



## ATLANTIC MENHADEN

*Brevoortia tyrannus*

### **Description:**

- ◇ silvery fish with dark bluish green back
- ◇ fins pale yellow
- ◇ very deep body with deeply forked tail
- ◇ dark spot behind gill cover followed by a series of lighter spots

### **Size:**

- ◇ up to 14 inches

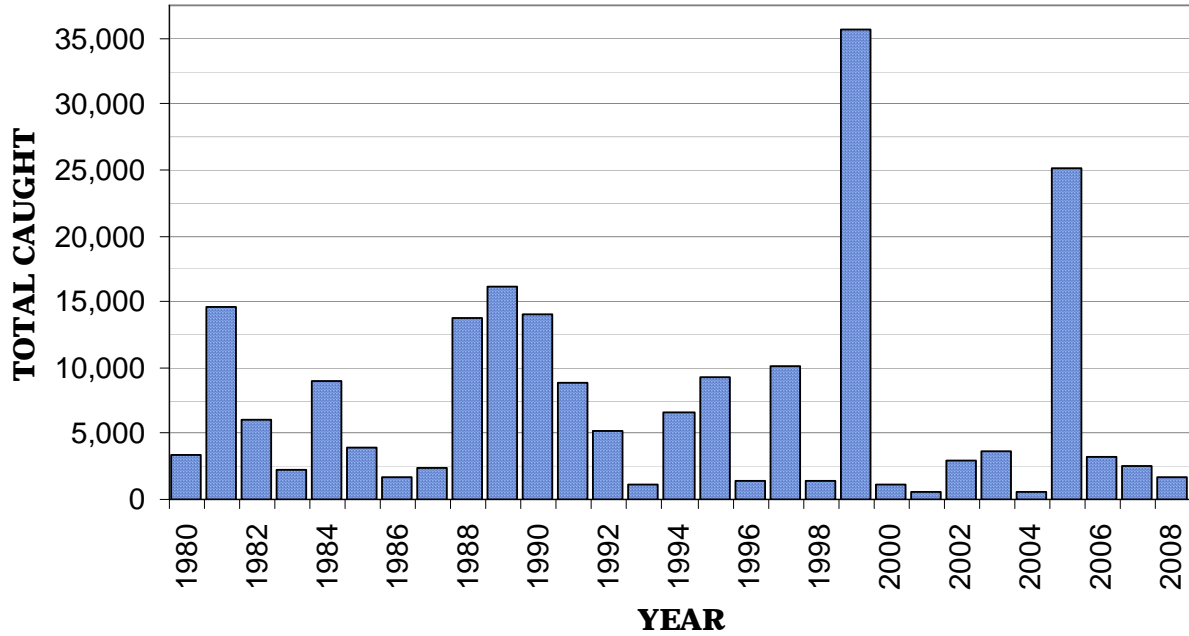
### **Range:**

- ◇ Nova Scotia to Florida

### **Facts:**

- ◇ spawn in the ocean but young will spend first year in estuaries
- ◇ schooling behavior and superabundance make them the perfect food source for large populations of top predator fish like striped bass
- ◇ important for filtering coastal waters due to large numbers of algae they consume

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