

In 1973 i moved to the beach in the 3505 area of HPR. The first spring I was awakened by the noise of gulls. In going out the little bay was boiling with herring and the neighbor and I counted 62 eagles along the shore and in the trees at Magic Island.

Later the herring fishery started. People came to watch sitting on the beach and my deck. The area was full of boats. This continued for several years until the area wasn't very productive. For years there had been some signs of herring but not like in the past. The last two years we have not had spawn on the beach.

During the winter the area had been full of wild ducks, cormorants, some loons and various sea birds. Now as I look out there are 2 loons, 1 grebe, 1 cormorant, and a few Buffleheads. I'm not sure if this is due to less feed or other factors.

There needs to be action taken as the lack of herring affects all fisheries as well as subsistence.

Thank you for your time.

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