

# Atlantic Croaker



**Juvenile Atlantic Croaker**



**Adult Atlantic Croaker**

Over the course of this survey, Atlantic Croaker numbers increased until 2001, when averages reached 179 fish per tow. Since that time, there have been many fluctuations within the croaker population. Averages bottomed out in 2003 with only 1 fish per tow. Croaker reached the survey's peak in 2006, with an average of 262 fish per tow, yet dropped again the next year to an average of 10 fish per tow in 2007. The largest croaker caught during the entire survey had a fork length of 344 mm (13.8 inches).

