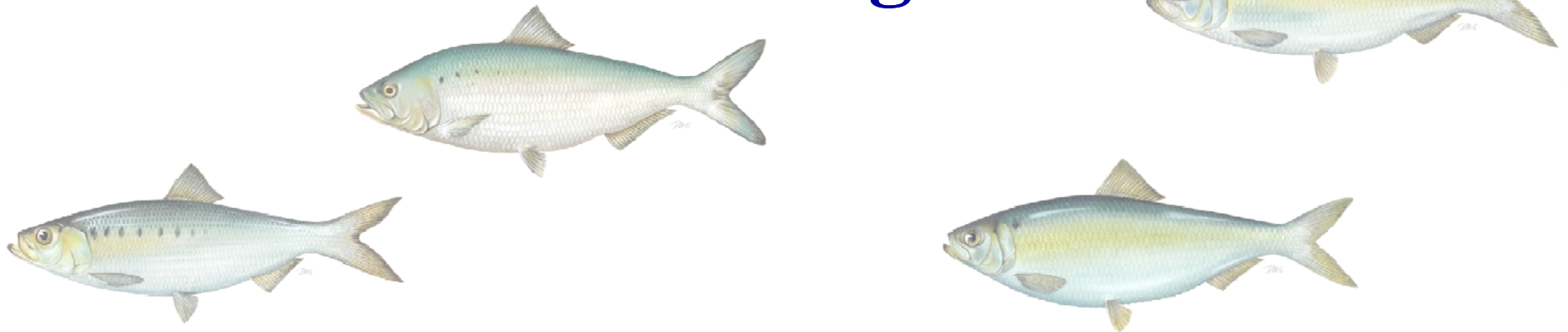




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# Potential River Herring ESA Listing



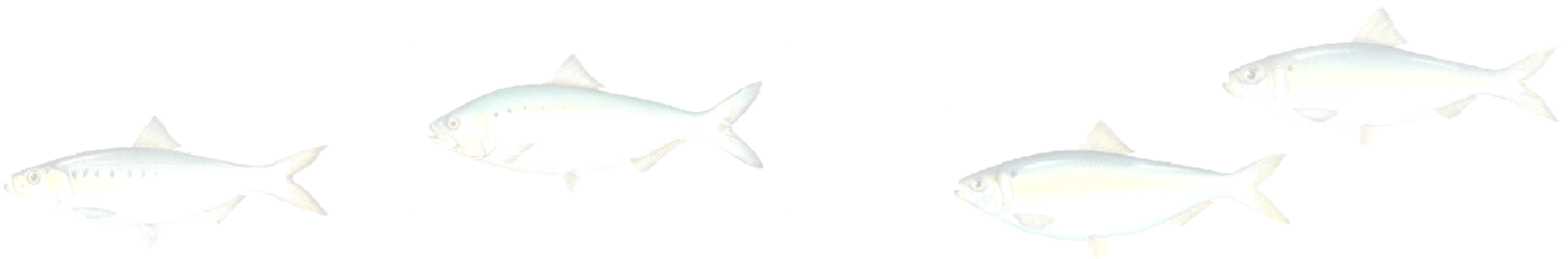


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# Timeline

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- NRDC Petition – August 2011
- Positive 90 Day Finding – November 2011
- RH ESA Status Review Workshops – June/July 2012





# Status Review

- Status Review
  - Stock Structure
  - Climate Change
  - Extinction Risk
  - Provided ASMFC 2012 River Herring Stock Assessment
- Proposed rule, if any, published as soon as possible





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## **MAFMC Amendment 15 Update**



**Shad and River Herring Management Board  
February 2013**



# Background

- In June 2012 the MAFMC initiated Amendment 15 which proposes adding SRH as a stock in the fishery to the SMB FMP or the creation of a separate Council SRH FMP
- Scoping Document Public Comment period
  - November/December 2012
  - ASMFC submitted comments





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# Public Comments

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- 4 public hearings were held
  - Request that comments received as part of Amendment 14 be considered
  - ESA listing status
  - Federal management would add resources to conserve SRH / Benefits of the MSA provisions
  - Cooperative approaches should be explored
  - Recent improvements in SRH runs
  - Manage individual rivers / on a state level / through ASMFC



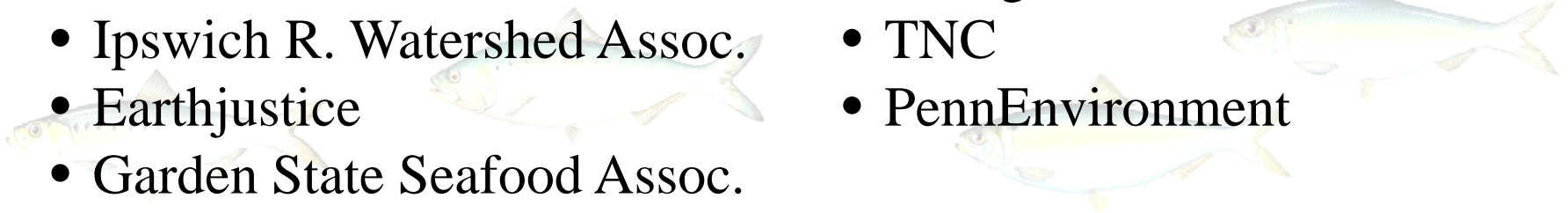


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# Public Comments

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- Individual: 3
- Form Letter: 4,867
- Organizations:
  - Herring Alliance (~54 orgs)
  - NRDC
  - NCMC
  - Lund's Fisheries
  - Sustainable Fisheries Coalition
  - Ipswich R. Watershed Assoc.
  - Earthjustice
  - Garden State Seafood Assoc.
  - Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association / River Council
  - FWS
  - ASMFC
  - Deep Sea Fish of RI
  - 46 organizations letter
  - TNC
  - PennEnvironment





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# Amendment Development

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- FMAT met in December and February; working to develop recommendations on the management alternatives
  - Required and discretionary provisions of the MSA
- At the Council meeting last week the council focused the objectives by deciding not to include area-based management, lower mackerel trip limits, a rebuilding plan, or joint Canadian management as management objectives for the Amendment.





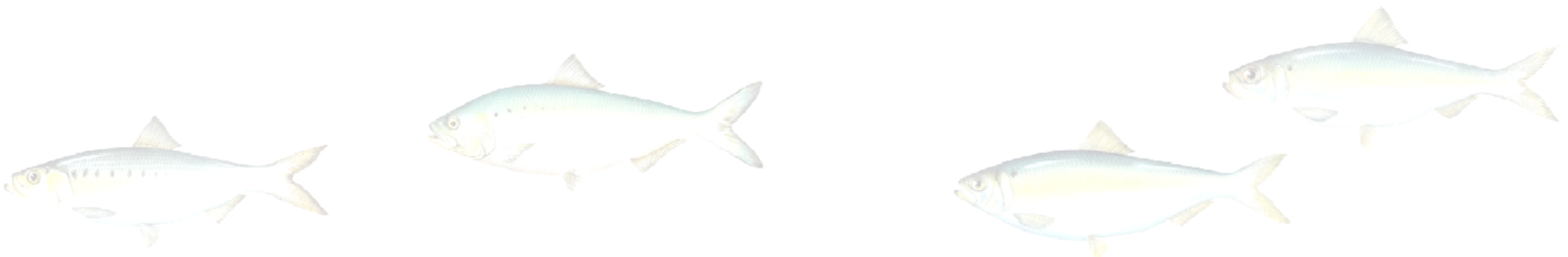


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# Amendment Development

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- Joint Council and AP Meeting to get input on alternatives / Coordination with ASMFC – April
- Council selects preferred alternatives / DEIS submission to NOAA Fisheries – August
- Public Comment period – Fall /Winter





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# **Proposed Georgia American Shad Stocking Plan**



**Mike Dionne, TC Chair**



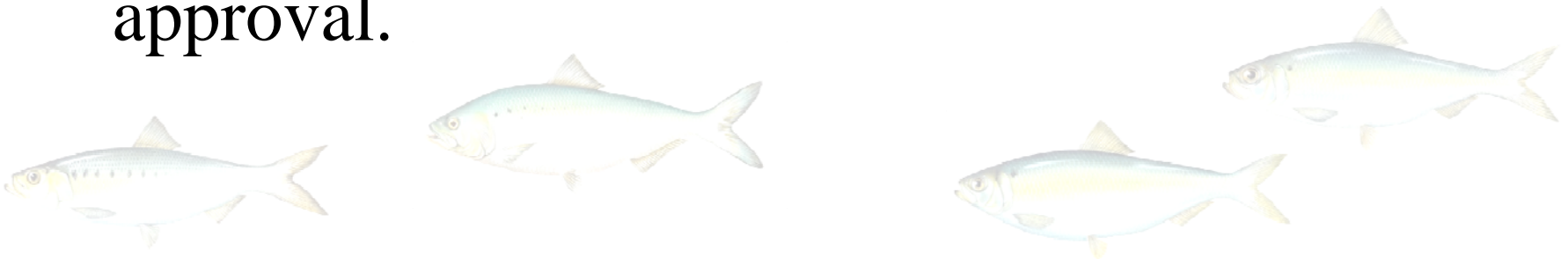


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# Background

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- Georgia Department of Natural Resources has submitted a proposal for the initiation of an American shad stocking program in the Altamaha River, GA.
- As required under Amendment 1 to the FMP, any new stocking programs require Technical Committee review and Board approval.





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# TC Recommendation

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- The TC requested additional information on:
  - the number of sites that will be stocked
  - location of stocking sites
  - existing spawning runs
  - brood fish collection method
  - YOY sampling, mortality associated with downstream migration over dams
  - creation of fish passage
  - quantifying the effects of the program





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# TC Recommendation

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- TC appreciates the information provided by GA DNR staff
- TC requests that the additional information be incorporated into the final plan
- TC recommends that GA DNR staff participate in the OTC Marking Task Force Committee run by Mike Hendricks (PA Fish & Boat Commission)
- Compliance requirement for states to submit updates on any stocking program

