



## MOSQUITOFISH

*Gambusia affinis*

### **Description:**

- ◇ dull gray or brown on top
- ◇ silvery sides
- ◇ dark diamond pattern
- ◇ dark bar below the eye
- ◇ usually rows of small black spots on body and caudal fin
- ◇ mouth located on top of the head, for feeding purposes

### **Size:**

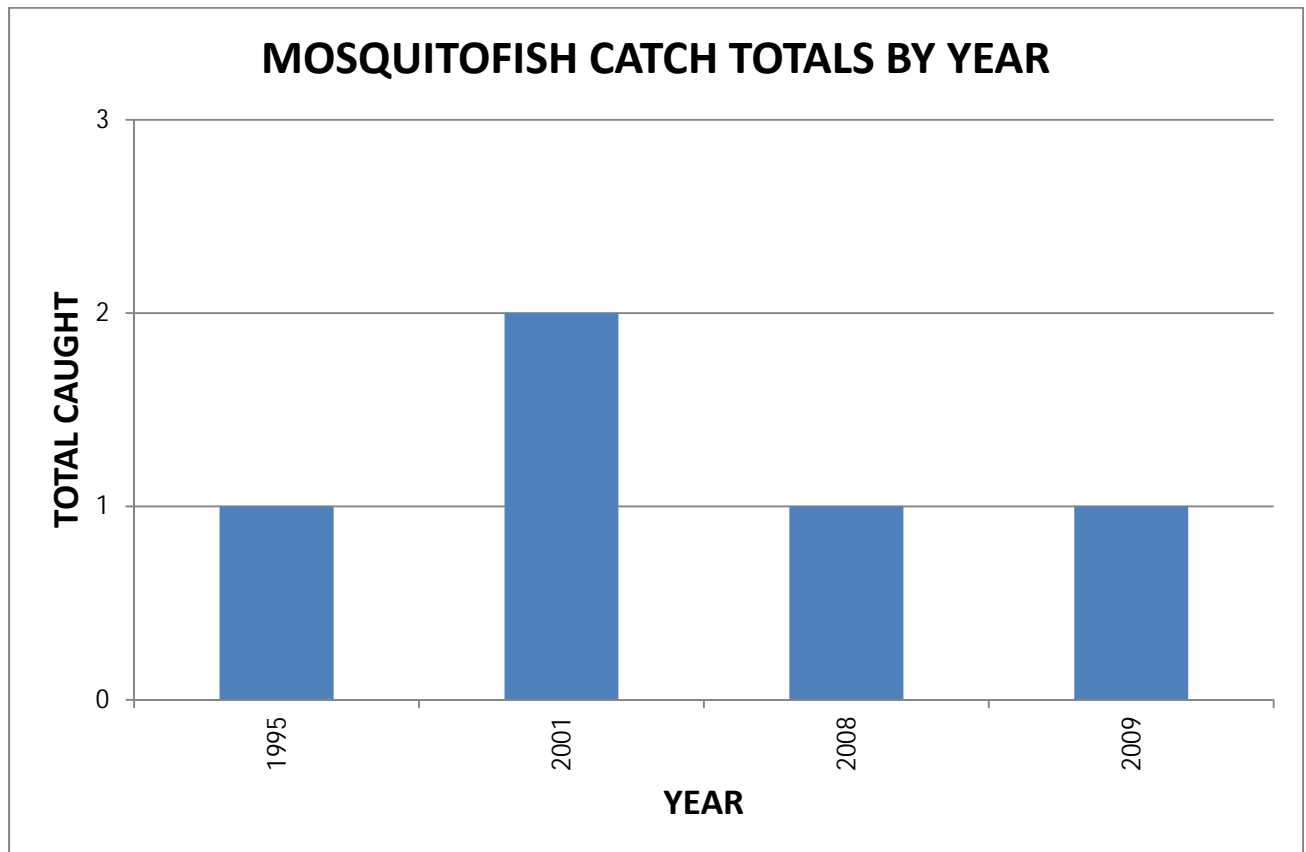
- ◇ usually 1.5 inches, rarely reach over 2 inches

### **Range:**

- ◇ New Jersey to south Florida and around the northern Gulf coast of Texas, wide range inland to Illinois

**Facts:**

- ◇ eat mosquito larvae
- ◇ give birth to live young
- ◇ young look like miniature adults
- ◇ tolerant to high water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels
- ◇ require standing water to develop



\*mosquitofish were only caught during the years shown

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