



Hickory Shad

Alosa mediocris



Description:

- ◆ gray/green back
- ◆ dark blotch on shoulder followed by a row of lighter spots
- ◆ lower jaw projects significantly past upper jaw
- ◆ deep belly

Size:

- ◆ up to 24 inches

Range:

- ◆ Atlantic coast from the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick to Florida (rarely found north of Cape Cod, Massachusetts)

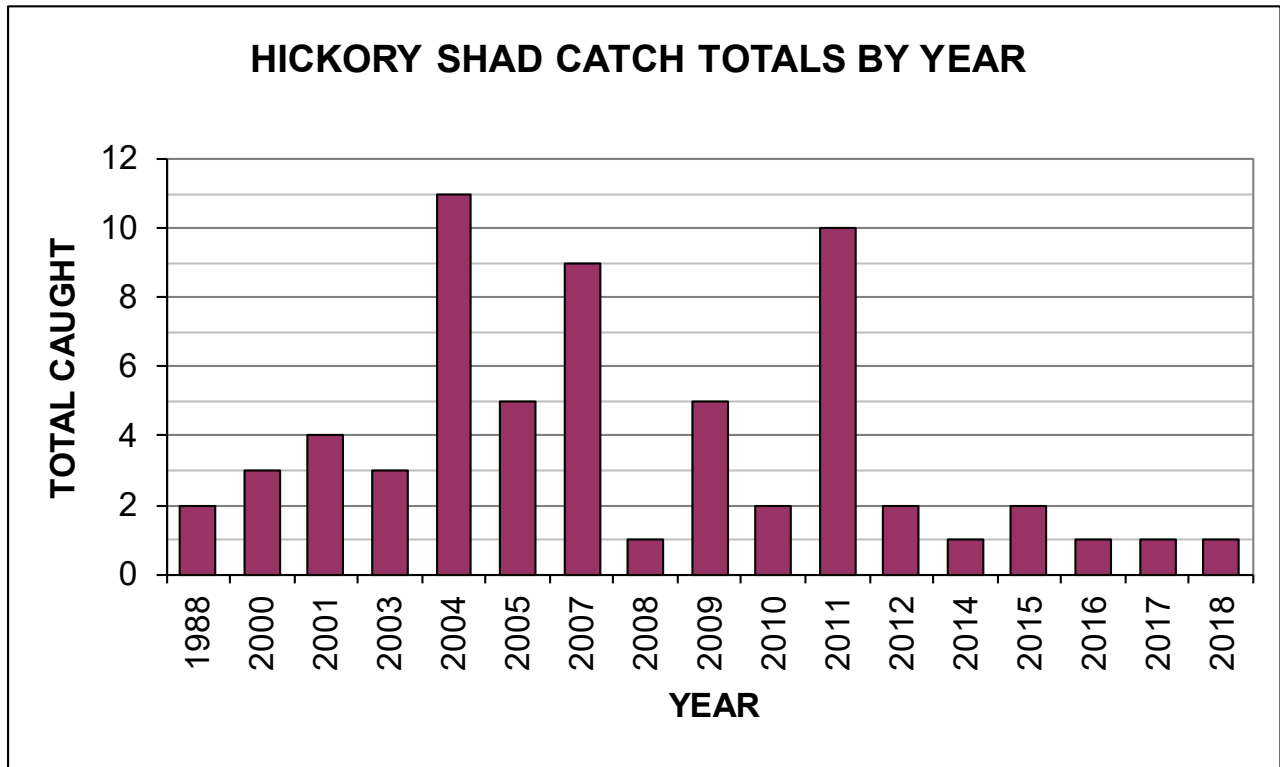
Facts:

- ◆ enter the bays in spring to spawn in tidal freshwater tributaries
- ◆ return to coastal waters after spawning
- ◆ young make their way out to the ocean by fall
- ◆ feed on small fish, fish eggs, squid, small crabs, and pelagic crustaceans
- ◆ anadromous fish species
- ◆ “repeat” spawning (spawning several times in a lifetime) is common



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*hickory shad were only caught in the years shown