



STRIPED KILLIFISH

Fundulus Majalis

Description:

- ◆ males have 15 to 20 black vertical bars on their sides
- ◆ females have 2 to 3 horizontal stripes and/or black bars (but less than males)
- ◆ olive brown back with silvery sides
- ◆ rounded back
- ◆ thick, rounded tail
- ◆ flattened head with a blunt snout and a small mouth

Size:

- ◆ up to 7 inches

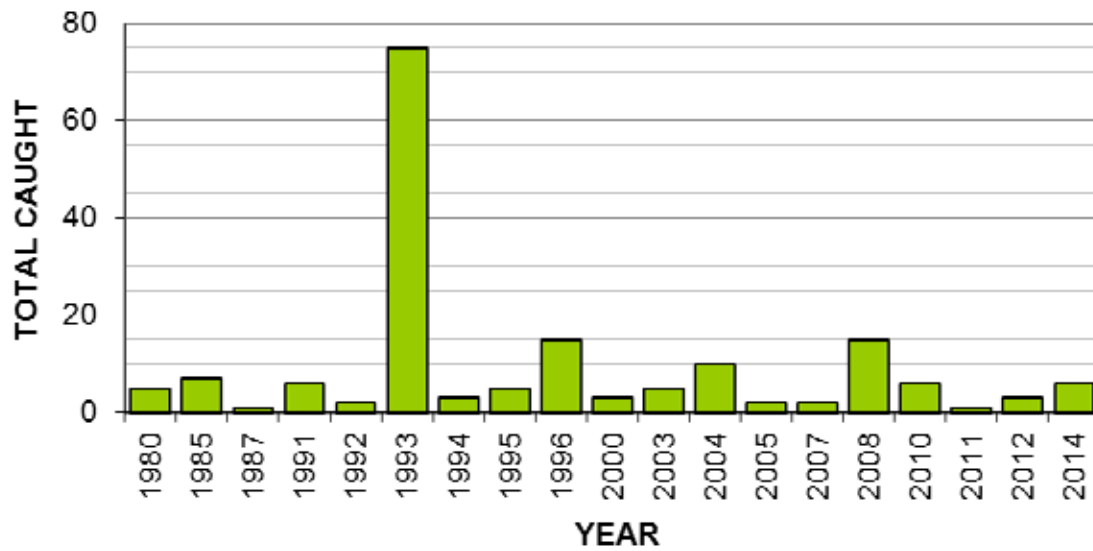
Range:

- ◆ New Hampshire to northeastern Florida; northern Gulf of Mexico

Facts:

- ◆ prefer bays, estuaries and coastal marshes
- ◆ prefer higher salinity waters
- ◆ utilize all available food sources, except detritus
- ◆ able to withstand low oxygen levels and extreme variations in salinity
- ◆ rarely stray more than 100 yards from the shoreline

STRIPED KILLIFISH CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR



*striped killifish were only caught during the years shown

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