



# 2014 Shad and River Herring FMP Review and Compliance



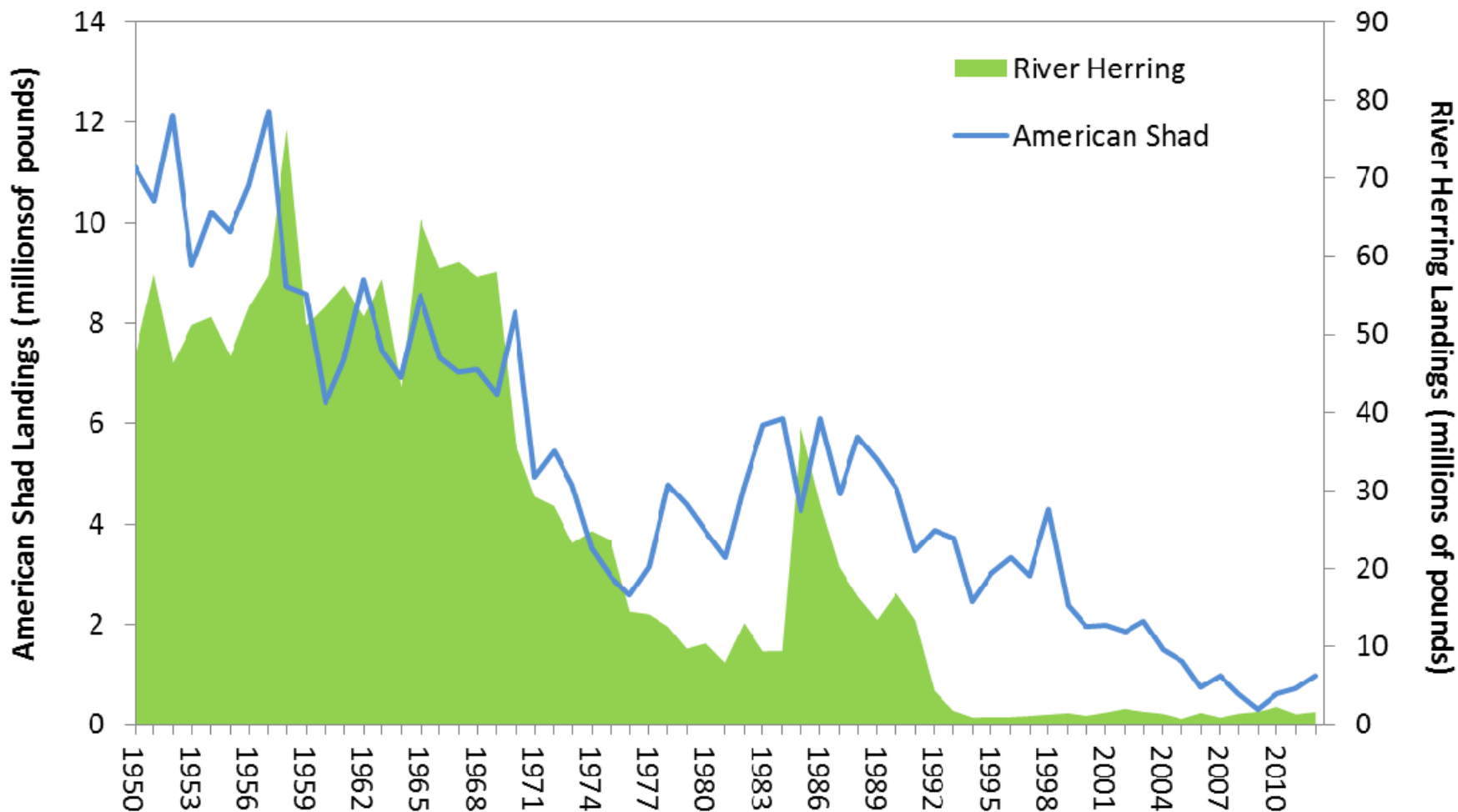
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Management Board

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## American Shad & River Herring Commercial Landings

Source: Personal communication from NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division,  
Silver Spring, MD, 2014





# Coastwide Stocking

- Occurring in ME, MA, PA, NC, SC
- American shad: 18 million
- Alewife: 300,000





# Sturgeon Interactions

- **294 interactions were reported**
- **RI, CT, NJ, VA, NC**
- **All released alive, with the exception of one fatality.**





## ***De minimis***

### **Shad**

- **ME, NH, MA**

### **River herring**

- **NH, MA**

- **All of these states were granted *de minimis* in the past and meet the requirements.**





# Update on NEFMC and MAFMC RH/S Actions

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# NEFMC – 4 items

- 1) Stock in Fishery – taking similar approach as MAFMC: work with TEWG, work on caps/observer issues, revisit in 3 years
- 2) Slippage Framework – in EA editing phase

# NEFMC – 4 items

- 3) Omnibus Observer Amendment (Industry Funding)
  - Add 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitor option for slippage/discards
  - Allow portside monitoring with electronic monitoring for retention to be frameworked
  - Additional economic impact analysis work
- 4) RH/S Caps – 2015 in place, setting for 2016 and beyond later this year



# MAFMC

- Similar to NEFMC...
- RH/S Stock in Fishery issue in legal actions
- Slippage framework moving toward proposed rule
- Omnibus observer amendment on agenda for next week
- RH/S cap in place, setting for 2016 and beyond (?) later this year

# MAFMC

- Different than NEFMC...
- RH/S Committee
  - Engage SSC (March)
  - Cap Alignment with NEFMC
  - Progress Review in June

# MAFMC

## ■ RH/S Committee Progress Review

- How has the Atl. mackerel RH/S cap performed?
- What has recent coastal RH/S catch been?
- What levels of observer coverage have been achieved in relevant fisheries?
- Was a cap set for RH/S for the following year?
- Was the cap based on recent catch or more directly tied to RH/S population dynamics?
- What are RH/S abundance trends?

# MAFMC

## ■ RH/S Committee Progress Review

- What progress has been made on aligning cap operation with the Atlantic herring fishery?
- What other RH/S coordination has occurred (NMFS, NEFMC, ASMFC, states, NGOs, academia, TEWG, etc.)?
- How has the SSC been involved?
- What other actions have been taken by the Council that could affect RH/S?

# Questions?