	Printup	Steelton	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote yes on saving these fish, they provide food for the poor who fish for them. Thank you, a registered voter.
Joan	Prochoroff	Huntington	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please continue to vote to protect endangered river herring and shad that are killed in huge numbers by fishing in federal waters. These fish are so important in the food chain for larger fish as well as wildlife and marine mammals. As such, their survival is crucial for so many birds and animals. Please protect them in federal waters!
Beverly	Propen	Orange	CT	we need to protect all marine wildlife to preserve our planet & biodiversity.
John	Prybylski	Buffalo	NY	THE COUNCIL MUST KEEP "ALL" THESE VALUABLE FISH PROTECTED FROM OVER-FISHING..!!! ALL FISH IN ECO SYSTEM ARE IMPORTANT TO SECURE HEALTHY OCEANS....IT'S MEANS SURVIVAL OF OUR PLANET...!!!!!! WE ARE ALL CONNECTED...!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Joshua	Pucci	Richmond	VA	Please make good decisions.
Edith	Puckett	New Castle	VA	We do not need to lose any more fish to over fishing . Please do everything possible to save them
Susan	Putney	Albrightsville	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help preserve these important coastal fish. We need to save our fellow earthly creatures, not allow them to disappear through a lack of effort.
Vivian	Q. Klein	Cambridge	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. This is an important matter.
Edythe Ann	Quinn	Unadilla	NY	Protect these fish NOW, thank you. Thank you for considering my comments.
Dennis	Quinn	Rockaway Park	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Be SMART with ecology
Susan	Quist	New York City	NY	Remember the buffalo -- save the fish.
Beverly	Rae	Hellertown	PA	Thank you for acting in the best interest of the people and environment.
Jacob R.	Raitt	Bridgeport	CT	We have spent generations destroying our ecology and environment. It is time to reverse the destruction of our planet and it's riches.
Laura	Ramos	Clinton	NJ	Please stop killing the shad. Lambertville, New Jersey holds a Shad Fest each year to celebrate the return of the shad. Celebrate this and other fish who are endangered. Needlessly killing fish species for temporary profit is short-sighted and will ruin the environment. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kelly	Rankin	Butler	NJ	Please save the river herring!!!
Carolyn	Ratcliffe	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Consider the fact that industrial fishing techniques are excessive and wasteful, destroying species needlessly to overproduce. These methods if left unabated will strip the oceans of fish. Sustainable methods need to be employed and conservation needs to be a primary goal in the Mackerel Squid, Butterfish Fishery management plan by adding shad and river herring to the plan.

Linda	Rawlings	Frederick	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. For our own sake, we must act as stewards, not destroyers, of the earth and seas and all their bounty.
Nancy	Raymond	Buffalo	NY	I am in full support of extending the protection of the herring and shad and implementing catch limits on industrial-scale fisheries - their lack of consideration for herring and shad is a huge detriment to the species that depend on them for a food source, therefore, other species are at serious risk for survival. PLEASE extend federal management protections for these forage fish - they are important to the ecological system.
Lynda	Reed	Windham	ME	I surf fish and this season has been the worst I have seen in all my 76 years! Thank you for considering my comments.
William	Reed	Arlington	MA	Please address the issue of controlling overfishing and allowing a sustainable level of species. This is only better in the long run for the fishermen and the health if the ocean. Thank you for considering my comments.
Linda	Reed	Emmitsburg	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote yes.
Judee	Reel	Lubec	ME	Save the fish.Judee Reelgrandmother of three
N	Refes	New York City	NY	We MUST maintain a balance that promotes continued existence and health for our River Herring and Shad, as they provide an important ingredient in our own health and survival. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marcella	Regal	Grafton	MA	we need these fish
John	Rhodes	Mount Kisco	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please act while there is still time to save these important species.
Nancy	Ribakove	Congers	NY	Great effort and treasure have been expended in the quest to save Shad and River Herring from extinction; Actions which will be for naught if no measures are taken to protect these animals from Industrial Fishing. Seriously, can we really look away when we see an important part of Earth's ecosystem being trashed? Add Shad and River Herrings to the MSB-FMP now!
Dianne	Richardson	South Dennis	MA	All species play a role in the health or our environment. Thank you for considering my comments.
Charles	Riddle	Rocky Mount	NC	PLEASE DO WHAT IT TAKES TO PROTECT THE NC FISHERY.I PERSONALLY WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF PAYING A LITTLE MORE ON MY FISHING LISENCE TO COMPENSATE THE NETTERS FOR LIMITING MORE THIER CATCH OR DOING AWAY WITH NETTING ALTOGETHER.I BELIEVE THEY WORK VERY HARD FOR THEIR OCCUPATION BUT THE DAMAGE IT DOES TO THE FISHERY TAKE A VERY HIGH TOLL.THX. FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
J	Rigney	Newton	NJ	Thank you for reading my message and considering my views. I would welcome your reply.
Brenda	Rion	Blackstone	VA	Please protect the river herring and shad before it is too late. Each species that we allow to become extinct puts other species at risk. Thank you for considering my comments.
Maude	Rith	Etna	NY	Please keep the ecosystem in balance. Thank you for considering my comments.
Rick	Ritter	Allentown	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. These fish need to be saved now until they rebound....stop fishing for them!
Douglas	Roberson	Mashpee	MA	I am a herring-counter on Cape Cod, and it is clear that river herring and shad need protection.
John	Roberts	Lancaster	PA	Please help us save these fish! Thank you!

Janice	Robertson	New York City	NY	Extend federal management protections to save and protect river herring shad in federal waters. Thank you for considering my comments.
Charles	Robertson	Wilmington	DE	Thank you for listening. Should we "accidentally" drive one or more of these species to extinction there will be no going back. A large environmental event coupled with fishing to the brink could accomplish this. I would like to see less fishing of menhaden too.
Nadine	Robinson	Attleboro	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. We must change our eating habits if we are to leave a livable planet for future generations.
Letitia	Robson	Baltimore	MD	I have watched the shad populations in the Chesapeake Bay plummet in the last four decades. They are such an important part of the bay ecosystem. Please take action to bring them back. Thank you for considering my comments.
Michael	Rodgerson	Torrington	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. Let's save the fish
Linda	Roesner	Saranac Lake	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. When species are threatened we all are threatened.
Sarah	Rogovin	Stonington	CT	Thank you for considering my comments. This is important for our planet and for the quality of our life here in New England.
Tanya	Roland	Falls Church	VA	All species are crucial to the abundance of life on this earth. We are all interdependent. The untethered habit of humans taking taking from nature is literally killing everybody, everything, and us. Must stop.
Donna	Romo	New York City	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. I hope you give yourself the time to really ponder and visualize what this really looks like. And then what it will look like when there are no herring and shad. ... And then what will that lead to?
John	Rooney	Southold	NY	Save the fish for the future!
Maryann	Roper	Asbury Park	NJ	Thank you
Melene	Rose	Ridgefield	CT	Only 5% left of historic levels!!! This can't wait. Do what is needed to restore these fish, and thus saving other crucial fish and wildlife!
Andy	Rosen	South Portland	ME	Please do the responsible thing.
Sharon	Rosenberg	Brooklyn	NY	We need healthy oceans. Our actions have threatened them, so it's up to us to do better. Thank you for considering my comments.
Jill	Rosenbloom	New York City	NY	As you know, the food chain is an essential, but disruptable element in the web of life. Irresponsible neglect to protect key species can have an enormous and irreversable effect throughout the web including the human life. Please act responsibly. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lawrence	Rosin	New York City	NY	According to Earthjustice there are many animals in addition to river herring. And because of that harming the rivers will harm those creatures, especially since the animals breath it.
Jodi	Ross	New Salem	MA	Failure to maintain a sustainable catch rate is short-sighted and bad for both industry and ecology. Please protect the fisheries.

Robert	Rossi	Hampstead	NC	WAKE UP COUNCIL MEMBERS ! Every night I see Foreign trolling vessels coming in closer and closer to our shore. They have to be coming in under our 3 mile range, and they only come in at night. Why, because they know we have only a few coast guard vessels per hundreds of miles of coast line, and the odds are in their favor !!! You want to save our fish > Then tell someone we need MORE SHIPS TO PROTECT OUR WATERS ! If you don't, we'll lose the Atlantic coast for sure ! So please wake up ..... we're running out of time !!!!!
Linda	Rossin	Lake Hopatcong	NJ	There is a balance in nature, but we are disrupting it at alarming rates. If species like the river herring and shad are protected, then we can count on abundant stocks in the future, but waste them as non targeted species and we will cause a disruption in the chain of life. Thank you for considering my comments.
Amalie R.	Rothschild	New York City	NY	Our world is a fabric of interconnections which includes all life forms. As we humans continue to disregard this we set in motion situations that sooner or later will lead to our own demise. Given that some of us recognize this, why can't we succeed in overcoming the forces of greed and profit that are destroying our fragile and beautiful planet?
Erica	Rothstein	Quakertown	PA	The loss of any species is an inexcusable and unacceptable cost of civilization. Ultimately all humans pay the price. Please take appropriate action.
Susan	Roumpapas	Rochester	NY	If YOUR children were going extinct you would do something about it, I'm sure. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marilyn	Rowland	Ithaca	NY	I remember my mother fixing baked shad for dinner. It was so delicious! I am sad to know that shad numbers have dropped so precipitously! Please do what's necessary to protect them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Charles	Ruas	New York City	NY	This depletion spells ruin for the future, their livelihood, them and the environment in which they live. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kristen	Ruck	Oshkosh	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Humanity has a strong repeated tendency to exploit natural "resources" but preserving species just makes sense, why exploit and later struggle to bring a species back from nearly being on the brink. We need to simply have common sense.
Irina	Rudnitskaya	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you for considering my coPROTECT RIVER HERRING AND SHAD ON THE EAST COASTmments.
Antonio	Ruiz	Bowie	MD	Let all creatures live!! Thank you for considering my comments.
E	Ruoff	Gardiner	NY	I recall fishing for herring with my dad when I was a kid, during their annual run on the Black Creek in Esopus, NY. It would be a shame if they are wiped out by overfishing in the ocean.
Jason	Rupansingh	North Babylon	NY	Dear Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council members and staff, At the October 2016 council meeting, please vote to add river herring and shad as stocks in the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (MSB FMP). Please act now to restore river herring and shad by adding them to stocks in the MSB FMP.
Vincent	Rusch	Scenectady	NY	Please consider my comments.
Gary	Rush	Boston	MA	Please take this prudent action to restrict depletion of this resource.
Marna	Rusher	Marlborough	MA	Time is of the essence!
Lynne	Russell	Wilmington	DE	Please urge the council to vote yes to protect river herring and shad
Eric	Russell	Basking Ridge	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. As one who goes to shad festivals in the Hudson Valley region, I would rather have a viable shad harvest in 10 or 20 years than a declining population leading to extinction.

Denise	Russo	Queens	NY	River herring and shad were once among the most abundant and important fish species in rivers along the Atlantic coast. The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem. As forage fish, river herring and shad are a crucial food source for important sport fish like striped bass and bluefish, along with other wildlife, including shorebirds and marine mammals. Like salmon, they spend most of their lives at sea but swim up streams and rivers every spring to spawn--a migration that is critically important for coastal and river ecology. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ann	Ruthsdottir	Brunswick	ME	PLEASE save the fish. Once gone, they can not be brought back to life.
Samantha	Saat	Flemington	NJ	Killing animals is wrong and it's getting out of hands!
Merat	Saba	North Brunswick	NJ	Planet earth belongs to all living bodies on and inside of her, we must respect this beauty of universe and maintain her health and well being for our present, future security and protection. Thank you for considering my comments.
June	Sanson	New Paltz	NY	I am deeply concerned about the long term health of our oceans. Thank you for considering my comments.
David	Santos	New York City	NY	If I were these people from the Council, I would act immediately just by saving hundreds of millions of dollars on saving River herring and other fishes that are swimming throughout the Atlantic Coast. These fish species have been so important to this environment because it represents every aspect of the ocean and so many fishes have been living in that river for decades. I'm also giving the Council my final warning that if they don't vote "yes" on this situation, the population of these species will disappear forever and I don't want that to happen to other species either.
William	Satop	Wenonah	NJ	Our family has a long history relying on shad.
Leslie	Sauer	Sergeantsville	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Please do your job
Richard	Savoy	Boston	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please use your authority to do what is right. Continuation of life on earth is dependent upon continuation or expansion of species. We continue completion of our own death warrant every time we let a species disappear.
Marietta	Scaltrito	Staten Island	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. If those in power do not stop man's Unending GREED and INDIFFERENCE and start being CARETAKERS of our world, we will continue to destroy our natural resources and all creatures, including ourselves.
Carole	Schaefer	Asheville	NC	I have serious concerns about how pollution is negatively effecting so many species. We are at the tipping point. "The canary is dying in the coal mines." We must pay attention to how many species are dying and take severe measures to preserve our environment...NOW. Thank you for considering my comments.
Krissa	Schandelmaier	Brooklyn	NY	One of my brothers worked as a government observer on fishing boats for years and I'm going to have to ask him about this because I'm struggling to figure out how this has been allowed to happen. When the population of any species is at less than 5 percent of its historic levels - and there's supposedly laws and regulations in place to prevent this - I just don't understand. I hope you will vote not only to extend protections to river herring and shad, but also to do everything necessary to make sure the protections are enforced. Otherwise, they obviously are worthless. Thank you.
Robert	Schantz	Carrboro	NC	Please protect our fish to prevent endangering their population level. Thank you for considering my comments.

Bonney	Schaub	Huntington	NY	Please take action to preserve our precious water. As a registered nurse, mother and grandmother I know that contaminating our waters is threat to our health and well-being both physically and emotionally. Thank you for your attention to my plea.
B. Mark	Schmerling	Saluda	NC	We need ALL marine life for our future and theirs. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ronald	Schmid	Wrightsville	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. I've lived on or the Susquehanna most of my life. For decades we've watched Herring and Shad dwindle to the point where we're lucky to catch ONE - PLEASE do whatever you can to protect these fisheries. Thank you.
Malgorzata	Schmidt Md, Phd	Frederick	MD	You have already brought so many species to extinction. Is it now turn for the most "abundant" fish? Please, stop the overfishing. Thank you. And with best wishes and kind regards I remain faithfully yours
N.	Schneider	Baltimore	MD	Save the shad and their roe!
Linda	Schneider	Arlington,	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. I think it is very important for you to vote to extend federal protection to river herring and shad. These fish are important to river ecosystems, and much has been done to make inland waterways conducive to recovery of the species, but if the protections are not extended to the inadvertent catch of these fish at sea, the work and expenditures to protect them inland will be in vain. we have come too far to stop now. The presence of these fish is vital to ocean and river ecosystems and the other species that feed on these fish.
Karen	Schnitzer	Cheshire	CT	I am part of a group that is working to improve and extend river habitat for these fish. Please help them survive to make use of it! Thank you for considering my comments.
Chris	Scholl	Neptune	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. And remember fish are friends not food.
Michelle	Schonfeld	Cinnamintown	NJ	I used to eat shad in season every year. Now you rarely see it anymore. Please preserve the native wild fish.
Eileen	Schott	West Milford	NJ	I am one of many who want the environment protected so that our children and grandchildren we live in a healthy world.
Paul	Schryba	Mountain side	NJ	We must convert the global economy to a humane environmentally sustainable one.
Catherine	Schuler	Silver Spring	MD	The text says it all..
Michele	Schwartz	Morgantown	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. We must save these fish!
Joseph	Schy	Norfolk	VA	The health of our nation's natural resources should take precedence over the interests of a few in a relatively narrow industry. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ingrid	Scott	Castine	ME	Thank you for considering my comments. Maine fishermen depend on these fish - including our alewife runs in spring. We need to protect them and hopefully have them rebound to higher levels.
Steve	Sears	Hatboro	PA	The health of our Planet is measured by how polluted our water ways are. All those Fisheries are wasted if the our water ways kill them after their released.
Pat	Selden	Newark	DE	Thanks for listening.
Andrew	Sellman	Rockville	MD	Thee are historical accounts of early American colonial accounts of of people being able to literally scoop shad and other related fish out of rivers with nothing more than a hand-held net on a stick. That is how much places like the Bay has changed .

Elizabeth	Seltzer	Parkside	PA	Stop destroying our planet
Diane	Selvaggio	Gibsonia	PA	Industrial fishing enjoys too many protections - and these come at the expense of future fishery health and present small scale fishing operations. We need to be far smarter about understanding the full range of complexities surrounding fish ecology so we can far more effective about managing our fisheries. Good management policies, practices, and regulations come only with broad knowledge and a sensible overall strategy. Thank you for taking a more comprehensive look at this situation.
Daria	Semchenkov	College Park	MD	Thank you for considering!
Tufani	Sengupta	Needham	MA	My signature is my enthusiasm.
Shoshana	Serxner	Raleigh	NC	We cannot afford to lose any more animals, whether on land, in the air or in the water. They are all needed to be part of our ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.
M	Sh	Hamburg	NY	mans greed is killing everything fishermen are irresponsible&immoral HEAVILY restrict fishing amounts .current standards are a joke and not enforced StayOUT of federal areas
Michael	Shakarjian	Milltown	NJ	As the leader of a watershed association actively involved in protecting shad and herring species, this issue is very important to me. Thank you for considering my comments.
Richard	Shannahan	Lutherville	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Please EXTEND federal management protections to imperiled river herring and shad.
Jayme	Sharpe	Wilbraham	MA	Once they are gone they will NEVER come back!!!! Thank you for considering my comments.
Kay	Sherretts	Linesville	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please wake up before it's too late. All species are necessary for an ecological balance.
Sally	Shoemaker	Salisbury	MD	These fish are a keystone species in their habitats and environment. If they die off the whole ecosystem will go under. It'll be a chain reaction of bad news. Don't let them disappear.
Donna	Shook	Mooresville	NC	Please help protect these fish. They need your help desperately. Thank you for considering my comments.
Zimma	Shshkin	Philadelphia	PA	The loss of river herring and shad at sea hurts many other species in the ecosystem
Matthew	Shubitz	Livingston	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments...and thanks for all the fish.
Linda	Silversmith	Rockville	MD	I hope this letter makes clear the urgency with which you need to act to protect river herring and shad.
Gail	Skinner-brassard	Dracut	MA	Please help protect these species of fish. These fish are critically important to both costal and river ecology and need extended protection. Thank you.
Dan	Slavinsky	Ronkonkoma	NY	Dear Council members Please vote correctly to allow these river fish stocks to increase to sustainable levels. These along will all species should not be taken in such abundance that it threatens them. As fishing methods improve so should the laws that limit catches. Management is key! Thanks Dan Thank you for considering my comments.

Katherine	Slawinski	New York City	NY	The death of these two species will cause more death and extinction further on up the food chain. Eventually even we will feel it!
Jill	Slee	Charlotte	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Please let no species become extinct at your hands.
Alden	Small	New Oxfod	PA	Alewives and Shad are not just forage species. They are very important for human consumption, and must be protected so that they become plentiful again.
Stjohn	Smith	New York City	NY	Helping restore ecosystems to natural levels is essential for us as custodians of our planet Thank you for considering my comments.
Ronald	Smith	Mayslandi ng	NJ	I am requesting that you vote yes to protect the River Herring and Shad. It is my understanding that population levels are at seriously low levels. Please, vote yes before these fish face extension.
Moon	Smith	Philadelph ia	PA	Managing Shad can make them plentiful again.
Bonnie	Smith	Christians burg	VA	Please help protect these fish - their populations are dangerously near the point where they will be unable to breed enough to sustain the species. Thank you -
Barbara	Smith	Gill	MA	save our wildlife , save our fishing shad and herring. We need to save as many as possible . We have already lost so many animals . Save, Save Save.
Michael	Smith	Marietta	GA	The oceans, seas and rivers are being over-fished. Thank you for considering my comments.
Carolyn	Smith	Stoneville	NC	We must protect our oceans for the future of our planet. Thank you for considering my comments.
David	Snope	Califon	NJ	Thanks for reading!
Michele	Sobowiec	Cheektow aga	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. It is extremely important to protect the river herring.
Grace	Soltis	Easton	MD	Eco balance is key to the survival of so many species and most beneficial to humans as well. We must not over fish or we will suffer disastrous results. Thank you for considering my comments.
Bernard	Soroko	Madison	CT	My Dad, using the name George Bernard, was a cofounder of the Shad Museum and helped get the shad named the state fish. This is not just heritage but our environment we must warden. Thank you for considering my comments.
Margaret	Sowerwin e	Rocky Mount	NC	The arrival of the shad, usually in February, upriver in the Tar River of NC, leads to a community celebration. The meadow across from my house, seldom used anymore now that the baithouse is gone, is filled with cars and trucks every day while the run lasts. It would be tragic to lose this yearly rite of spring!
Georgeanne	Spates	Southold	NY	How much the aquatic environment needs an increase in these important forage fish -- shad and river herring!
Charles	Spencer	Bolivia	NC	Please help save these fish. Thanks, Charlie Spencer
William	Spettman n	Hicksville	NY	Council Members, please help preserve river herring and shad populations. I would love to take my grandchildren fishing in the future and do not want to tell them about how it used to be. I would love for them to see it for themselves.Thank you for considering my comments.
Sharyn	St Clair	Bridgeport	CT	Thanks.



Jan	St. Cyr	Barrington	NH	Too late is too late. Let's not wait until it is too late. So please work to save these fish before it really is too late. Please protect river herring shad through a federal management plan based on science and data. Thank you for considering my comments.
Brenda	Staab	Virginia Beach	VA	Please do what is in your power to save these fish and help increase their numbers. Thank you.
Sandy	Stagg	New York City	NY	Please do whats necessary to protect herring and shad and control industrial fishingthank you for considering my comments.
Deb	Stahl	Rockville	MD	Herring and shad were part of my mid-Atlantic childhood, and it's been harder and harder to find them. My own kids have never had shad, and I worry that they never will. :(
Thomas	Stanton	State College	PA	Please extend full protection to these fish. Losses of species such as these hurt the ecosystem as a whole, a system humans are a part of.
Madonna	Starr	New York City	NY	Protecting our fishing areas in order to replenish stocks of the river herring and shad will keep them sustainable for local fishing in the future. Thank you for considering my comments.
Dave	Stauber	Braintree	MA	These fish are too important to let them become extinct.
Erin	Staudt	Andover	MA	Please keep sight of the variety of fish species and the importance they play in a well balanced food chain..
Adelaide	Steely	Harrisburg	PA	I vote so consider my comments. Instead of decreasing the river herring and shad along the coast, limit fishermen and women who may think to limit their offspring with less of a catch. Bupskas belong in Davy Jones locker for fish food.
Jane	Steinberg	Lowell	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Any species lost is a loss to every other living.thing. Save these while you still can.
Netania	Steiner	Brooklyn	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote YES, and help protect and restore these fish!
Lauren	Steinfeld-cavuoto	Nyack	NY	It is clear that protection of these species is needed for the health of our environment.
Merritt	Stephens	Spotsylvania	VA	Please protect these important fish! Thank you for considering my comments.
Jenny	Stephens	Lansdale	PA	Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.
David L	Stermer Sr	Windsor	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to get our act together,we have got to stop destroying our environment.
S	Stern	Greenbelt	MD	Thank you for your service.
Elizabeth	Sterner	Lancaster	PA	These fish are a vital part of the food chain
Lynne	Stewart	Brooklyn	NY	Fish like the water they swim in are sources of life!!
Heidi	Stewart	Asheville	NC	Please consider taking a stand for our future and the health of our planet! Thank you for considering my comments.

James	Stone	Asheville	NC	Vote to protect Atlantic ocean fish.
Joann	Stoughton	Rockland	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. Please restore these fish and let them survive!
Stephanie	Stover	Bethlehem	PA	It is very important to protect our river herring and shad now, not only for their own survival but also so that the species that depend on them can thrive. Please take action now to protect these very important species. Thank you.
Daniel	Stoy	Piscataway	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. We must preserve and protect the river herring and shad from overfishing like the Atlantic Cod and Swordfish. Overfishing is contrary to the survival of these fish and the future of sound fishing practices for generations to come.
Wayne	Straight	Sykesville	MD	We lose these fish and we lose the entire coastal food chain.
Michele	Straitiff	Hagerstown	MD	We, as Americans, have lost and/or corrupted so many of our resources and species such as these are so very necessary to our survival and the survival of other species. Please consider voting yes to support the cessation of industrial fishing for these fisheries and others endangered. Thank you for considering my comments.
Arthea	Strongin	Albany	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote to save this species of fish it is very important that we do not destroy our eco system.
David	Suarez	Brooklyn	NY	Please save these fish!!
Paula	Sullivan	Alexandria	VA	I strongly support Earthjustice's stand on this important issue. Please don't wait until it's too late to protect these two important species. The repercussions of not saving them will be devastating to the ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.
John P.	Sullivan	Ithaca	NY	Please vote yes to protect river herring and shad so that these severely depleted species will have a fighting chance of returning to healthy population levels, through science-based rebuilding goals, meaningful catch limits, and protection of essential habitat. Thank you!
Joseph	Sullivan	West Seneca	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. We better move on this and fast!!!
Matt	Summey	Mechanicsville	VA	Please help river herring and shad recover from historical low population numbers. Thank you for considering my comments.
Lindsay	Suter	North Branford	CT	I live by the Farm River in CT. The Alewife and Blue Back Herring used to run here in great numbers every spring. Now, sadly, they are a mere trickle. We must save the base of the marine food-chain pyramid, otherwise it will collapse!
Shirley	Swan-geiger	Souderton	PA	Please protect our river herring and shad, we are losing too many species in our ecosystem in a short time due to fishing nets, oil spills and pesticides. Thank you for considering my comments.
Alison	Swanson	Clarksville	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. The shad herald the coming of spring in the Hudson River and feed the striped bass. Please respect these fish and don't allow over fishing.
Meredith	Sweet	Waldorf	MD	Please vote yes to extend federal protection to river herring and shad. This is so important. As a member of the local watershed sentinel group for Mattawoman Creek, where many types of anadromous fish spawn, I know how dire it has gotten for herring and shad populations. Your vote now would do so much to make a positive change in the future. Thank you for kindly considering my comments.

Eloise	Swenson	Brookfield	CT	Council Members: Important steps have been taken to improve the water quality for river herring and shad, but those steps are useless if industrial fishing operations sweep river herring and shad up in their commercial-sized nets when these small fish are in ocean waters. They are killed before they reach the rivers. Their populations are very low, and I ask you to vote YES on extending their protections.
Arthur	Swers	Floyd	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. There are already too many species that have disappeared or are disappearing. It is our responsibility to care for the Earth and it's creatures.
Aimee	Tabrizi	New York City	NY	Biodiversity is essential to our own lives and should never be taken for granted. Thank you.
Elizabeth	Taft	Vineyard Haven	MA	It makes sense to protect the herring and shad. Heathy levels keeps the fishing business healthy. Let's do the unpopular but smart thing. Thank you for considering my comments.
Beverly	Tall	New York City	NY	Please extend federal management protections to the river herring and shad fish. These fish are part of the important ecosystem that sustain other fish for food and sustenance. Please review and seriously consider the importance of protecting these important species: the river herring and shad. It is a matter of survival for so many fish species and a fragile ecosystem. Thank You.
Heather	Taylor	Middleburg	VA	Please extend federal management protection for these fish. Counting on your help. Thank you for considering my comments.
Jason	Taylor	Nanuet	NY	Start doing the right thing!Dr. Taylor
James	Taylor	Houlton	ME	Thank you for considering my comments. OVERFISHING IS THE PATH TO RUIN!
Linda	Taylor	Buffalo	NY	Your urgent help is needed. Thank you for your time considering this important issue which affects the entire ecosystem
Tammy	Tayman	Fairfax	VA	Please remember that we must act to preserve these fish and many others to conserve these resources for our children and future generations. We must be good managers of this planet, for everyone! Thank you for considering my comments.
Caitlin	Temme	Asheville	NC	Extend federal management protection to river herring and shad. Keep our Earth protected and species vast.
Edward And Gail	Temple	Brooklyn	NY	This is really important to me and my wife. We love nature and we love to fish. Please protect these important species. Thank you
Judith	Thibeau	Arlington	MA	There must be better management of these river fish to protect the ecology of The Mud- Atlantic shore. Please add compressive protection at sea so that these gish can come back. Thank you for considering my comments.
Eileen	Thompson	Springfield	VA	Thank you for choosing to protect river shad and herring before it is too late.
Diane	Thomson	Banner Elk	NC	The balance of nature needs to be maintained. Please stop the industrial-scale fisheries from destroying these fish, change the methods they use to catch the fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kathi	Thonet	Pittstown	NJ	We already know what an ecological disaster factory farming is. So too for factory fishing, when trawlers scoop up everything in the ocean. Nature needs to be in balance, yet every day we take another step closer to the earth being populated solely by humans and insects. Thank you for considering my comments.
Judith	Tilton	Lawrence ville	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. At a critical stage such as this, half-measures aren't good enough. We have to be willing to remedy the problem from all perspectives. Please vote to extend federal management protections to river herring and shad. We are depending on you.

Christopher	Tobias	Pittsburgh	PA	It is my opinion that we can never let a species disappear from this Earth without doing all we can to save it. I hope you share that opinion. Thank you for considering my comments.
Debra	Tohlman	East Bangor	PA	For recreational fisherman it is vital to protect all fish and to support natural balance. We fight to supplement our food budget along with for enjoyment.
Anne	Tolbert	Cambridge	MA	Shad and river herring need protection as their loss threatens not only them but other species for whom they are an important food source.
Philip	Toomey	Quincy	MA	Thanks for your attention.
Suzan	Touchette	East Berlin	PA	Please extend federal management protection to river herring and shad.
Erline	Towner	Milford	NH	Wake up.
Amelia	Trevelyan	Baltimore	MD	My sincere and thanks to you for considering my comments.
Mary	Troland	Oceanside	NY	Please extend protection to shad and river herring.
Laura	Troll	Buzzards Bay	MA	Preserving the health of the marine ecosystem for the future should be a highest priority. Thank you for considering my comments.
Phyllis	Truran	Neptune	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. I consider the survival of herring and shad to be very important to our maintaining the Mid-Atlantic coastal habitat!
Barbara	Trypaluk	Saratoga Springs	NY	Vote to SAVE river herring and shad. They are so important to the survival of striped bass, bluefish, marine mammals and shorebirds.
Frederick	Tuttle, Jr.	Hooksett	NH	In the 1960's and 1970's it was very common to hear about the Shad and River Herring runs along the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers in New England. Today they are virtually never heard about. With present day levels at about 5% of historic levels the resulting negative impact on all of the environmentally related species is critical. Steps must be taken to preserve the Shad and River Herring to preserve the even balance in our river and ocean environments. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ruth	Tynen	Cary	NC	Please vote yes! It's essential for us to to protect our ecosystem
Khelsi	Tyner	Sanford	NC	Vote yes for your land and your people! We only get one Earth!!
Jeannie	Ulrich	Winston Salem	NC	Thank you for considering my comments. Your yes vote is needed to preserve the river herring and shad populations which are currently at 5% of their historic levels coastwide. They are important to the food chain for many important sport fish, shorebirds, and marine mammals. If you don't vote to protect them, the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by federal, state and local entities to improve water quality and increase access for river herring and shad to spawning grounds upriver is lost because the fish won't have the opportunity to get there. They will be scooped up by large industrial-scale fisheries as by catch, either to be dumped overboard dead or sold with other fish as bait. You can stop this from happening.
Rae	Urban	Franklin	ME	Our resources are dwindling at an alarming pace, and need to be protected!
Tony	Ussing	Stockholm		Please take care of our planet

Richard	Van Aken	Southampton	PA	I live near the Delaware river and in the past fished for both shad and herring something I no longer do as a result of the steady decline in their numbers due to overharvesting by industrial fishing fleets either by accident or on purpose. It doesn't matter which all that matters at this stage is protecting the populace that remains in hopes that given a chance they'll rebound.
Serena	Van Buskirk	Pittsburgh	PA	Please vote YES to protect river herring and shad through a federal management plan. So much effort has gone into saving these fish, vital to riverine ecosystems, and this is the final piece in the puzzle to save them. They are FIVE PERCENT of historic levels coastwide and urgently need protection to return to healthy population levels. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marcia	Van Note	Asbury Park	NJ	We must do everything we can to save these fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marjorie	Vandervoort	Closter	NJ	We must save these fish!
Joseph	Vasques	Gloucester Township	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Vote yes to protect the shad and herring populations on Atlantic coast
Ryan	Vaughan	Baltimore	MD	stop dumping herring and shad now
Candida	Vene	Park Ridge	NJ	Once again we need to consider all the impact that one action has on various situations. Commercial fishing has many unintended consequences. It needs to be regulated. This is just one more example. I hope you will insist that the fishing industry consider their impact all over. Thank you for considering my comments.
Edward	Vermeulen	Patchogue	NY	Save these river herring and shad species.
William	Vickstrom	Plymouth	MA	The counts of River Herring have declined dramatically over the last several decades. Over fishing by huge trawlers has contributed significantly to this decline. We need to stop this practice and do all possible to restore our herring runs to former levels. They are a very important fish in the food chain and increased numbers will help improve the entire ocean ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.
George	Viveiros	North Kingstown	RI	Please save the food chain. Protect these fish.
Pierre	Vuilleumier	Los Angeles	CA	All sea life is critical to our existence. Please consider doing as much as you possibly can to protect the Atlantic herring as they are the source food for our table food. Thanks Pierre Vuilleumier
Jenny	Walker	New York City	NY	The time to act is before it is too late. There need to be restraints on fishing practices that waste the hierarchy of "other than intended" fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Zara	Wallace	Belfast	ME	Please act to protect river herring and shad, whose populations are now at all time lows.
Charles T	Walsh	North Attleboro	MA	Thank you for reading and considering my comments. The race now is to preserve and conserve as many species as we can.
Dorrit	Walsh	Brooklyn	NY	Thanks

Roger	Walter	Mcalisterville	PA	This is something that needs addressed now! Once the fish are gone, then other species will also be gone forever. Stand up and take action now, don't let lobbyists take over.
Thomas And Alice	Walters	Bethlehem	PA	What do we eat when we let all these fish disappear? Use smart skills not overkill to fish for what we want not just appears in the net.
Mary Ann	Walton	Halifax	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Industry seems to think only of their own pockets and the easiest way to fill them.
Debbie	Waltuch	Woodmere	NY	Thank you for your time. Debbie Waltuch
James	Wannamaker	Palm Harbor	FL	I grew up on the Pee Dee River in South Carolina and lived in Baltimore for years. Shad are part of the heritage of both the Pee Dee area and the Mid Atlantic. Thank you for considering my comments.
Susan	Warner	Manchester Township	NJ	Save the fish and save the earth, PLEASE.
Thomas	Warner	Castleton	NY	The virtual collapse of the Shad population in the Hudson River extremely alarming to all of us. This iconic fish should be protected at all costs along with River Herring.
Lisa-jo	Warren	Gorham	ME	Stop killing our food supply. Thank you for considering my comments.
Kathy	Washington	Philadelphia	PA	Stop the killing off one of our food supply! Stop the damage of our ecosystem even more! All the money that went to preserve these fish! Are now being killed! What a waste! All for profit! When are we going to stop the madness! We are killing this planet and ourselves!
Ronnie	Watkins	Merrick	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. We must stop endangering all the species that are vital to life on this planet.
Tomeka	Watkinson	Wachapreague	VA	Thank you for considering my comments. W must stop over-fishing.
James	Watts	Annandale	VA	Save the herring and shad populations to benefit all citizens and not just industrial fishing operations.
Sena	Wazer	Mansfield	CT	I think that this is super important because if fish die that will mess up the whole food chain.
David	Weber	Exeter	NH	Overfishing is the easiest form of violence against the ocean for humans to reduce. Please vote yes. Also if you haven't yet read historian Jeffrey Bolster's The Mortal Sea, do. Respectfully, David Weber
Lorna	Wells	Binghamton	NY	Please protect these fish for the greater good.
John	Wengryn	Brick	NJ	We need to limit industrial fishing as well as local and commercial! Thank you for considering my comments.
Henry H	Westmoreland	Wingdale	NY	We need to get spawning shad populations up to levels that can be harvested sustainably. Thank you for considering my comments and doing as much as you can now.
Polly	Wheat	Astoria	NY	It is essential to protect these species AND the ecosystem! Thank you for considering my comments.

Chris	Wheatley	Aston	PA	these populations are at an all time low. please regulate federal waters and give these fish a chance for survival
Elizabeth	Wheeler	Narberth	PA	Thank you for being such a responsible public servant
David	White	Bar Harbor	ME	I own a small auto repair shop. Thank you for considering my comments.
Debbie	White	Nashua	NH	We cannot afford to let major populations of important fish become extinct in an area. We have no idea how many other species interact and depend on these fish. We cannot be cavalier in our stewardship of this earth. Thank you for considering my comments.
D	White	Windsor	NY	We can't keep regarding our waters as an unlimited supplier of fish. Thank you for considering my comments.
Warren	Whiteside	Odessa	DE	Thank you for considering my comments. I live in Delaware and think these larger forage fish should be added to your current list.
Ann	Whitfotd	Annandale	VA	All species are important and worth protecting. Think of a domino theory, when one species fails and is allowed to become extinct, those species that depended upon it soon follow.
Carolyn	Whiting	Reading	MA	Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
Sharon	Whitmore	Rougemo nt	NC	Please vote to save these fish!
Karen	Widerstrom	Alton	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. Restoring ecosystems and food chains and preserving species is most critical for all our survival.
David	Wiesler	Newark	DE	Management of larger fish species has helped their populations recover, and this management (and fishing limits) must be extended to smaller fish before the ecosystem collapses.
Christine	Wight	Manchester	MA	People and creatures from the area where herring and shad live have folk lore about spring, it is a cultural lifestyle not found elsewhere and livelihoods to consider. Just like so many other coastal dwelling places, it has taken a beating from the human element. Continue the rebalancing already underway. Provide federal management. It will add constructive jobs. Thank you for considering my comments.
Jean	Wilhelm	Eastport	ME	River herring are truly important to the whole system! Please do anything to help them flourish!
Laurie	Wilhelm	Bel Air	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Please help save them. They need their space.
Emlyn	Williams	New York City	NY	Fishery Management is about preserving all stocks. Just because these species are not seen by many as important, doesn't mean they can be disregarded in the fuller picture.
RM	Williams	Concord	NH	Species in an ecosystem have been compared to rivets in an airplane- losing a few will not change the overall function of the plane, but how many can be lost before the airplane falls out of the sky? In the 20th and 21st centuries, so many species have been lost from the various ecosystems around the planet which together make up the biosphere - which supports all life on planet Earth. How many 'rivets' are we from total system collapse? Do we really want to find out the hard way? You are in a unique position to make a significant positive impact on the future of life- for humans and all living organisms, in this region. Thank you for saving the regional populations of these important species!
Kathleen	Williams	Hillsdale	NY	Thanks for listening.
Glenn	Williams	Brooklyn	NY	The populations of these fish has fallen drastically. We must act, not only in cleaning our rivers and streams, but also to control the loss of these fish at sea. Thank you for considering my comments.

Debra	Williams	W Simsbury	CT	This practice is destructive, disturbing and wasteful. It's upsetting the natural balance. Please extend the federal management protections for river herring and shad. Thank you for considering my comments.
Diane	Williford	Kernersville	NC	FROM DIANE WILLIFORD- NC Resident- Please vote yes to save the herring and shad
Tiina	Wilson	Fredonia	NY	Please extend federal management protections to the imperiled river herring and shad whose populations hover at less than 5% of historic levels coaswide. Thank you for considering my comments.
Charles	Wilson	Cary	NC	Please protect for the future!
Monika	Win	Durham	NC	Please extend federal management protections for river herring and shad. Large commercial fishing companies don't care about the survival of fish in the ocean. They are all about big profits. That's it. Thank you for considering my comments.
Joseph	Wingate	Newark	DE	I love to fish but at some point gou have to draw a line its time.
Dennis	Wingle	Shoemakersville	PA	Please see that river herring and shad are protected from overfishing by voting "yes" to extend federal management protections to these species. Thank you for your consideration of my views.
Sabrina	Winter	New York City	NY	Help !
Margaret	Wise	Scarborough	ME	Thank you for considering my comments. We must stem the loss of species and habitats essential to the populations on the planet.
Lynn	Wojcik	Clifton Park	NY	Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.
Victoria	Wollam	Boston	MA	Thank you for considering my comments.Fishing has been a pastime for years.Please save the fish.
Elizabeth	Wood	Gettysburg	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. N
Diana	Woodall	Dayton	VA	I am concerned that if we deplete these smaller species of fish, it will result in unforeseen losses of other species as well.
Nick	Woodin	Au Sable Forks	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. We need to support more selective harvesting methods.
Barbara	Woods	New York City	NY	Please protect our oceans and the creatures who love there
Anne	Wootten	Philadelphia	PA	Thank you for considering my comments. Saving river herring and shad will help to preserve other fish in a delicate ecosystem.
Glenn	Wright	Oneonta	NY	If our sources of food disappear, we will disappear along with them. Thank you for considering my comments.
Diane	Wright	Exeter N.h.	NH	Please do what is necessary to save, and protect the Red Herring, and Shad, because they feed other fish and birds, that would otherwise starve. Thank you...
Catherine	Wright	New York City	NY	River Herring & Shad are such important fish, that we can't loose them! We must bring them back!
Roy	Wright	Orange	NH	Thank you for considering my request.
Jack	Wyszomirski	Brooklyn	NY	This already happen in Baltic Sea.Sprats and herring were killed and cod became endangered fish.So there is folks wisdom :God gave you a brain USE IT BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Christine	Yannielli	Naugatuck	CT	Severe and serious Conservation measures are needed to maintain the maximum amount of shad and herring for maintaining an ecological balance. Let us not be negligent when larger fish are being caught at the same time endangering the smaller fish like shad and herring.
Joyce	Yeary	Jefferson	MD	Thank you for considering my comments. Please protect river herring and shad along the Atlantic coast. They are an important part of our ecosystem.
Julie	Yost	Palmerton	PA	we hold the power to make our planet full of a diverse ecosystem for our children. they deserve it. Thank you for considering my comments.
William	Young	Bay Head	NJ	Thank you for considering my comments. Please extend protections to herring and shad.
Stuart	Young	Patterson	NY	Thank you for considering my comments. These actions will promoted sane sustainable fishing for future generations.
Cemal	Yurtseven	Portsmouth	NH	we need to be good stewards of Mother Nature and all she provides for us. How insane is it that people will hunt and kill animals that are so desired into extinction. Then no one will ever be able to enjoy some of the benefits!.
Martin	Zahn	Williamsburg	VA	Fish species are not constrained by human boundaries. They need to be protected everywhere if we want to avoid extinction. Please vote to do all we can to save these species.
Phyllis	Zahnd	Hastings On Hudson, Ny	NY	This issue is more wide spread than even this petition addresses. I live in Westchester County in NYS along the Hudson River. The coast gurard is planning to use the river as a parking lot for oil carrying barges which will disturb the river bed and further destroy these fish populations. Thank you for considering my comments.
Gretchen	Zeiger-may	Shallotte	NC	These fish are a fundamental must have for the tuna/bluefish/cod and other marine birds and animals. Stop this slaughter of their food. Industrial scale fisheries are over fishing our oceans. They must stop during the migration of these forage fish. Let them live to feed the other fish/birds and mammals that need them. Stop the use of gill nets over all. If the oceans die we die. Thank you for considering my comments.
Nancy	Ziac	Old Greenwich	CT	please vote yes to preserve our river fish, herring and shad.
Betsy	Zimmerli	Keene	NH	Thank you for considering my comments. We absolutely must preserve especially those species on home the larger fish depend.
Leda	Zimmerman	Lexington	MA	Please help restore and sustain population levels of river herring and shad, which are essential for a balanced and healthy coastal Atlantic ecosystem.
John	Zimmerman	Westhampton	MA	Thank you for considering my comments. PLEASE TAKE ACTION to SAVE THESE FISH STOCKS!
Ilona	Zubik	N. Kingstown	RI	Please don't let our oceans become so imbalanced with the loss of fish like herring and shad, that more species will die.
Eva	Zucker	New York City	NY	We'e got to stop depleting world resources. Thank you for considering my comments.

Naomi	Zurcher	Brooklyn	NY	It is critical to maintain a viable population of both river herring and shad, important members of the food chain. The present situation has driven populations dangerously low and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council must establish management protections if these impacted populations are to recover. Please take any and all necessary steps to restore these critically important species. Thank you for considering my comments.
Marie Louise Morandi Long	Zwicker	Sullivan	ME	River herring and shad populations, once among the most abundant species in Atlantic coast rivers, have been decimated by industrial scale fishing in federal waters. They are considered "by-catch". These wasteful fishing methods are detrimental to the survival of many other marine species and to the marine, coastal and riverine ecology as a whole. Please vote "YES" to protect and manage these species in a sustainable manner through science-based decisions, meaningful catch limits and essential habitat protection. Thank you for considering my comments.