



## WINTER FLOUNDER

*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*

### **Description:**

- ◆ straight lateral line
- ◆ small mouth
- ◆ scaled area between eyes
- ◆ right eye flounder

### **Size:**

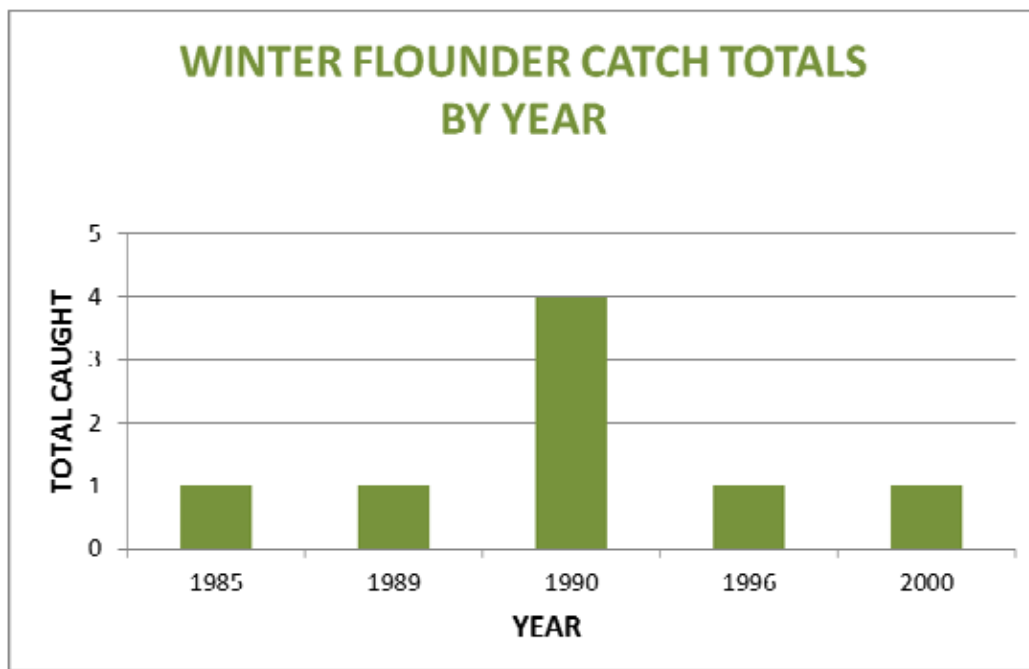
- ◆ up to 25 inches

### **Range:**

- ◆ Labrador, Canada to Georgia

### **Facts:**

- ◆ winter inshore in bays and estuaries
- ◆ spawn in winter and spring in shallow inshore waters
- ◆ during a single spawning period, females release a total of 500,000-1.5 million eggs over 40 separate releases
- ◆ move to deeper waters during summer months
- ◆ important food fish
- ◆ lifespan is 15-20 years



\*winter flounder were only caught during the years shown

**For more information about winter flounder, please check out this article:**

Winter Flounder – A Profile

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<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2000/digmar-1.pdf>

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