



## **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

## SPOT CATCH TOTALS

YEAR	TOTAL CAUGHT
1980	101
1981	386
1982	559
1983	490
1984	581
1985	250
1986	279
1988	3,140
1989	266
1990	1,382
1991	551
1992	6
1993	119
1994	1,308
1995	2
1996	1
1997	823
1998	1
1999	11
2000	35
2002	31
2003	1
2004	12
2005	2,179
2006	45
2007	250
2008	349
2009	13
2010	737
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,908</b>

\*spot were only caught in the years shown

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