



BLACK DRUM

Pogonias cromis

Description:

- ◆ deep gray body
- ◆ 4-5 broad black bars/saddles over back of fish
- ◆ many long chin barbels
- ◆ all fins dusky black
- ◆ bars fade in adult fish

Size:

- ◆ up to 67 inches

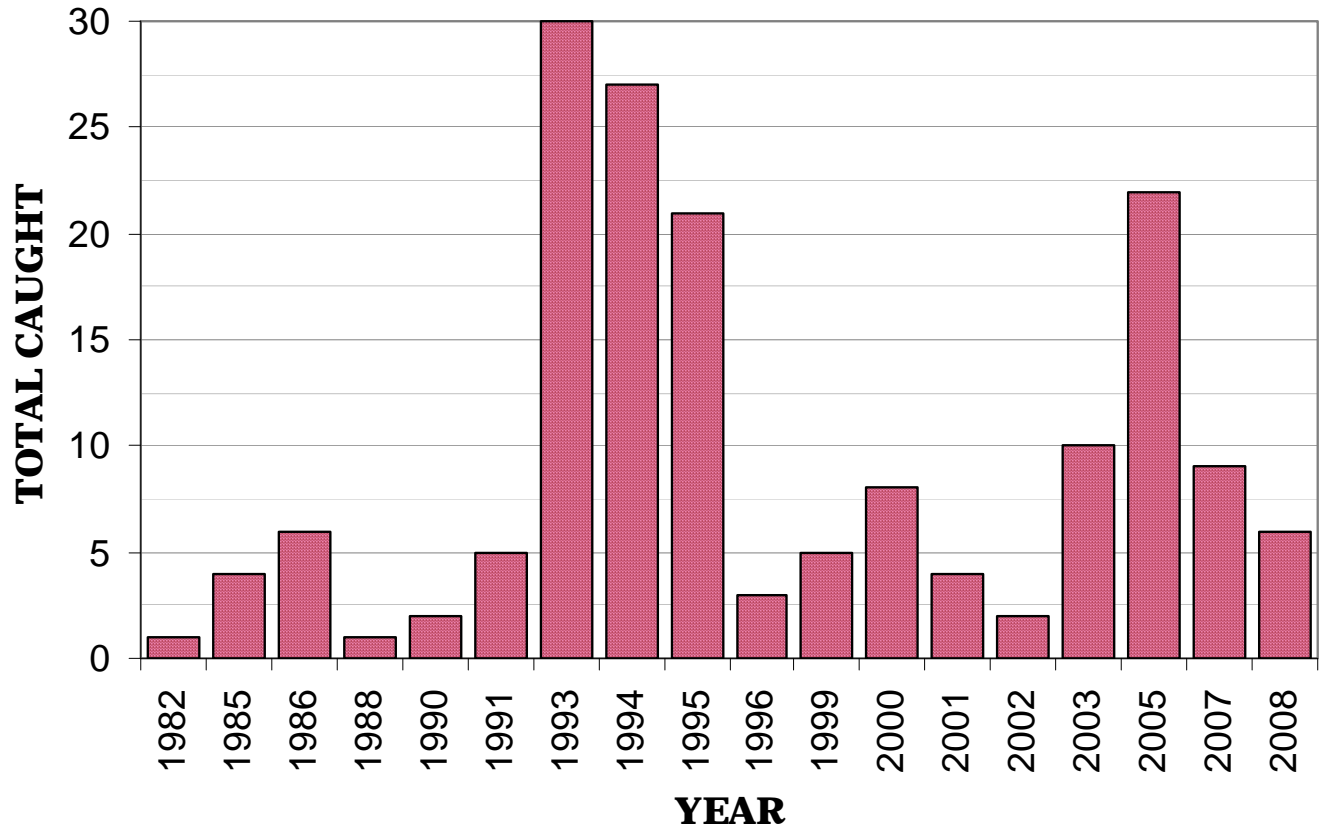
Range:

- ◆ Nova Scotia to Florida
- ◆ Gulf of Mexico
- ◆ southern Brazil to Argentina

Facts:

- ◆ capable of spawning almost every 3 days
- ◆ an average sized, ripe female could potentially produce 32 million eggs annually
- ◆ eggs hatch in less than 24 hours
- ◆ adults prefer shallow coastal and estuarine waters
- ◆ lifespan is estimated to be 43 years on Florida's Gulf coast and 58 on the Atlantic coast

BLACK DRUM CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR



*black drum were only caught during the years shown

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