

ATLANTIC CROAKER

Micropogonias undulatus

Description:

- ♦ down turned mouth
- ♦ 3-5 small chin barbels
- ♦ silvery body
- slightly diagonal, thin dark lines on upper half of fish

<u>Size</u>:

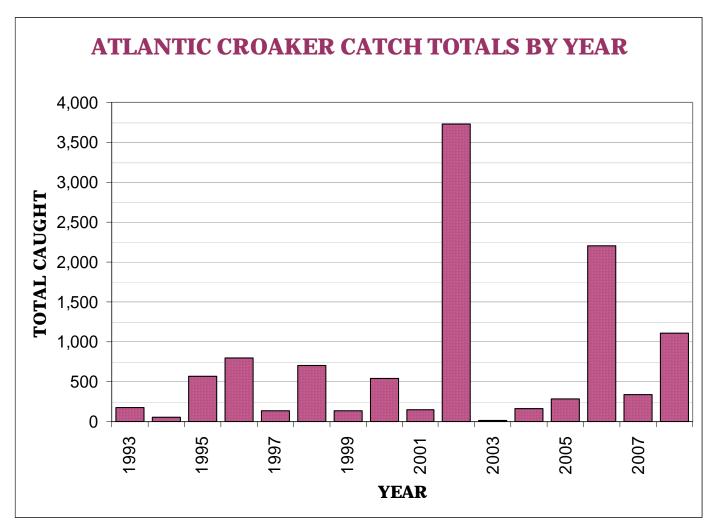
♦ up to 18 inches

Range:

- \diamondsuit coastal waters from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico around Texas
- South America from Brazil to Argentina

Facts:

- spawn in offshore waters on the continental shelf during the fall
- ♦ larvae ride tidal currents into coastal inlets



*from 1980 to 1992, the largest catch was 53 fish in 1989

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