



BLACK DRUM

Pogonias cromis

Description:

- ◆ deep gray body
- ◆ 4-5 broad black bars/saddles over back of fish
- ◆ many long chin barbels
- ◆ all fins dusky black
- ◆ bars fade in adult fish

Size:

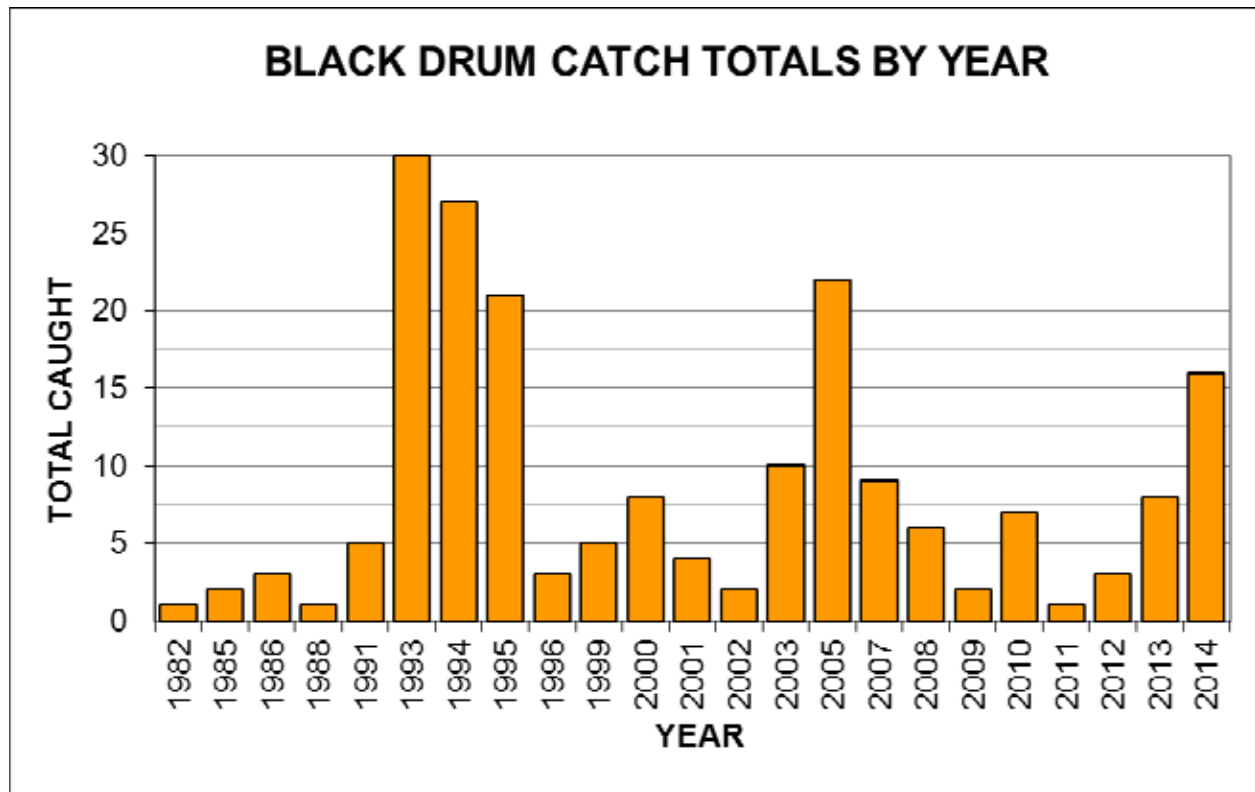
- ◆ up to 67 inches

Range:

- ◆ Nova Scotia to Florida; Gulf of Mexico; southern Brazil to Argentina

Facts:

- ◆ capable of spawning almost every 3 days
- ◆ an average sized, ripe female could potentially produce 32 million eggs annually
- ◆ eggs hatch in less than 24 hours
- ◆ adults prefer shallow coastal and estuarine waters
- ◆ lifespan estimated to be 43 years on Florida's Gulf coast and 58 on the Atlantic coast



*black drum were only caught during the years shown

For more information about black drum, please check out these articles:

Delaware Bay Dangerfields

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2007/digmar6-11.pdf>

Species Profile: Black Drum

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2007/digmar20-29.pdf>

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