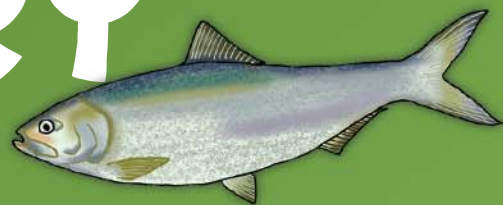


TEN WAYS TO PROTECT THE ESTUARY



1 Learn more about estuaries!
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2 Keep septic systems working properly.
Pump your system every three years.

3 Pave less.
Hard surfaces hasten runoff and increase pollution and erosion.

4 Adhere to "no wake" zones when on your boat.
Waves destroy shorelines and increase erosion.

5 Think before you pour.
Many hazardous products flow from household drains through sewage treatment plants and into coastal bodies of water.

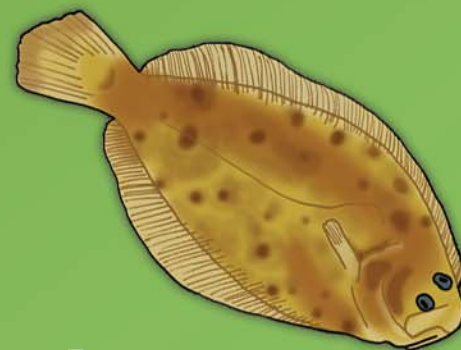


6 Fish respectfully.
Follow "catch and release" practices and keep more fish alive.

7 Create non-toxic pesticides.
A bit of soap and water does the job and keeps harmful chemicals from ending up in nearby waterways.

8 Use native plants.
Garden and landscape with plants native to your area to reduce the need for watering and fertilizing.

9 Respect habitat.
Treat the homes of vital marine life with care. Habitat and survival go hand-in-hand. When habitat disappears, so do many plants and animals.



10 Take action!
Organize a stream or beach cleanup. Encourage your local newspaper to write a story, or ask an expert to speak at your community organization or local school.