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Current Fisheries Management: The Case of River Herring

Populations of blueback herring and alewives, commonly grouped together as river herring, are declining. As anadromous species there are both inshore and offshore factors responsible for this decline. Using river herring as a case study, the complexities of current fisheries management will be demonstrated. Availability of bycatch data, stakeholder interactions, the nature of river herring migrations, and possible policy alternatives will be examined.