

**Town of Marshfield
2006 Herring Regulations
Effective 1/9/06**

1. River herring may not be taken at any time from any river, stream, or estuary in Marshfield. River herring is defined as blueback (*Alosa aestivalis*) or alewives (*Alosa pseudoharengus*). It is prohibited and unlawful for any person to harvest, possess, or sell any river herring, alive or dead, for any purpose.
2. These regulations are enforceable by State and Town of Marshfield Police, State Environmental Police, Town of Marshfield Conservation Commission staff and Conservation Commissioners, and Town of Marshfield: Harbormasters; Assistant Harbormasters; and Shellfish wardens.
3. No river herring shall be taken by any means. There shall be no disturbing the waters or placing any object such as barriers or nets or any substance or chemical in the water.
4. These regulations are subject to change at any time by the Board of Selectmen after notification and a public hearing and subject to approval and consent of the Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.
5. Penalties: Whoever violates the Regulations stated herein or otherwise takes, kills, hauls onshore, disturbs, injures, hinders, or obstructs the free passage of any river herring by any means, shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each offense as authorized by Chapter 130, Section 95 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended. Each fish may be considered a separate offense.