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January 12th 2011: River Herring Troubles in the Gulf of Maine and Western Atlantic Ocean

Dr. Jamie M. Cournane talks herring and gave an excellent report to a committee of the New England Fisheries Management Council in Portsmouth. Blueback herring and alewives are river herring. They are anadromous, ascending rivers to reproduce. These fish school with similar-sized euryhaline fish that spawn in estuaries, Atlantic herring, shad and menhaden. River herring spend many years at sea feeding on zooplankton. Plankton migrates vertically through the ocean, up during night, down during the day. Currents move fish and forage food horizontally creating a merry-go-round of fishing opportun



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## Dr. Jamie M. Cournane

Dr. Jamie M. Cournane, a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH) and Environmental Defense Fund (Boston, MA), currently serves on the Atlantic Herring Plan Development Team of the New England Fishery Management Council.

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