

## HR 2236

### Forage Fish Conservation Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jan 14, 2020)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jan 14, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5053	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

#### Forage Fish Conservation Act

This bill addresses the management and conservation of forage fish. (A forage fish is any fish at a low trophic level that contributes significantly to the diets of other fish, marine mammals, or birds and serves as a conduit for energy transfer to species at a higher trophic level.)

The Department of Commerce must establish guidelines to assist regional fishery management councils in (1) developing a list of unmanaged forage fish areas and prohibiting the development of any new forage fish fisheries until the potential impacts of such fisheries have been assessed; and (2) setting annual catch limits for forage fish fisheries that assess, specify, and reduce such limits by the diet needs of other fish species and marine wildlife.

The bill adds shad (American shad and hickory shad) and river herring (blueback herring and alewife) to the list of managed stocks for the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.