



## **ATLANTIC HERRING**

*Clupea harengus*

### **Description:**

- ◇ silvery with brassy colored sides
- ◇ dark bluish green back
- ◇ pale yellow fins
- ◇ dark shoulder spot
- ◇ numerous spots on the side behind the shoulder spot
- ◇ projecting lower jaw
- ◇ large mouth at the tip of the snout
- ◇ dorsal fin begins at middle of the body

### **Size:**

- ◇ up to 18 inches, usually 12 inches; weigh up to 1.5 pounds

### **Range:**

- ◇ Greenland and northern Labrador to North Carolina; uncommon south of New Jersey

### **Facts:**

- ◇ large loosely attached scales
- ◇ feed mainly on small shrimp or copepods
- ◇ can filter feed if there are large enough densities of prey
- ◇ preyed on by other fish, birds and marine mammals

## ATLANTIC HERRING CATCH TOTALS

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
1980	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>

\*Atlantic herring were only caught during the year shown

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