



BANDED KILLIFISH

Fundulus diaphanus

Description:

- ◆ dark olive to dusky above
- ◆ numerous olive-brown vertical bars along silver side
(bars more numerous and wider in males)
- ◆ long slender body
- ◆ top of head is slightly flattened
- ◆ nearly squared tail
- ◆ breeding males have yellow throat and fins
- ◆ 13-15 dorsal rays; 10-12 anal rays

Size:

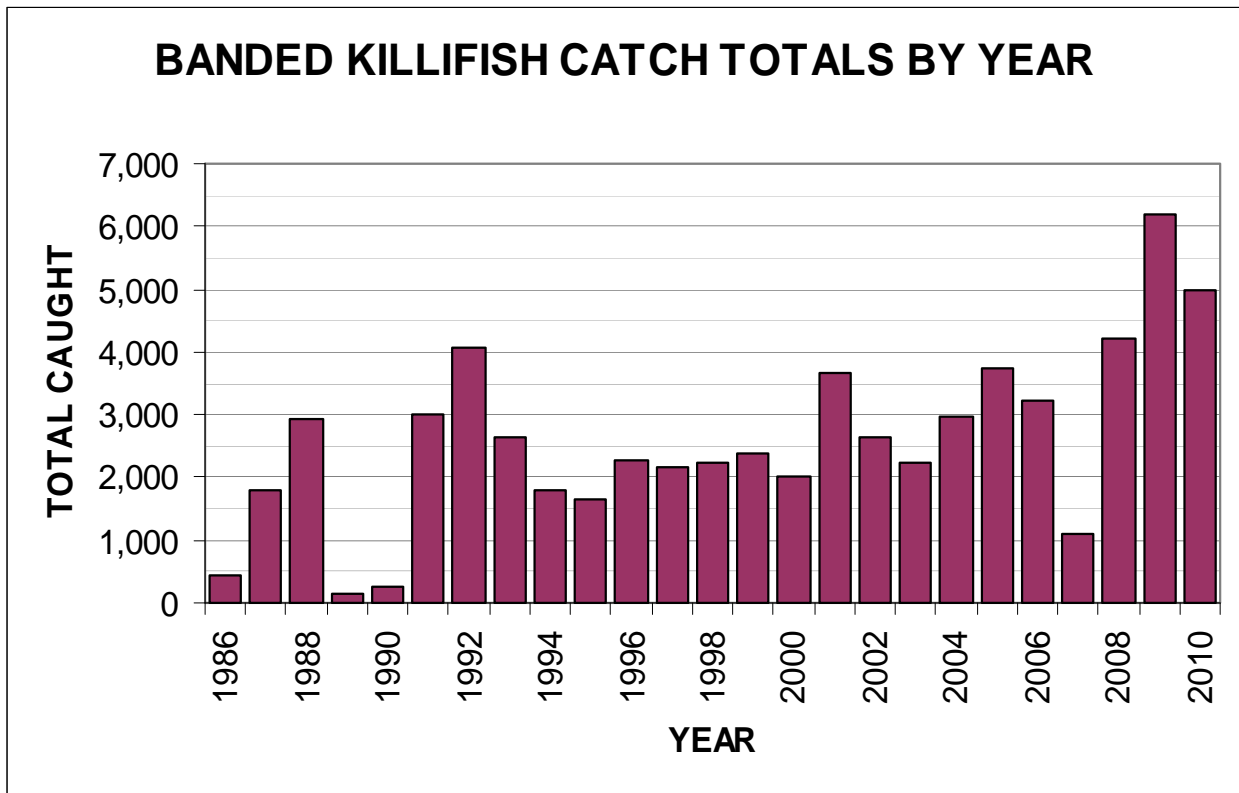
- ◆ up to 5 inches

Range:

- ◆ Atlantic slope from Newfoundland to Peedee River, South Carolina; St. Lawrence-Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from Quebec to Manitoba, northern Illinois and northeastern Nebraska and south to southern Pennsylvania

Facts:

- ◇ swim in schools
- ◇ inhabit shallow, still perimeter waters of lakes, ponds and slow moving streams
- ◇ prefer sandy to muddy bottoms with vegetation



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