



SUMMER FLOUNDER

Paralichthys dentatus

Description:

- ◇ many ocelli (dark eye-like spots) present; 5 large and consistently placed
- ◇ left eyed flounder
- ◇ sharp, well developed teeth

Size:

- ◇ up to 37 inches and 26 pounds

Range:

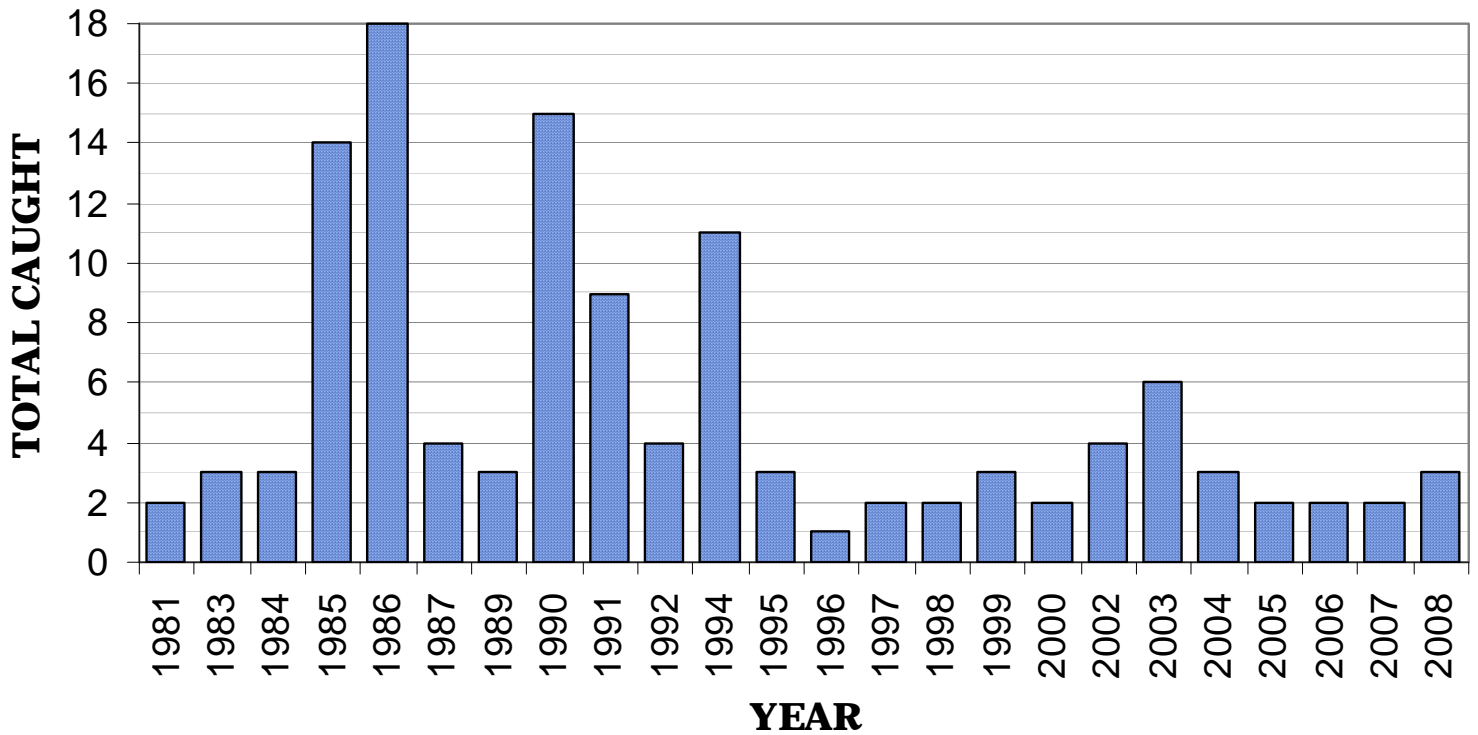
- ◇ Maine to northern Florida

Facts:

- ◇ spawn in late summer to mid winter in deep coastal ocean waters
- ◇ move inshore in spring where they remain until late fall (i.e. along beaches, estuaries and bays)
- ◇ live up to 20 years
- ◇ most important flounder along Atlantic coast with respect to commercial and recreational fishing

- ◇ change color to blend in with environment
- ◇ commonly known as fluke

SUMMER FLOUNDER CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR



*summer flounder were only caught during the years shown

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