



Atlantic Croaker

Micropogonias undulatus



Description:

- ♦ down turned mouth
- ♦ 3-5 small chin barbels
- ♦ silvery body
- ♦ slightly diagonal, thin dark lines on upper half of fish

Size:

- ♦ up to 18 inches

Range:

- ♦ coastal waters from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico around Texas
- ♦ South America from Brazil to Argentina

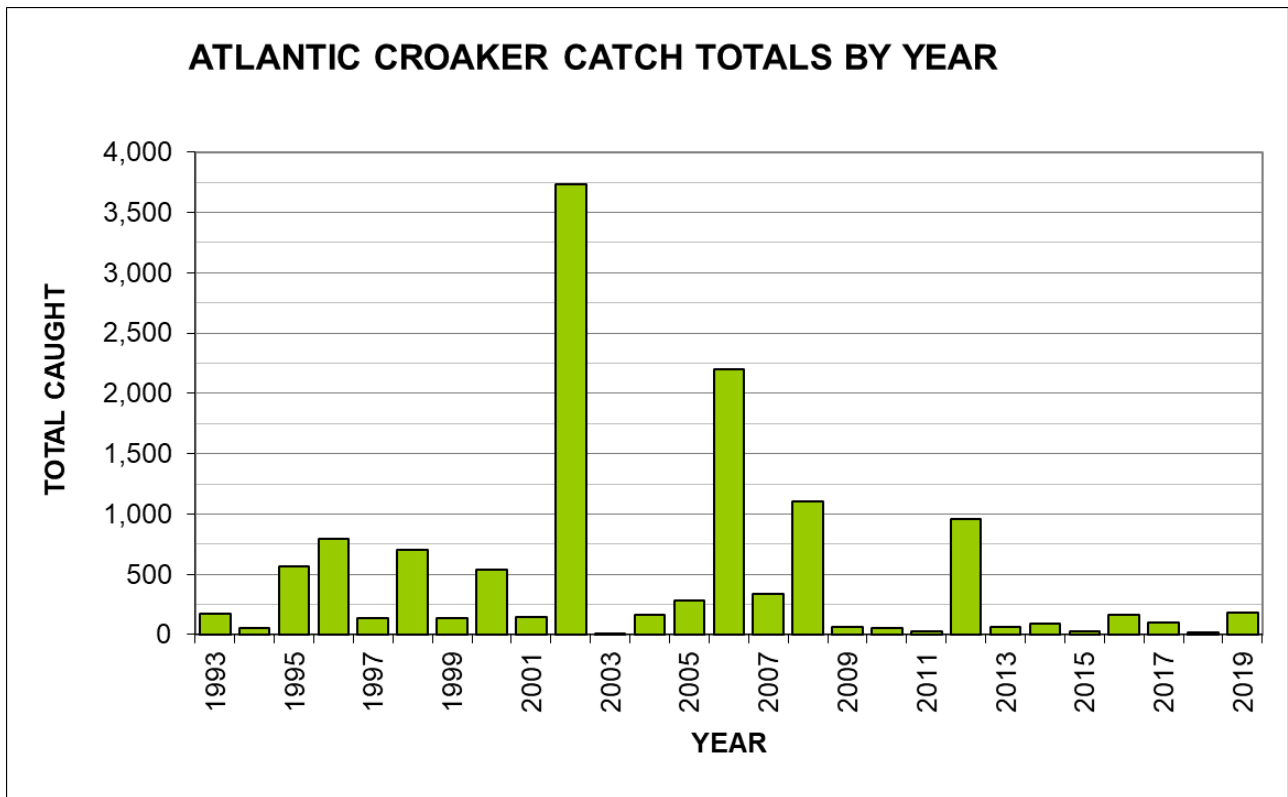
Facts:

- ♦ spawn in offshore waters on the continental shelf during the fall
- ♦ larvae ride tidal currents into coastal inlets
- ♦ makes a loud croaking sound
- ♦ bottom feeder that preys on bristle worms, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish
- ♦ loudest member of the drum family



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