

# Little Fish Big Chain

Alewives are an important part of the food chain. Alewives provide food for other animals. They also produce money and bait for fishermen. Alewives used to be very abundant, but in many places they're going extinct. This could be caused by too many predators or humans fishing them out. The marsh in Tenants Harbor used to be abundant with alewives and had a run every year, but today there are no alewives to be seen. The increasing pickerel population in the marsh could be the cause of the alewives going extinct, or the fishermen netting the alewives out of the marsh could be the cause also, since no reproduction was taking place.



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