

Striped Bass Facts

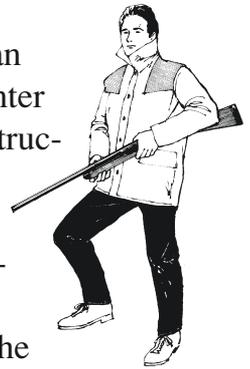
- *Did You Know*

- The total recreational harvest of striped bass along the east coast for 2000 was estimated at 1,904,198 fish. The total recreational catch was 18,057,487 striped bass.
- Kudos to Jodi Clarkson, who landed a 62 1/2 pound striper in Delaware Bay on 11/9/00.
- The State of New Jersey spends more money on striped bass research than any other single marine species.
- A six year old, 7 pound female striper can produce approximately 500,000 eggs while a 17 year old, 50 pound bass can produce 3 million eggs.
- The continent's first public school was financed in 1669 by profits from the sale of striped bass.
- The world record striped bass (recreational) was caught on September 21, 1982 by Al McReynolds off a jetty in Atlantic City. The fish weighed 78 1/2 pounds and measured 53 inches in length with a girth of 34 inches.
- A 24-inch striper is 4 to 6 years old while a 28-inch bass is from 5 to 8 years old.
- In the 1890's, striped bass were collected in the Navesink River, Monmouth County, and shipped by rail to California.
- The division has tagged 17,683 striped bass in Delaware Bay since 1989, with 22% of those recaptured.
- The overall record striped bass was 125 pounds caught in 1891 by a commercial fisherman in North Carolina.
- If you are an avid striped bass angler and are interested in tagging the fish you release, call the American Littoral Society (732-291-0055).
- Striped bass are anadromous, migrating to brackish/freshwater to spawn.
- Juvenile striped bass production in the Delaware River averaged 6.05 striped bass per seine haul in 2000 –the second highest average since the survey began in 1980.
- In 1991, legislation was passed declaring striped bass a game fish in New Jersey.
- A 23-inch striper, tagged in Delaware Bay on 3/28/89 was recaptured on 9/16/00 in Massachusetts Bay measuring 47 inches and weighing 36 pounds.
- Stock assessment scientists recently estimated the Atlantic Coast population of striped bass, ages 3 to 15, to be approximately 40 million fish.



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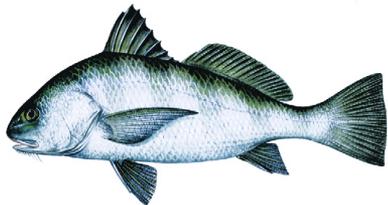
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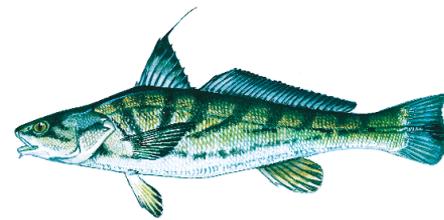
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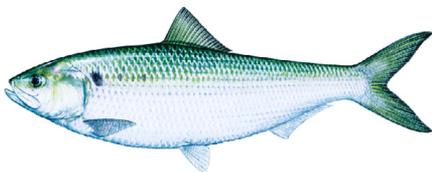
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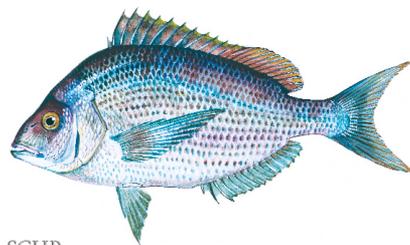
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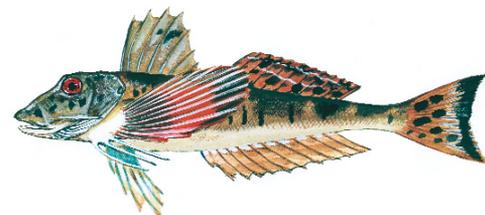
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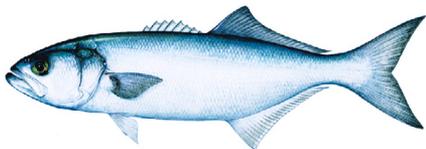
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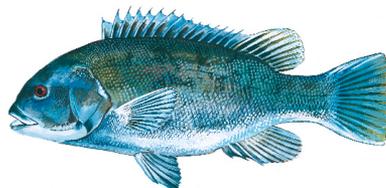
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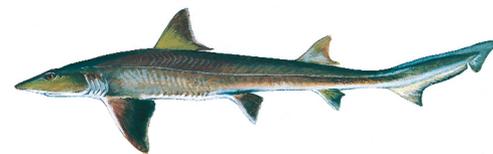
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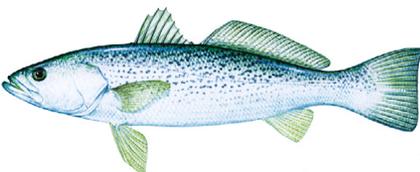
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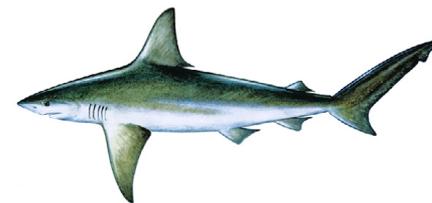
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