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Abstract:

Habitat suitability maps are provided as tif files embedded in a Word document for each of the four forage fishes studied: juvenile spotted hake, juvenile spot, juvenile weakfish, and bay anchovy. Suitability maps are provided for each season and year, 2000 – 2016 for tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Habitat suitability indices range between 0 (red) indicating poor habitat to 1 (blue) indicating most suitable habitat. These indices were estimated using procedures described in Fabrizio et al. (2021; see associated publication below).

Spatial information:

Chesapeake Bay including all major tributaries

Description:

File Name	Description
Juvenile Spotted Hake Habitat Maps	Heat maps of habitat suitability indices for juvenile
	spotted hake in Chesapeake Bay. Contains 67 maps, one
	for each season (winter, spring, summer, and fall) in each
	year (2000-2016). All maps are in tif format. 38,032 KB
Juvenile Spot Habitat Maps	Heat maps of habitat suitability indices for juvenile spot
	in Chesapeake Bay. contains 67 maps, one for each
	season (winter, spring, summer, and fall) in each year
	(2000-2016). All maps are in tif format. 38,030 KB
Juvenile Weakfish Habitat Maps	Heat maps of habitat suitability indices for juvenile
	weakfish in Chesapeake Bay. contains 67 maps, one for
	each season (winter, spring, summer, and fall) in each
	year (2000-2016). All maps are in tif format. 38,049 KB

Bay Anchovy Habitat Maps	Heat maps of habitat suitability indices for bay anchovy
	in Chesapeake Bay. contains 50 maps, one for winter,
	spring, and summer in each year (2000-2016). No
	habitat maps were constructed for fall. All maps are in
	tif format. 28,565 KB

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Forage fishes; spotted hake; spot; weakfish; bay anchovy; Chesapeake Bay; James River; York River; Rappahannock River; habitat suitability

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