

Table 1. The most important forage groups of the Chesapeake Bay as determined by data analysis and expert consultation provided at the STAC Forage Workshop, November 12-13, 2014. The first column includes key forage taxa important to a wide variety of predators. The second column includes groups recognized as important forage in the Chesapeake system, but were not identified as top contributors to diets of predatory fishes, based on data analysis conducted for the workshop. Note: This table represents an initial assessment and may be refined as the Management Strategy is implemented.

Key Forage Groups	Additional Important Forage Groups (alphabetical)
Bay Anchovy ++	American Shad & River Herrings
Polychaetes	Atlantic Rock Crab
Mysids	Atlantic Silverside ++
Amphipods and Isopods ++	Blackcheek Tonguefish
Mantis Shrimp	Blue Crab
Spot (juv)	Flounders
Weakfish (juv)	Gizzard Shad
Sand Shrimp	Kingfish
Atlantic Croaker (juv)	Lady Crab
Razor Clams	Macoma Clams
Atlantic Menhaden	Mud Crab
	Mummichog & Killifishes
	Small Bivalves*

* other than *Macoma* spp. or Razor clams

Managed Species

++ MAFMC unmanaged forage

(juv) only juveniles are forage