

Summary comments made to Chesapeake Bay Program GIT 6/2/16

- **Chesapeake Bay Program should look at the imbalance between striped bass prey demand and prey supply. This imbalance is a threat to the health of the Bay's striped bass population.**
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- **A shortage of forage has existed in the Chesapeake Bay for 2 decades.**
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- **The striped bass population is at high risk as the prevalence of myco increased to 60% in 2014 compared to its previous high of 52% in 2008 (MD DNR Data)**

Therefore a potential exists for a major decline in the Chesapeake Bay striped bass population due to mortality from myco.

- **Lowering the striped Bass minimum size limit would reduce prey demand.**
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- **We as the Chesapeake Bay Program should work with the ASMFC to better manage the Chesapeake Bay resident male population.**