

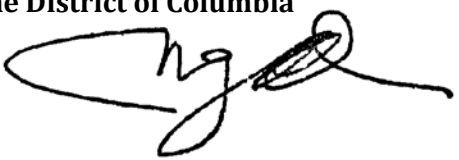
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: May 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Designation of the American Shad as the Official Fish of the District of Columbia Act of 2012"

REFERENCE: Draft Bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on May 14, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The American shad is a game fish native to the eastern United States and Canada. American shad is an anadromous species—that is the fish leave the ocean for river systems, including the Potomac River, in order to spawn. Due to significant decreases in the shad population, the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to release approximately 1 million baby shad per year into the District's river systems through DDOE's Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The bill designates the American shad as the official fish of the District of Columbia and reaffirms the District's commitment to restoring the shad population in the District's river systems.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DDOE currently receives funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore the American shad population. Any other costs associated with publicizing the American shad as the District's official fish can be absorbed through the Department's existing resources.