



ATLANTIC CROAKER

Micropogonias undulatus

Description:

- ◆ down turned mouth
- ◆ 3-5 small chin barbels
- ◆ silvery body
- ◆ slightly diagonal, thin dark lines on upper half of fish

Size:

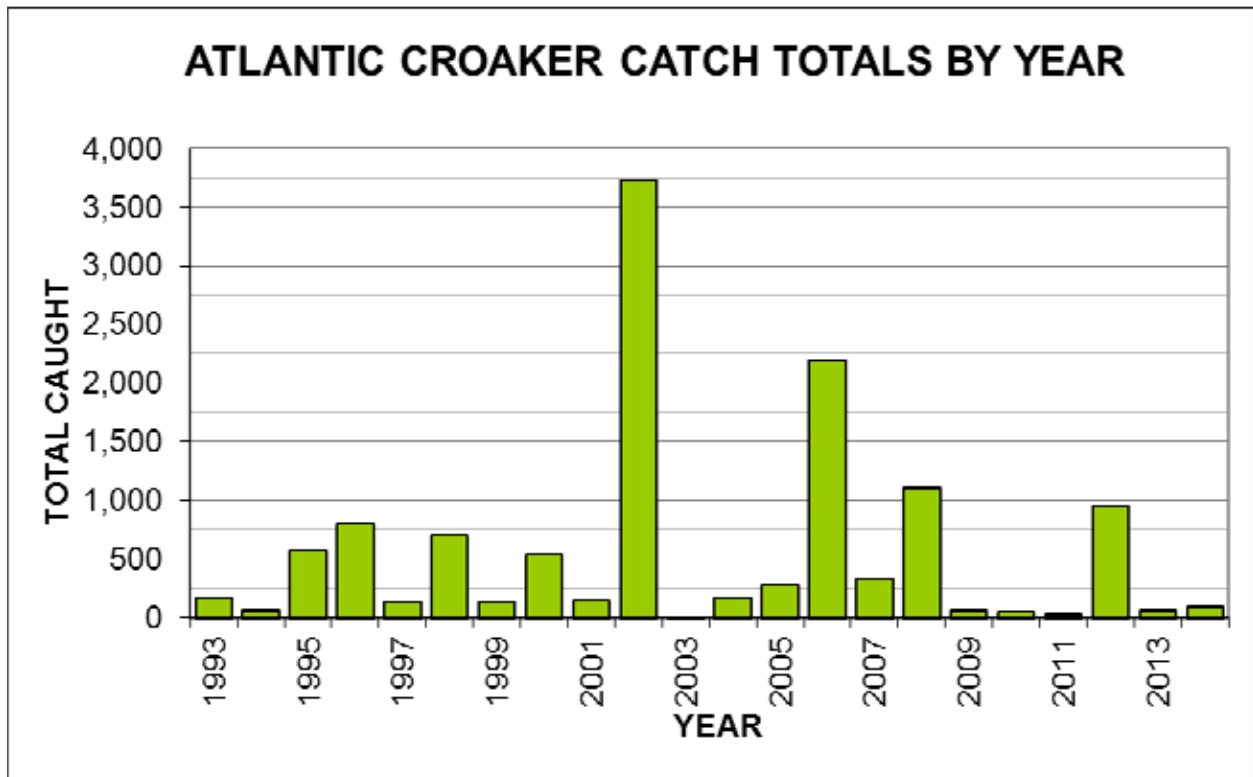
- ◆ up to 18 inches

Range:

- ◆ coastal waters from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico around Texas
- ◆ South America from Brazil to Argentina

Facts:

- ◆ spawn in offshore waters on the continental shelf during the fall
- ◆ larvae ride tidal currents into coastal inlets
- ◆ makes a loud croaking sound
- ◆ bottom feeder that preys on bristle worms, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish
- ◆ loudest member of the drum family



*from 1985 to 1992, the largest catch was 43 fish in 1989

For more information about Atlantic croaker, please check out this article:

Atlantic Croaker: A Profile

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<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2002/digmar1-7.pdf>

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