



SPOT

Leiostomus xanthurus

Description:

- ◆ forked caudal fin (tail)
- ◆ dark blotch on shoulder
- ◆ bluish gray back; silvery to white belly
- ◆ pale yellow fins
- ◆ elevated back; deep belly
- ◆ 12-15 diagonal stripes over back
- ◆ no chin barbels

Size:

- ◆ up to 14 inches

Range:

- ◆ Massachusetts to northern Mexico

Facts:

- ◆ spawn offshore in deep water of outer continental shelf
- ◆ can spawn in near shore waters and estuaries
- ◆ depending on location, spawning takes place from October to March
- ◆ live up to 5 years
- ◆ often congregate over oyster beds
- ◆ opportunistic bottom feeders primarily eating worms, small crustaceans, and mollusks

SPOT CATCH TOTALS

YEAR	TOTAL CAUGHT
1980	99
1981	234
1982	334
1983	257
1984	352
1985	164
1986	209
1988	2210
1989	191
1990	999
1991	551
1992	6
1993	119
1994	1308
1995	2
1996	1
1997	823
1998	1
1999	11
2000	35
2002	31
2003	1
2004	12
2005	2179
2006	45
2007	250
2008	349
2009	13
2010	738
2011	7
2012	386
2013	22
2014	5
Grand Total	11944

*spot were only caught in the years shown

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