



WINDOWPANE FLOUNDER

Scophthalmus aquosus

Description:

- ◆ thin bodied
- ◆ left eyed flatfish
- ◆ left side olive green to light brown
- ◆ many dark brown spots on body and fins
- ◆ bottom side is colorless
- ◆ lateral line strongly arched toward front
- ◆ first dorsal ray is branched, the tips of the rays are not attached to the membrane and form a fringed crest

Size:

- ◆ up to 18 inches

Range:

- ◆ Gulf of St. Lawrence to northern Florida

Facts:

- ◆ likes sandy bottoms
- ◆ occurs in bays and estuaries
- ◆ both eyes on left side of body, mouth points to the left
- ◆ less muscle than most other flatfish
- ◆ mouth is toothless

WINDOWPANE FLOUNDER CATCH TOTALS

| Year | Total |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1981 | 3 |
| Grand Total | 3 |

*windowpane flounder were only caught during the years shown

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