

Striped Bass



In the 1980s, there was a moratorium on striped bass fishing. During that time, striped bass numbers increased at a rapid rate. Since the 1990s, New Jersey's striped bass population has seen steady growth. While striped bass are typically plentiful in the Delaware Bay during the spring, most of the trawl survey takes place between spawning periods. By May, most striped bass have either moved up the Delaware River to spawn, or they have migrated back into the ocean. Therefore it is not surprising that the total number caught throughout the entire survey is only 1,116 fish. In 2007, the average number per tow reached its peak at 7 fish. Of the total number caught for all years, 92.5% were less than 100 mm (4 inches) in length.

