



HARVESTFISH

Peprilus paru

Description:

- ◆ variable in color
- ◆ usually bluish or greenish to dark gray on top
- ◆ silvery on sides
- ◆ heavy rounded snout
- ◆ concealed upper lip
- ◆ very deep body
- ◆ closely resembles the Butterfish
- ◆ front lobes of dorsal and anal fins are very high

Size:

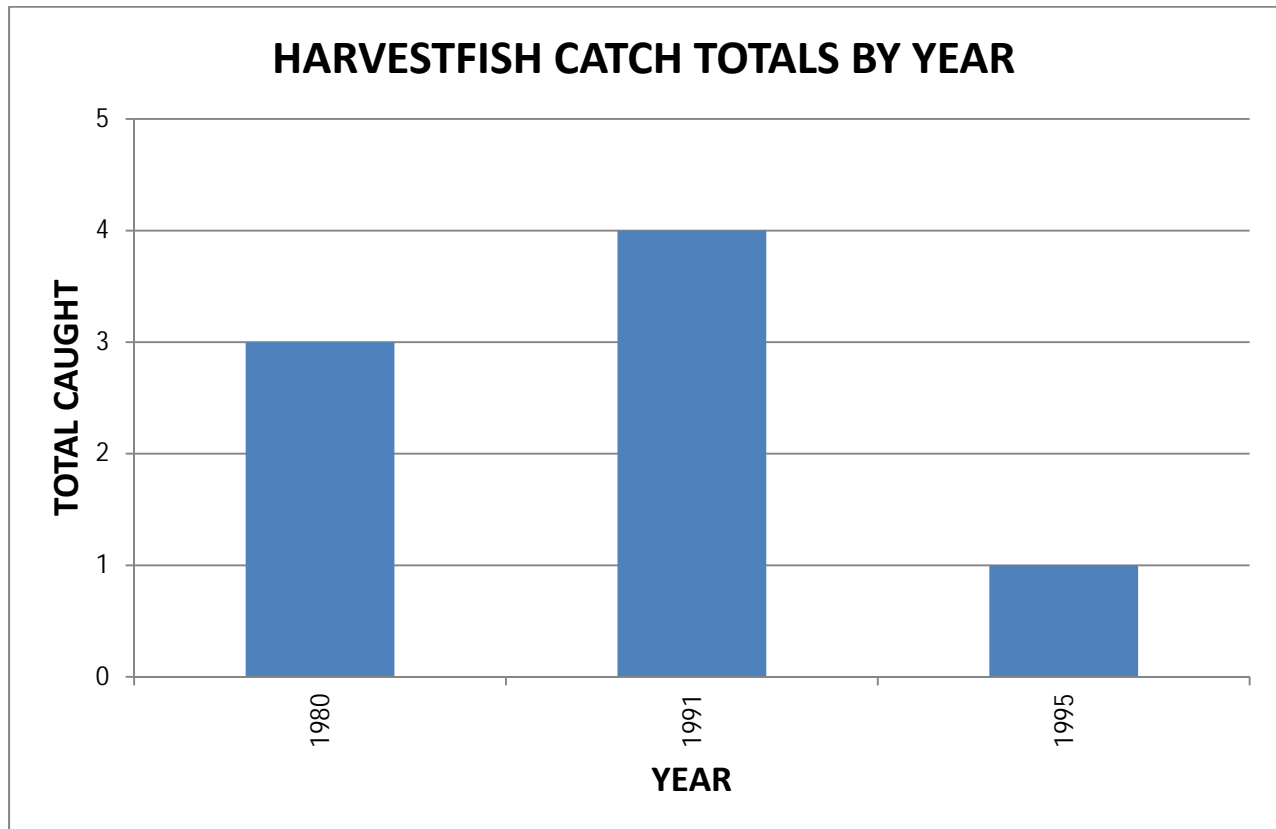
- ◆ up to 11 inches, average is 8 inches

Range:

◇ Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and northern Gulf of Mexico to Argentina

Facts:

- ◇ eat jellyfish, small fish, crustaceans and worms
- ◇ juveniles are plankton feeders
- ◇ form large schools in coastal bays and inshore waters
- ◇ juveniles found in or near brackish estuaries
- ◇ swim under jellyfish for shelter



*harvestfish were only caught during the years shown

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