

THE EVOLUTION OF FEEDS FOR EMERGING MARINE SPECIES

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With perhaps the exception of trout and catfish, the industry has pioneered the development of feeds for emerging species. The best example is Hybrid Striped Bass.

By following some basic common sense principles, the feed formulator is able to formulate diets adequate for commercializations, which are then further refined as scientific evidence become available.

The market being targeted should always be the first consideration. By understanding the types of natural foods consumed, the digestive physiology, and the animals' behavior, good assumptions can be made about general nutritional requirements. Various chemical traits are used to refine this initial data.

This process will be expanded in the presentation. An update on organic feeds will be provided as well as specific suggestions for the research community.