



## SUMMER FLOUNDER

*Paralichthys dentatus*

### **Description:**

- ◆ many ocelli (dark eye-like spots) present; 5 large and consistently placed
- ◆ left eyed flounder
- ◆ sharp, well developed teeth
- ◆ flat, rounded body
- ◆ slightly pointed tail fin
- ◆ both eyes locate on the top side of the head
- ◆ brown coloration on top and white on the bottom

### **Size:**

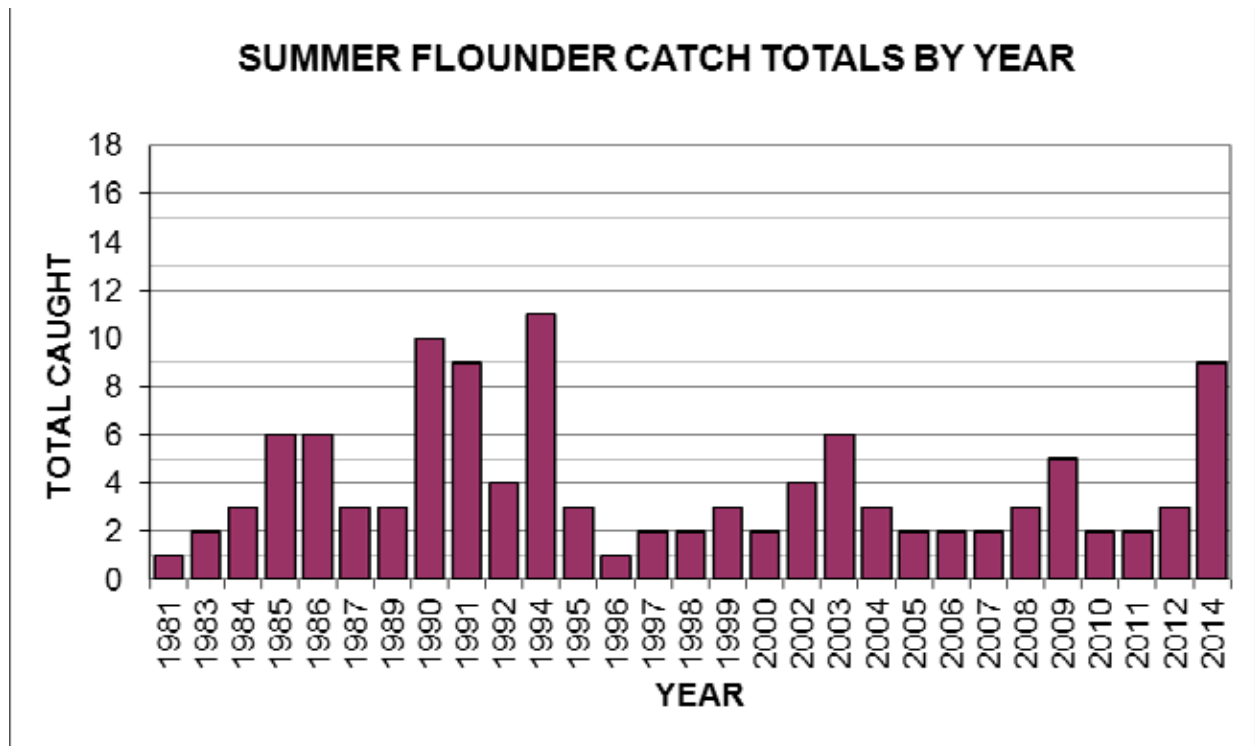
- ◆ up to 37 inches and 26 pounds

### **Range:**

- ◆ Maine to northern Florida

### **Facts:**

- ◆ spawn in late summer to mid winter in deep coastal ocean waters
- ◆ move inshore in spring where they remain until late fall  
(i.e. along beaches, estuaries and bays)
- ◆ live up to 20 years
- ◆ most important flounder along Atlantic coast with respect to commercial and recreational fishing
- ◆ change color to blend in with environment
- ◆ commonly known as fluke



\*summer flounder were only caught during the years shown

**For more information about summer flounder, please check out this article:**

Fluke Fishing and Companionship  
<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/flukefish.htm>

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