

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

Size:

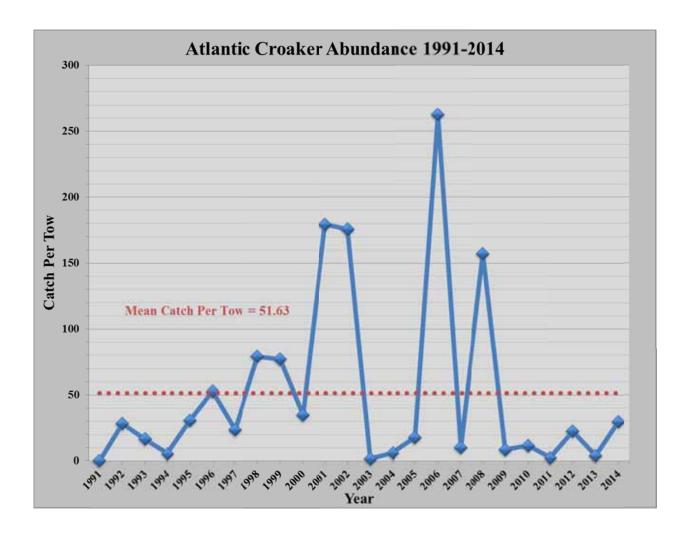
Up to 18 inches

Range:

- 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
- Makes a loud croaking sound
- Bottom feeder that preys on bristle worms, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish
- Loudest member of the drum family



For more information about Atlantic croaker, please check out this article:

Atlantic Croaker: A Profile *click on link below and then scroll down to digest page 6 http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2002/digmar1-7.pdf

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