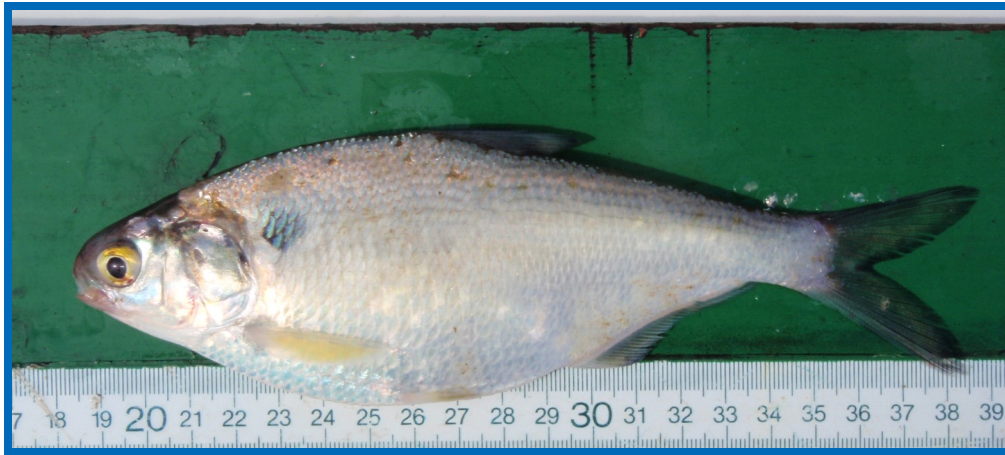




Gizzard Shad

Dorosoma cepedianum



Description:

- ◆ silvery, bronze body
- ◆ dark blue/black back
- ◆ 6-8 dark stripes along upper side
- ◆ dark shoulder spot
- ◆ last dorsal ray forms long filament (absent in young)

Size:

- ◆ up to 20 inches; more commonly up to 14 inches

Range:

- ◆ in the east, south Canada to northern Mexico, but absent in southern Florida

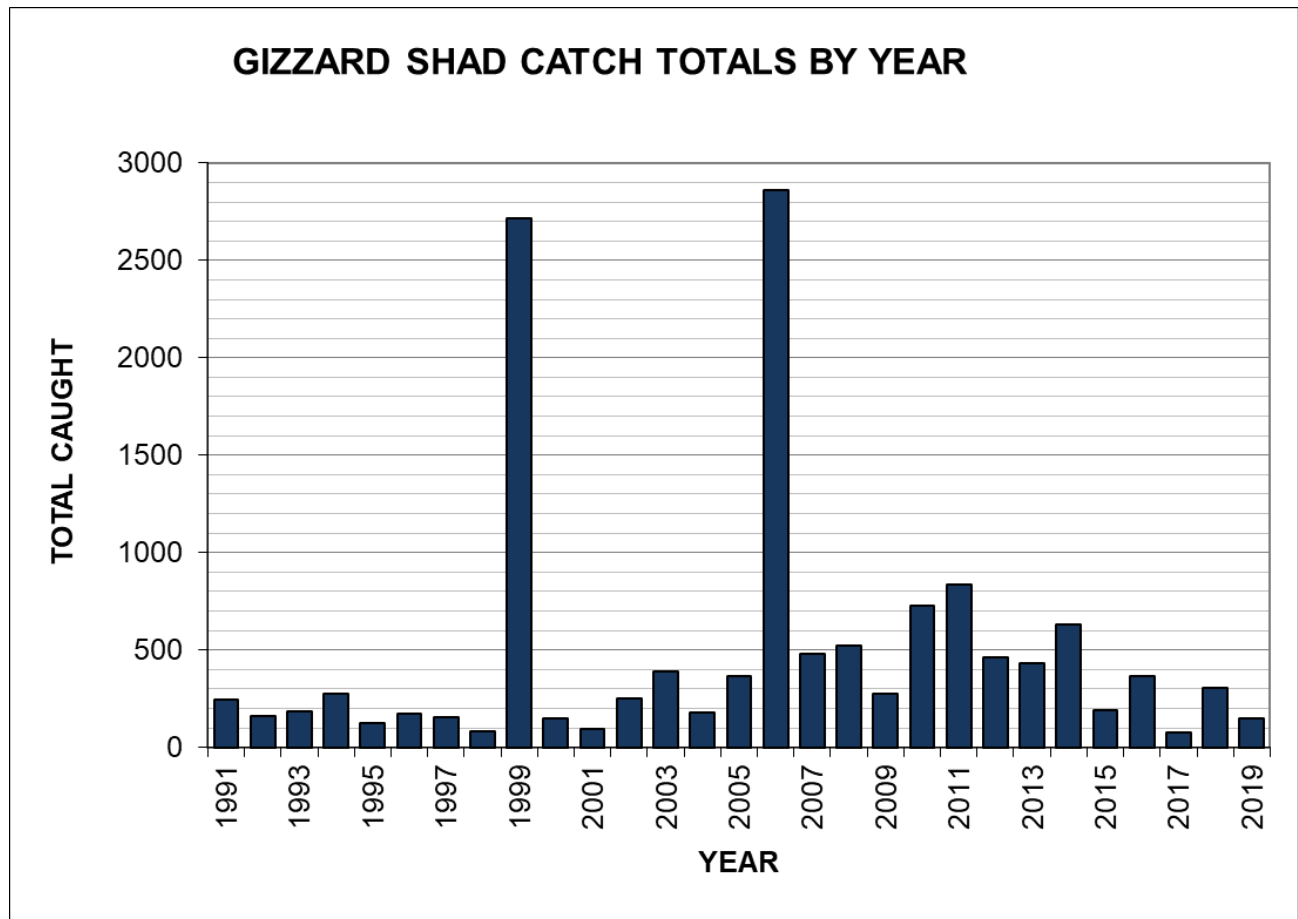
Facts:

- ◆ usually found in large schools
- ◆ spawn in late spring in diverse waters
- ◆ eggs and sperm are released together at the surface
- ◆ eggs sink, adhere to submerged objects and hatch in 4 days
- ◆ females produce up to 400,000 eggs
- ◆ filter mud to eat phytoplankton and zooplankton
- ◆ these fish produce excess slime



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*from 1980 to 1990, the largest catch was 67 fish in 1989