



Weakfish

Cynoscion regalis

Description:

- ❖ Dark olive brown to bluish gray above
- ❖ Silvery sides and white belly
- ❖ Many small dark spots on back extending down to lateral line
- ❖ Pelvic and anal fins yellow; other fins may have yellow tint
- ❖ Lower jaw extends beyond upper jaw
- ❖ 2 large canines at front of upper jaw

Size:

- ❖ Up to 36 inches and 17.5 pounds

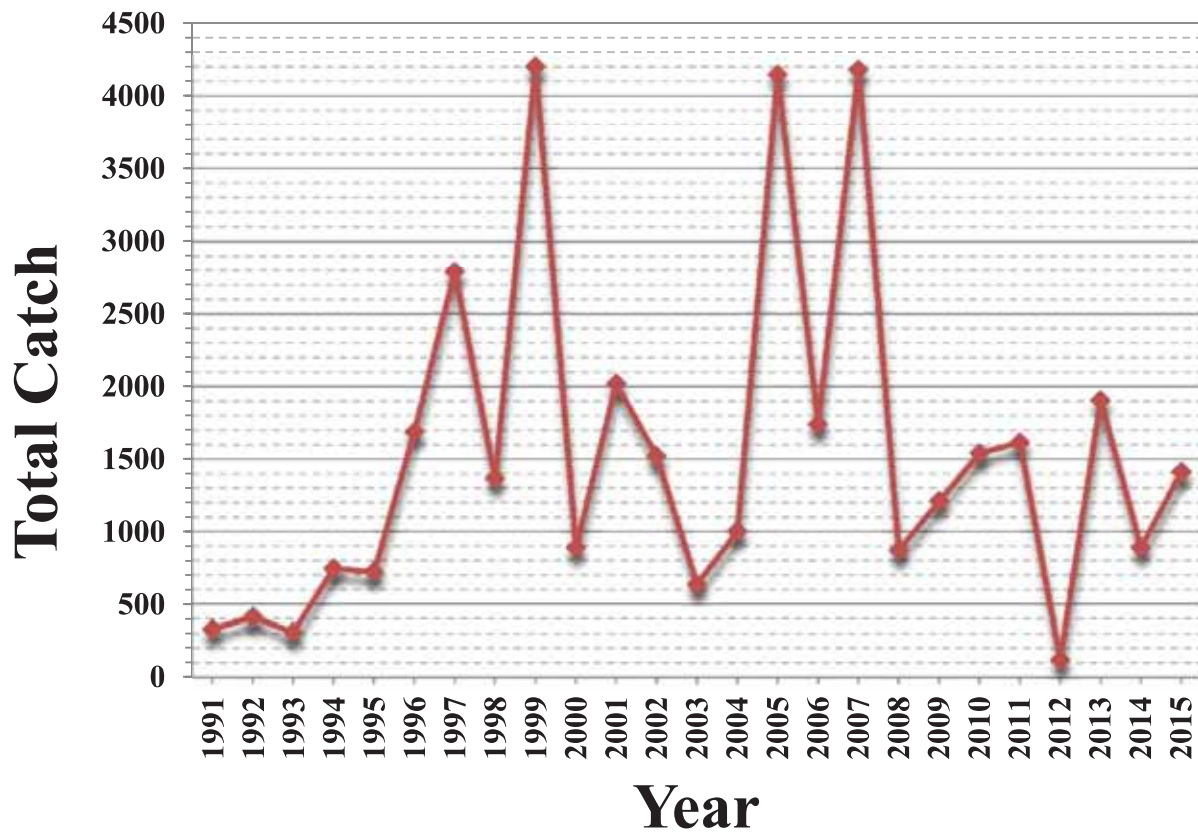
Range:

- ❖ Nova Scotia to Florida

Facts:

- ❖ Spawn from May to October in inshore waters
- ❖ Named for its fragile mouth structure which causes a hook to tear out rather easily
- ❖ Important food and game fish
- ❖ May live as long as 17 years, but a 12 year lifespan is more likely

Delaware Bay Trawl Weakfish Catch 1991-2015



For more information about weakfish, please check out these articles:

What Happened to Weakfish?

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2010/digmar6-10.pdf>

Species Profile: Weakfish

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2010/digmar20-27.pdf>

Anglers Unite with Biologists to Change Weakfish Management Plan

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<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2003/digmar8-13.pdf>

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