



WEAKFISH

Cynoscion regalis

Description:

- ◆ dark olive brown to bluish gray above
- ◆ silvery sides and white belly
- ◆ many small dark spots on back extending down to lateral line
- ◆ pelvic and anal fins yellow; other fins may have yellow tint
- ◆ lower jaw extends beyond upper jaw
- ◆ 2 large canines at front of upper jaw

Size:

- ◆ up to 36 inches and 17.5 pounds

Range:

- ◆ Nova Scotia to Florida

Facts:

- ◆ spawn from May to October in inshore waters
- ◆ named for its fragile mouth structure which causes a hook to tear out rather easily

WEAKFISH CATCH TOTALS

YEAR	TOTAL CAUGHT
1980	4
1981	17
1982	12
1983	41
1984	5
1985	100
1986	41
1987	14
1988	8
1989	15
1990	14
1991	63
1992	78
1993	14
1994	9
1995	782
1996	48
1997	39
1998	21
1999	8
2000	24
2001	10
2002	4
2003	33
2004	6
2005	4
2006	6
2007	4
Grand Total	1,424

*weakfish were only caught during the years shown

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