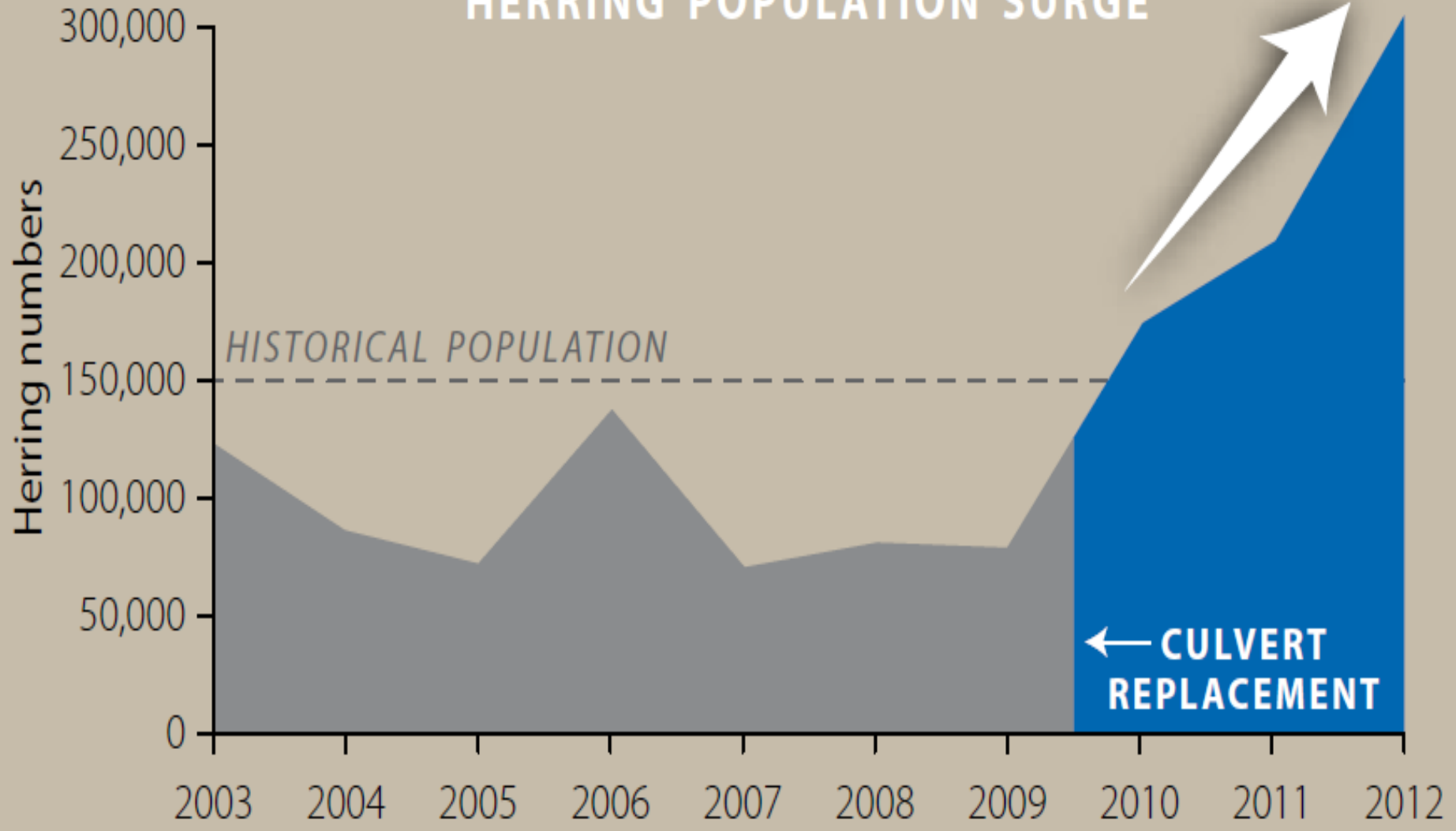




HERRING POPULATION SURGE



River herring returning to state waterways

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Migrating river herring swim upstream Thursday in Latimer Brook in East Lyme.

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As New England fishery regulators meeting in Mystic this week approved the latest in a series of steps intended to shore up river

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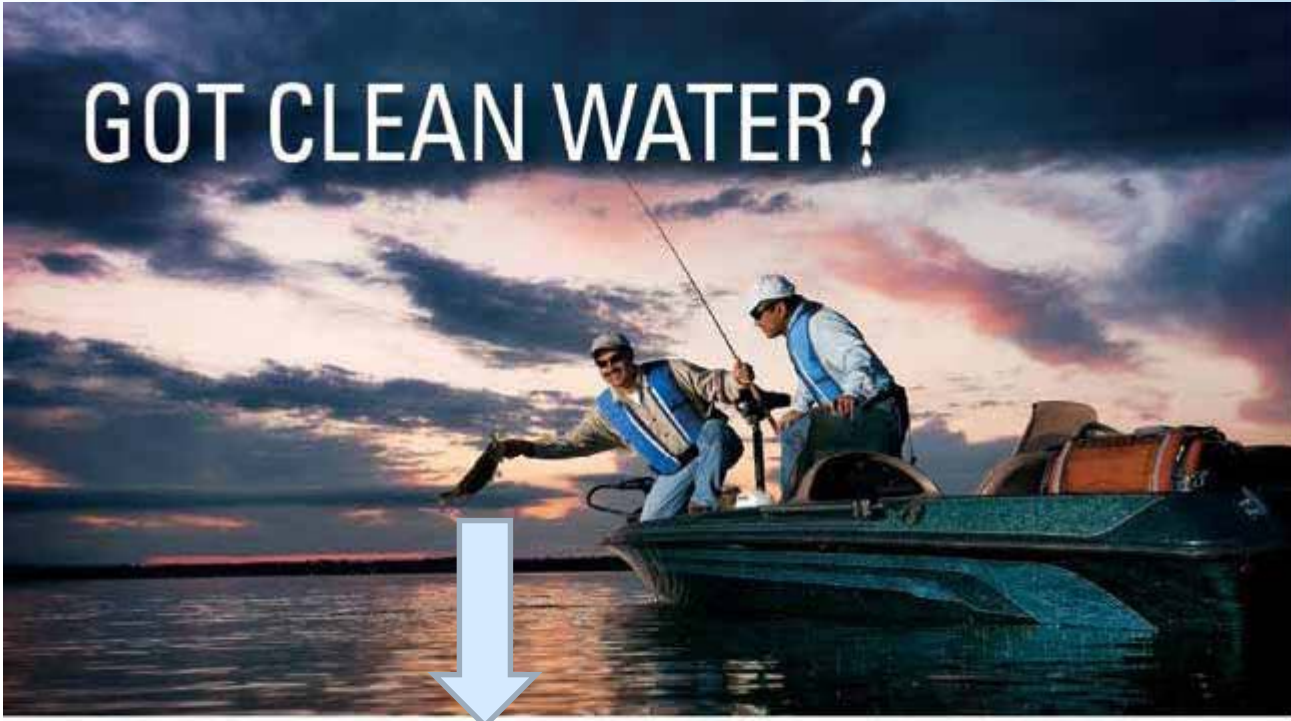
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*In 1869 at Barmah, the catch of fish,
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Illustrated Australian News
23 March 1869



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On the 16th January 1930 Inspector P.J. Erwin....steamed through a shoal of mullet extending from bank to bank of the Paterson River for a distance of 2 miles

Estimated Amount of Mullet = 7400t in this one patch



- 260 km² of seagrass lost from temperate waters
- 60,000 ha of coastal floodplain habitat lost from the NSW North Coast
- 10,000 barriers to fish passage in the MDB

NATIONAL FISH HABITAT ACTION PLAN

2ND EDITION

COOPERATION
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Over the Next 5 Years

All Fisheries
All Jurisdictions
One Purpose

- A National Fish Habitat Plan
- Fish habitat as part of Fisheries Management
- Social Licence? Increased Harvest? Less Allocation sharing problems?



Over the Next 5 Years - RESEARCH

- Status of fish habitats around Australia
- Relationship between production of key fisheries and habitat restoration to highlight benefits
- Economics of existing landuses that are impacting on fisheries are better understood
- Institutional Review of Agencies and NGO's
 - Legislation, staff, capability, funding, governance

Over the Next 5 Years - DEVELOPMENT

- Increasing Capacity of sectors to participate in habitat management
- National/State Fish Habitat Partnerships
- Development of Funding Streams
- International Exchange/Collaboration





Over the Next 5 Years - EXTENSION

- Oral Histories
- Stories of positive change from fishers
- Social and other media platforms developed and supported
- Existing science/status made simple for the community