

*American Shad Problem Statement*

But one of the problems we have with any solution or any effort to alleviate a problem is that it can't be more elegant than the problem.



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- R5 Fisheries Program needs to develop a tool to support allocating externally-determined budgets to best assist meeting shared (between USFWS and partners) management objectives for American shad populations. A strategy is desired that will support budget allocation over the next 5 years, during which budgets are expected to remain flat or decline. Ultimate responsibility for this decision lies with the ARD.

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- Also, a more general tool that would allow projection of shad conservation success given a variety of possible budgets would be beneficial in garnering additional funding.

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