



STRIPED BASS

Morone saxatilis

Description:

- ◆ silvery body
- ◆ 7-8 horizontal black stripes on sides of fish
- ◆ 2 dorsal fins
- ◆ small teeth on tongue

Size:

- ◆ up to 72 inches and 125 lbs

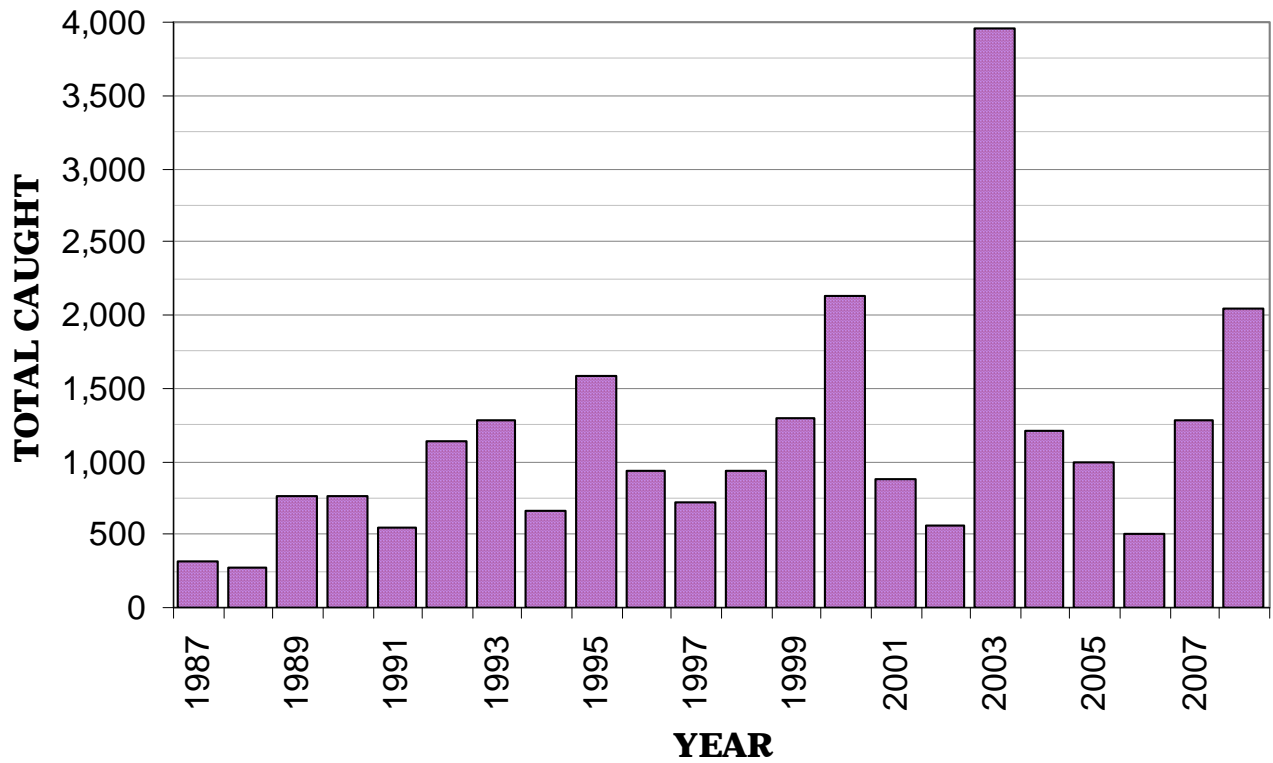
Range:

- ◆ St. Lawrence River, Canada to St. John's River, Florida
- ◆ northern Gulf of Mexico from western Florida to Louisiana

Facts:

- ◆ coastal, except during migration
- ◆ spawn in freshwater
- ◆ believed to live up to 30 years
- ◆ important food and game fish
- ◆ introduced to the Pacific coast of North America and many large reservoir impoundments in the US as a means to control gizzard shad populations and for recreational fishing

STRIPED BASS CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR



*from 1980 to 1986, the largest catch was 70 fish in 1986

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