



Scup

Stenotomus chrysops



Description:

- ◆ dull silvery
- ◆ faint irregular dark bars on body
- ◆ 12-15 indistinct stripes
- ◆ some pale blue flecks
- ◆ front teeth incisor like

Size:

- ◆ up to 18 inches and 6 pounds, average is 1-3 pounds

Range:

- ◆ Nova Scotia to Florida, rare south of North Carolina

Facts:

- ◆ eat smaller marine life, like worms, mollusks and small fish
- ◆ stay offshore when water is cold, come inshore when water warms up in the spring
- ◆ like water above 45° F
- ◆ like rocky or smooth bottom
- ◆ form schools of similar sized fish
- ◆ plentiful around piers, rocks, jetties, mussel beds, and offshore ledges

SCUP CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1994	1
2015	2
Grand Total	3

*scup were only caught during the years shown