



## **SUMMER FLOUNDER**

*Paralichthys dentatus*

### **Description:**

- ◆ many ocelli (dark eye-like spots) present; 5 large and consistently placed
- ◆ left eyed flounder
- ◆ sharp, well developed teeth

### **Size:**

- ◆ up to 37 inches and 26 pounds

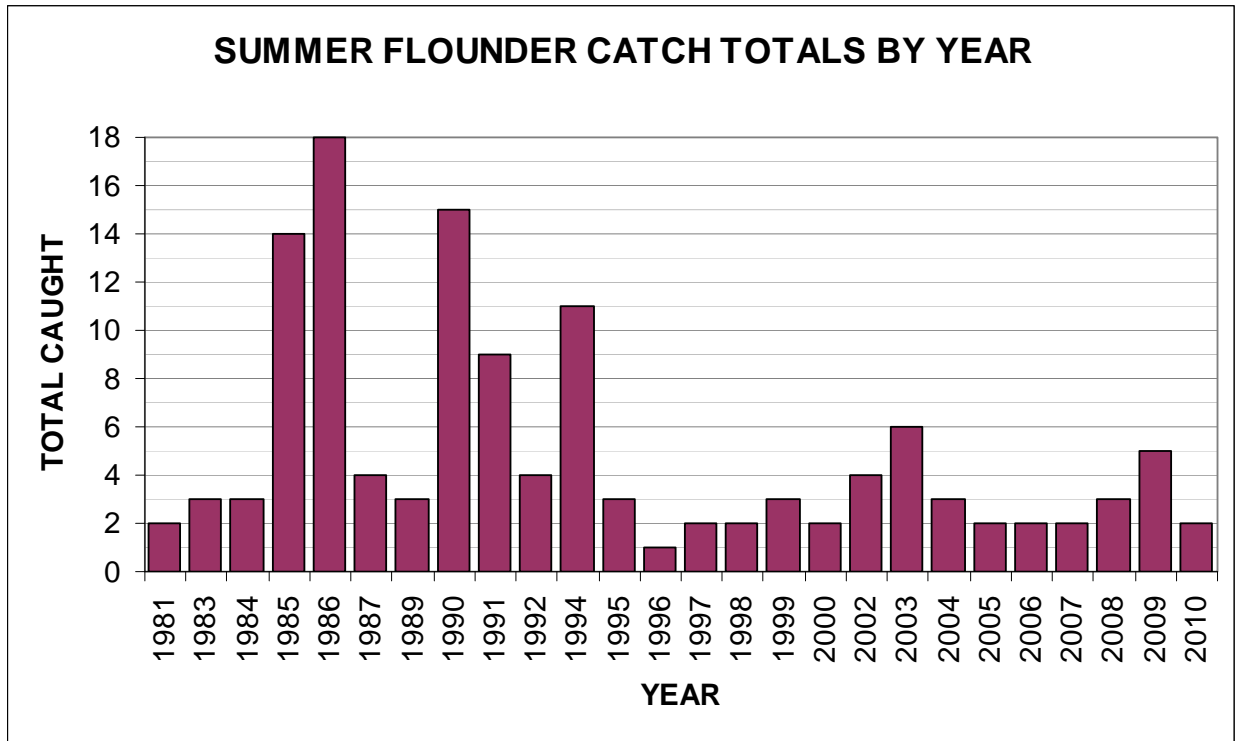
### **Range:**

- ◆ 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

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