



BLUEFISH

Pomatomus saltatrix

Description:

- ◇ green/blue back
- ◇ silvery white sides
- ◇ dark blotch at base of pectoral fins
- ◇ large mouth lined with razor sharp teeth
- ◇ 2 dorsal fins; 1 spinous fin separated from longer, soft fin

Size:

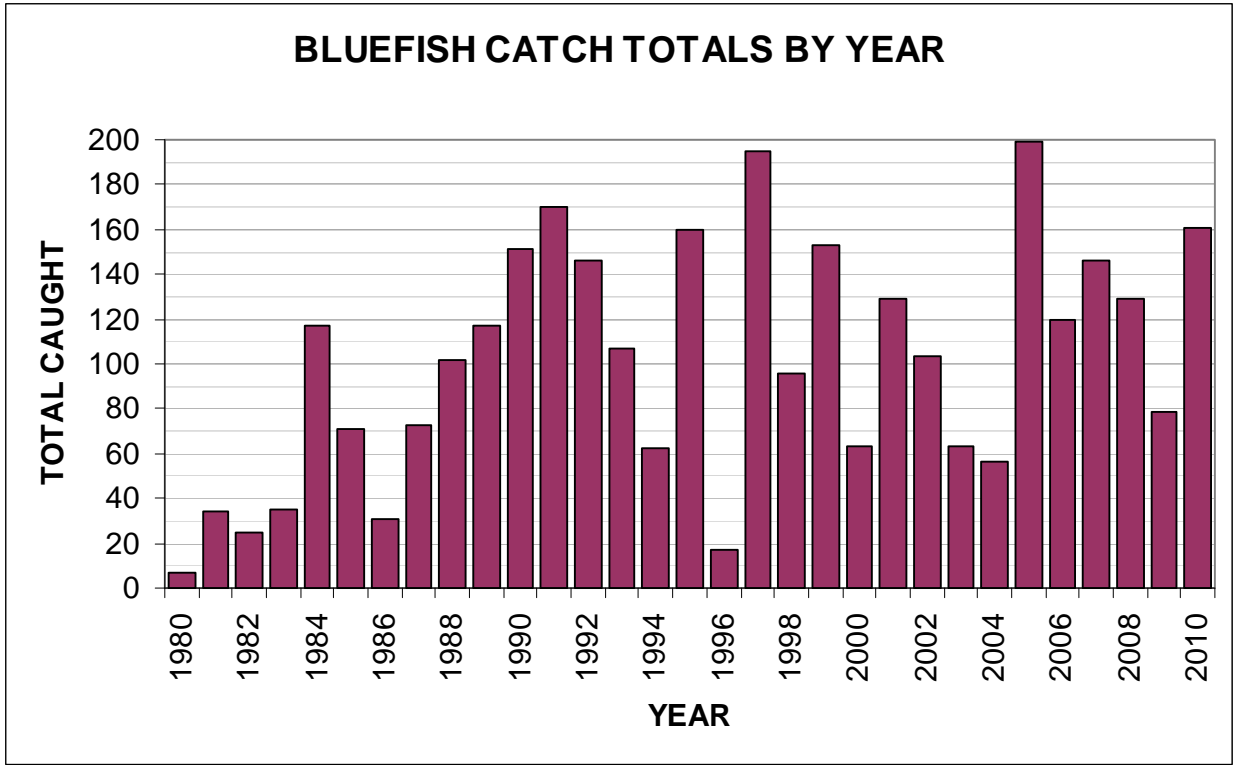
- ◇ up to 45 inches and 27 lbs

Range:

- ◇ all oceanic and coastal waters with the exception of the eastern and northwest Pacific

Facts:

- ◇ may also live in estuaries and brackish waters
- ◇ young live year round in bays and estuaries
- ◇ annual migrations lengthen with maturity
- ◇ females release between 0.6 -1.4 million eggs in total while migrating along the coasts
- ◇ after being fertilized, eggs hatch within 48 hours
- ◇ voracious, visual feeders that will attack anything shiny, including jewelry
- ◇ known to chase bait fish out of water onto sandy beaches



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