



Bluefish

Pomatomus saltatrix



Description:

- ◆ green/blue back
- ◆ silvery white sides
- ◆ dark blotch at base of pectoral fins
- ◆ large mouth lined with razor sharp teeth
- ◆ 2 dorsal fins; 1 spinous fin separated from longer, soft fin

Size:

- ◆ up to 45 inches and 27 lbs

Range:

- ◆ all oceanic and coastal waters with the exception of the eastern and northwest Pacific

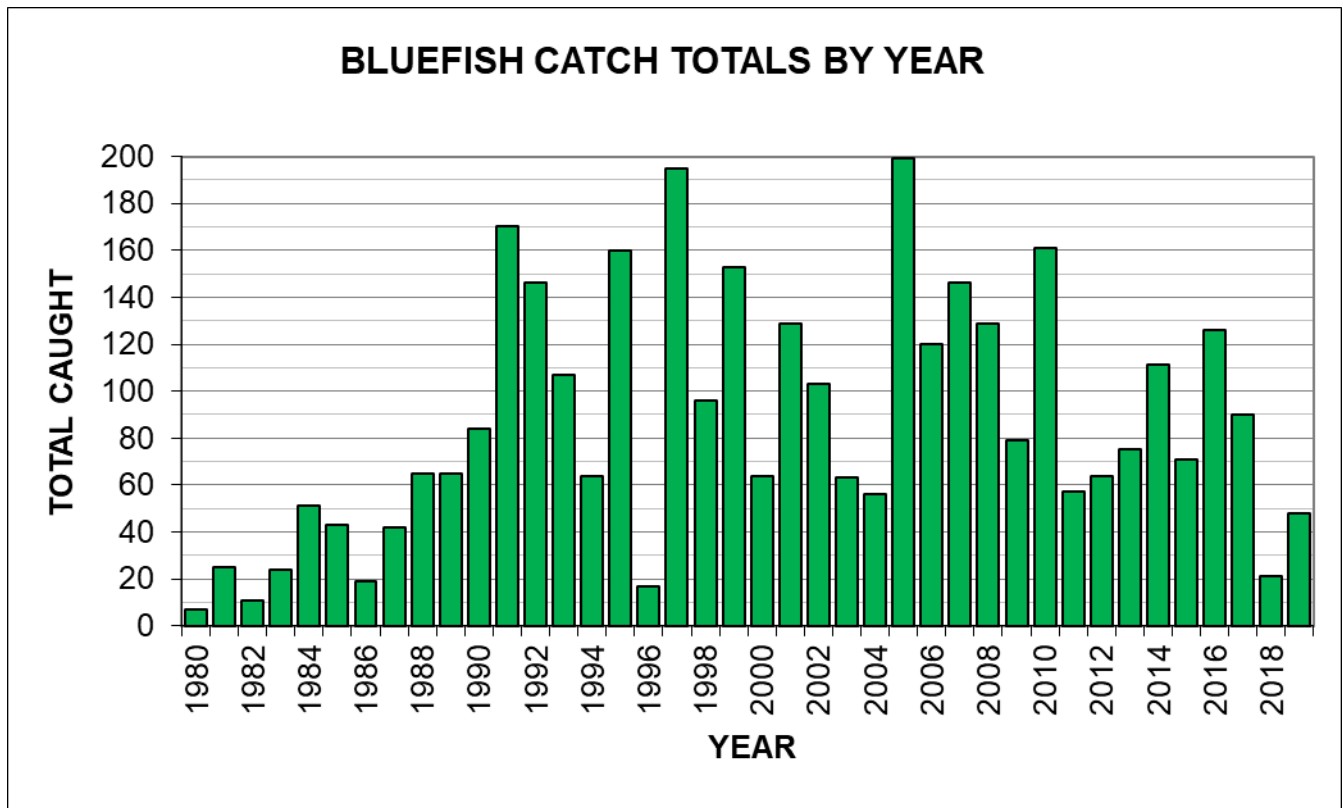
Facts:

- ◆ may also live in estuaries and brackish waters
- ◆ young live year round in bays and estuaries
- ◆ annual migrations lengthen with maturity
- ◆ females release between 0.6 -1.4 million eggs in total while migrating along the coasts
- ◆ after being fertilized, eggs hatch within 48 hours
- ◆ voracious, visual feeders that will attack anything shiny, including jewelry
- ◆ known to chase bait fish out of water onto sandy beaches



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Bluefishing from Shore

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<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2016/digmar6-13.pdf>

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