



# Atlantic Herring

*Clupea harengus*



## **Description:**

- ◆ silvery with brassy colored sides
- ◆ dark bluish green back
- ◆ pale yellow fins
- ◆ dark shoulder spot
- ◆ numerous spots on the side behind the shoulder spot
- ◆ projecting lower jaw
- ◆ large mouth at the tip of the snout
- ◆ dorsal fin begins at middle of the body

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 18 inches, usually 12 inches; weigh up to 1.5 pounds

## **Range:**

- ◆ Greenland and northern Labrador to North Carolina; uncommon south of New Jersey

## **Facts:**

- ◆ large loosely attached scales
- ◆ feed mainly on small shrimp or copepods
- ◆ can filter feed if there are large enough densities of prey
- ◆ preyed on by other fish, birds and marine mammals

## **ATLANTIC HERRING CATCH TOTALS**

Year	Total
1980	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>

\*Atlantic Herring were only caught during the years shown