



## **HICKORY SHAD**

*Alosa mediocris*

### **Description:**

- ◆ gray/green back
- ◆ dark blotch on shoulder followed by a row of lighter spots
- ◆ lower jaw projects significantly past upper jaw
- ◆ deep belly

### **Size:**

- ◆ up to 24 inches

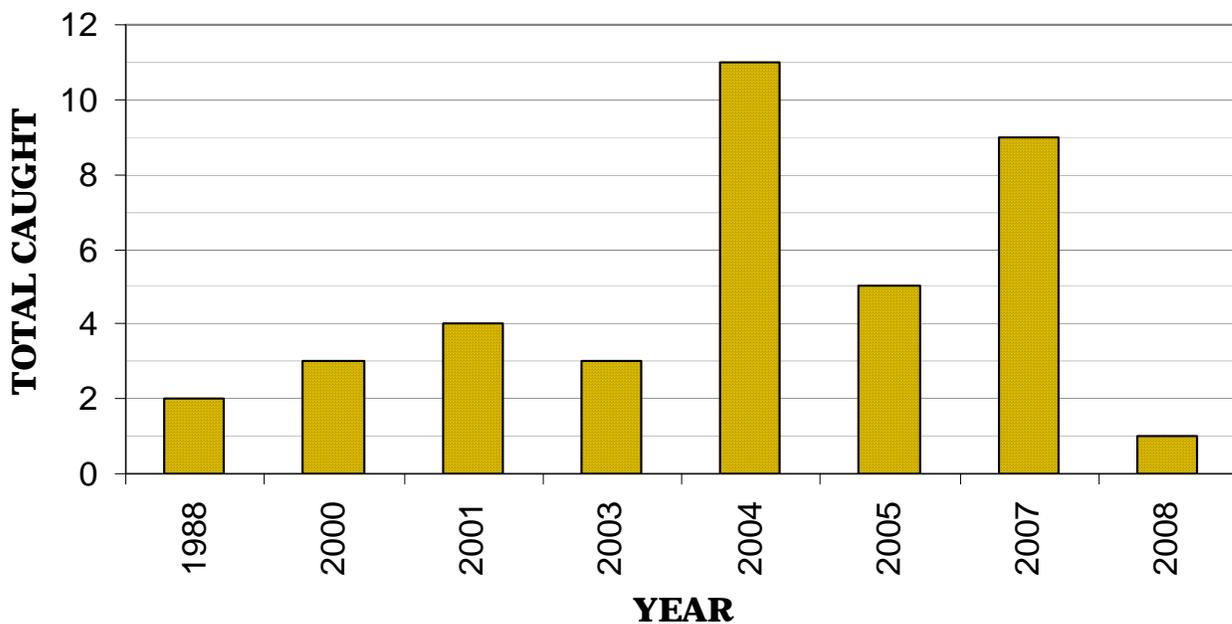
### **Range:**

- ◆ Atlantic coast from the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick to Florida (rarely found north of Cape Cod, Massachusetts)

### **Facts:**

- ◆ enter the bays in spring to spawn in tidal freshwater tributaries
- ◆ return to coastal waters after spawning
- ◆ young make their way out to the ocean by fall

## HICKORY SHAD CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR



\*hickory shad were only caught in the years shown

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