



Fish Habitat Outcome Office Hours - February 2025

Tuesday, February 25· 11:00am – 12:00pm EST

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Agenda

11:00am - 11:05am Introduction & recap

11:05am - 11:45pm Discussion on outcome structure/language & outputs/indicators

- [Guiding questions](#)
- Draft fish habitat outcome concept:

*"Maintain suitable shallow water habitat area for striped bass and other key species through **a primary focus on water quality and conservation improvements**, and **a secondary focus on habitat restoration**, informed by a synthesis of fisheries science and habitat assessments completed by xxxx."*

- Outputs:

- Tidal segment Living resource habitat assessment
- Status and trends of structured habitat (oysters, SAV, tidal wetlands, shoreline condition) linked to fish productivity if possible to define habitat objectives (how much habitat is needed to sustain x level of productivity)
- Strategies to build habitat and fish resilience as temperature increases
- **Assessment of forage availability, trends and projections of change. Is there enough food now and going forward for key predators**



- Evaluation of movement and behavior of striped bass and other species relative to habitat conditions
- Indicators:
 - **Forage abundance for key species**
 - Habitat use and movement patterns (spatial indicators at local, bay and regional scales)
 - Juvenile index

11:45am - 11:55am Defining “shallow water” and “fish habitat”

11:55am - 12:00pm Next Steps

- Next [office hours](#) **March 6th from 2-3pm**

Supplemental Materials:

[Fish Habitat Outcome Language Guiding Questions](#)

[Forage Outcome Assessment - Final](#)

[Fish Habitat Outcome Assessment - Final](#)

[Fish Habitat Report Summaries - Draft](#)

[Fish Habitat Funded Research Project Summaries - Draft](#)