

INSHORE LIZARDFISH

Synodus foetens

Description:

- ♦ cigar shaped
- shades of brown to olive on top
- yellow to white on belly
- ♦ about 8 diamond shaped marks along the side
- pointed snout
- ♦ large and wide mouth
- upper jaw extends beyond the eye
- ♦ 10-14 anal fin rays
- ♦ juveniles have blotchy sides which fade as they age

Size:

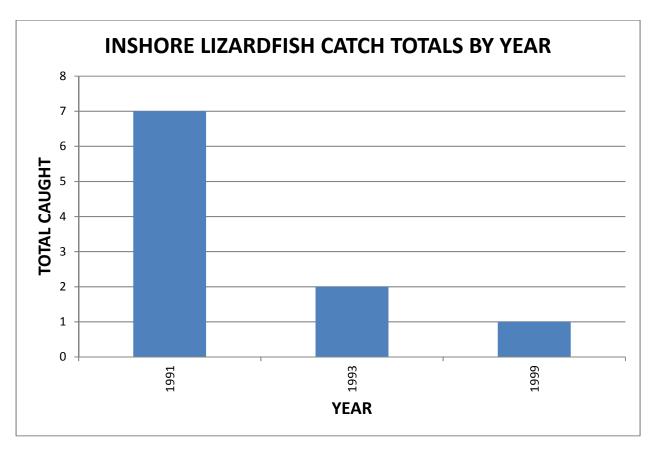
♦ up to 18 inches, average is 11 inches

Range:

♦ Massachusetts south to Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico

Facts:

- ♦ bottom dwelling species
- ♦ like water over sandy or muddy bottom
- ♦ burrows into sediment



*inshore lizardfish were only caught during the years shown

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