



ROUGH SILVERSIDE

Membras martinica

Description:

- ◆ 15-21 anal fin rays
- ◆ scales rough to the touch
- ◆ elongate, slightly compressed body
- ◆ dark pigment spots on back of fish
- ◆ extreme oblique mouth
- ◆ silver stripe along side

Size:

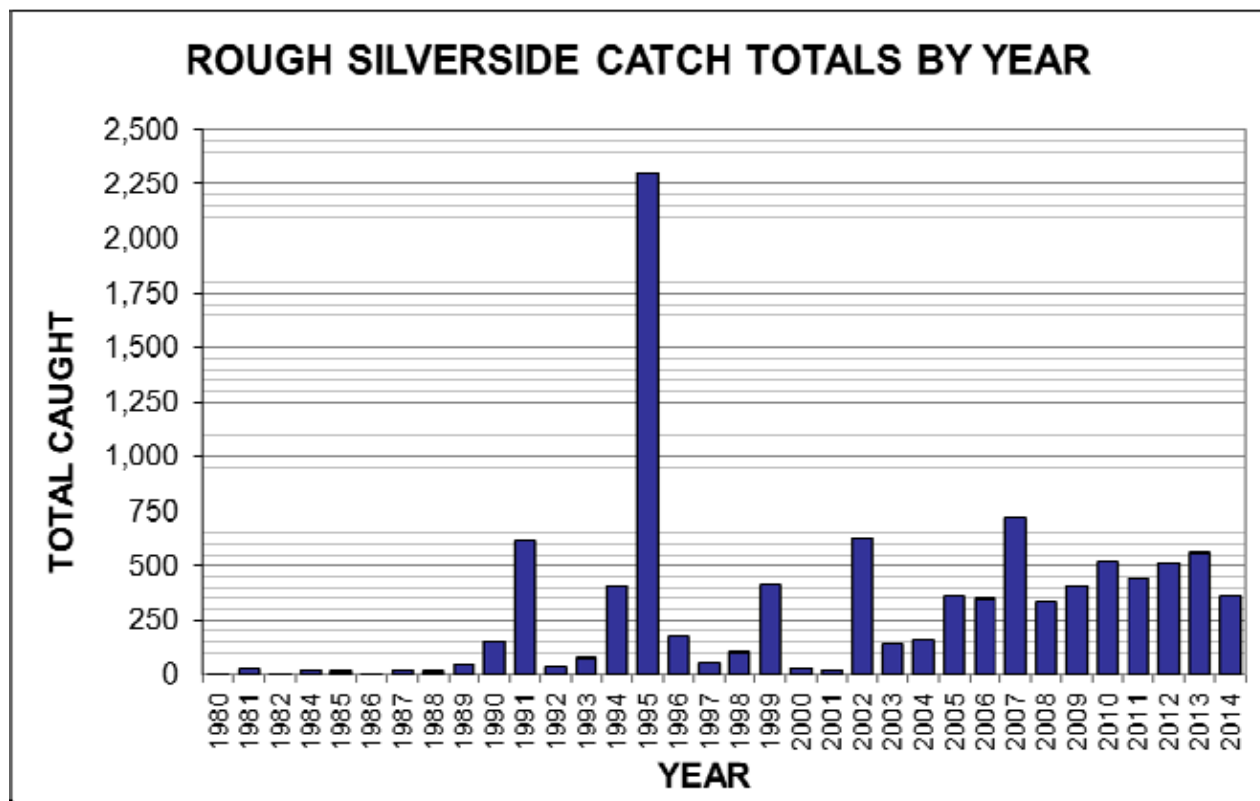
- ◆ up to 5 inches

Range:

- ◆ coastal waters from New York to Mexico

Facts:

- ◆ occur along shore and in bays and inlets
- ◆ spawns immediately outside breaker zone on sandy beaches
- ◆ most abundant in low salinity habitats
- ◆ lay adhesive eggs that stick to submerged vegetation



*rough silversides were only caught during the years shown

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