



# Harvestfish

*Peprilus paru*



## **Description:**

- ◆ variable in color
- ◆ usually bluish or greenish to dark gray on top
- ◆ silvery on sides
- ◆ heavy rounded snout
- ◆ concealed upper lip
- ◆ very deep body
- ◆ closely resembles the Butterfish
- ◆ front lobes of dorsal and anal fins are very high

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 11 inches, average is 8 inches

## **Range:**

- ◆ Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and northern Gulf of Mexico to Argentina

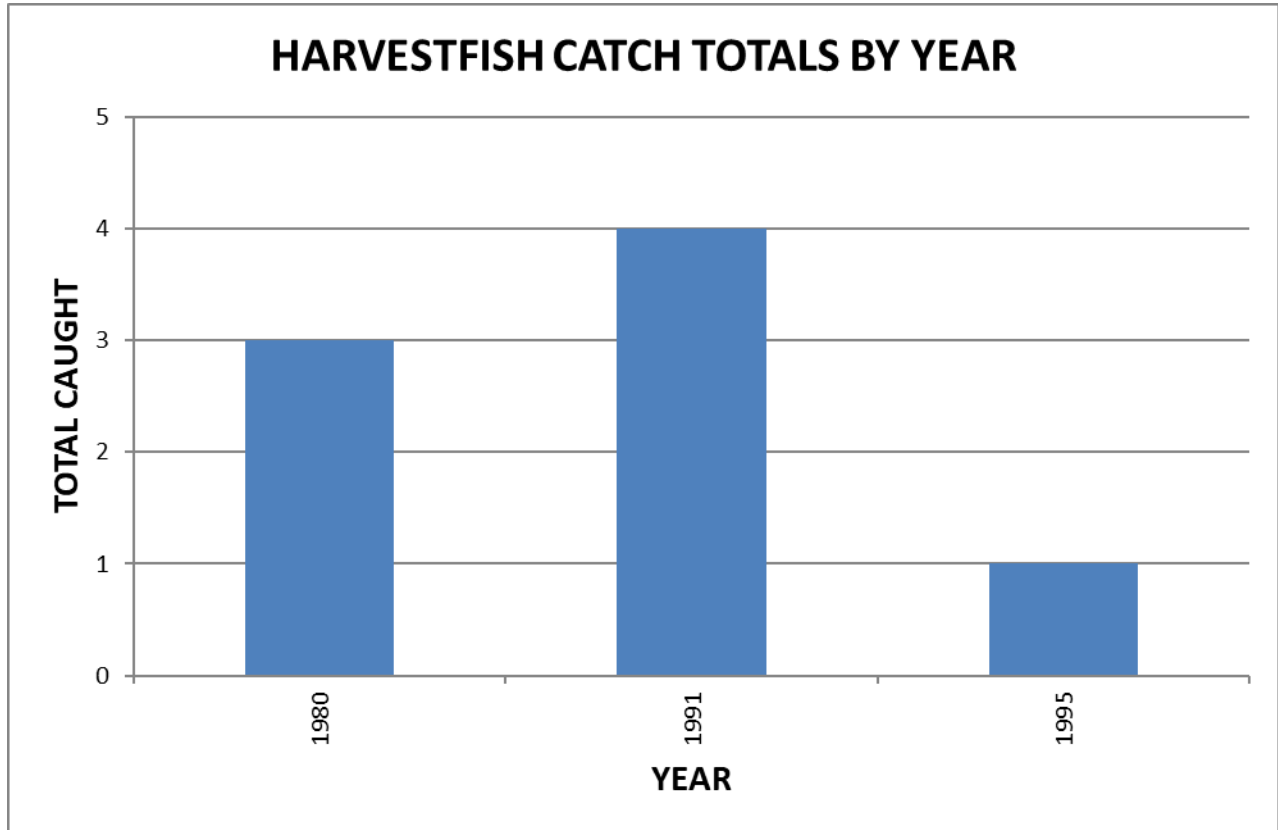
## **Facts:**

- ◆ eat jellyfish, small fish, crustaceans and worms
- ◆ juveniles are plankton feeders
- ◆ form large schools in coastal bays and inshore waters
- ◆ juveniles found in or near brackish estuaries
- ◆ swim under jellyfish for shelter



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\*harvestfish were only caught during the years shown