

Striped Bass Morone saxatilis

Description:

- Silvery body
- 7-8 horizontal black stripes on sides of fish
- 2 dorsal fins
- Small teeth on tongue
- Large mouth
- Jaws extend backward to below the eye
- 2 prominent spines on gill covers

Size:

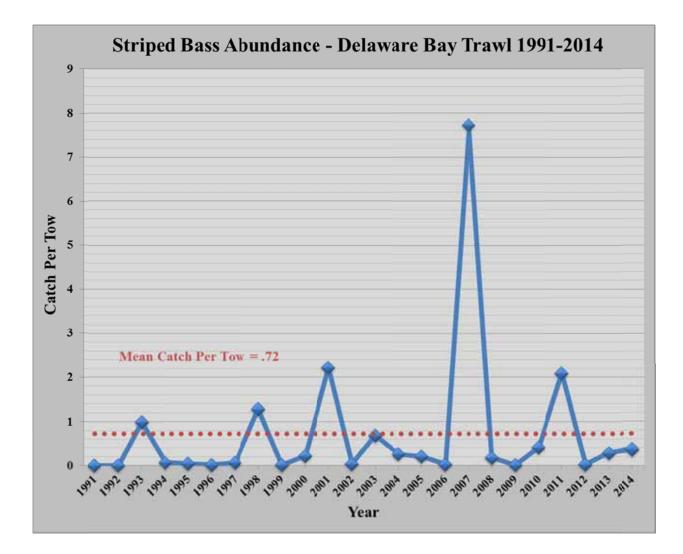
Up to 72 inches and 125 lbs

Range:

- St. Lawrence River, Canada to St. John's River, Florida
- * Northern Gulf of Mexico from western Florida to Louisiana

Facts:

- Coastal, except during migration
- Spawn in freshwater
- Believed to live up to 30 years
- Important food and game fish
- Introduced to the Pacific coast of North America and many large reservoir impoundments in the US as a means to control gizzard shad populations and for recreational fishing
- Feed most actively at dusk until dawn



For more information about striped bass, please check out these articles:

Plugging for Stripers *click on link below and then scroll down to digest page 26 http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2014/digmar22-30.pdf

Partnerships - Work in Fish Sampling Effort http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2011/digmar6-11.pdf

Where has my fish traveled? http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2008/digmar20-30.pdf

Stripers – Just How Old is That Fish? http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2002/digmar10-13.pdf

Striped Bass Facts – Did You Know? http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2001/digmar4.pdf Recreational Anglers Can Make a Difference (A Striper Story) *click on link below and then scroll down to digest page 16 <u>http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2001/digmar2.pdf</u>

Striped Bass Management: Looking Back – Looking Ahead *click on link below and then scroll down to digest page 6 <u>http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2000/digmar-1.pdf</u>

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