



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

Year	Total
1980	3
Grand Total	3

*Atlantic herring were only caught during the years shown

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