



INLAND SILVERSIDE

Menidia beryllina

Description:

- ◇ edge of anal fin strongly curved
- ◇ 16 to 19 anal fin rays
- ◇ silvery sides and yellowish back
- ◇ elongate body
- ◇ upturned mouth
- ◇ head noticeably flat on top
- ◇ large eyes

Size:

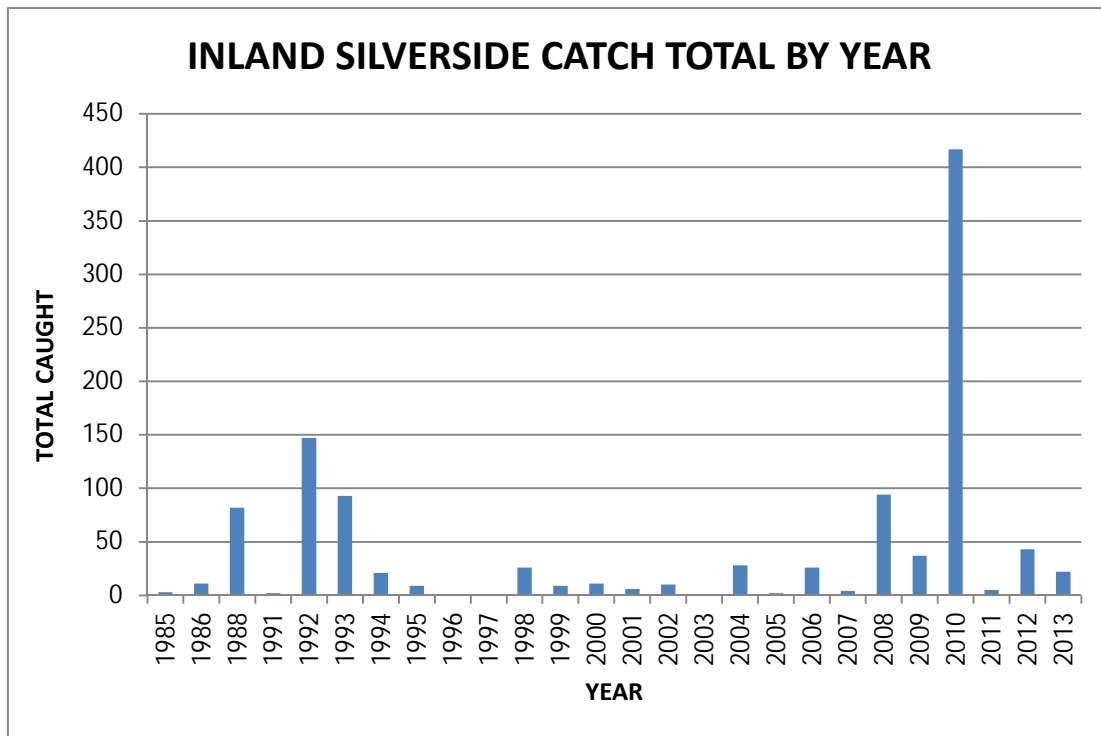
- ◇ up to 4 inches

Range:

- ◇ Massachusetts to Florida and around Gulf to northeast Mexico

Facts:

- ◇ found in coastal fresh and tidal waters
- ◇ feed primarily on insects, worms, small crustaceans and mollusks
- ◇ travel in large schools
- ◇ important prey fish for many birds and other larger fish
- ◇ spawn from April through August
- ◇ spawn in shallows of open water
- ◇ sticky eggs attach to vegetation and other submerged objects



*inland silversides were only caught during the years shown

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