



Naked Goby

Gobiosoma bosci



◆ **Description:**

- ◆ greenish brown above
- ◆ pale below
- ◆ large eyes set close together on top of head
- ◆ rounded tail
- ◆ 9 to 11 regular vertical bars starting behind head ending just before tail
- ◆ entirely unscaled
- ◆ 2 separate dorsal fins
- ◆ fused pelvic fins

Size:

- ◆ up to 2.5 inches

Range:

- ◆ New York to Texas; except for extreme southern Florida

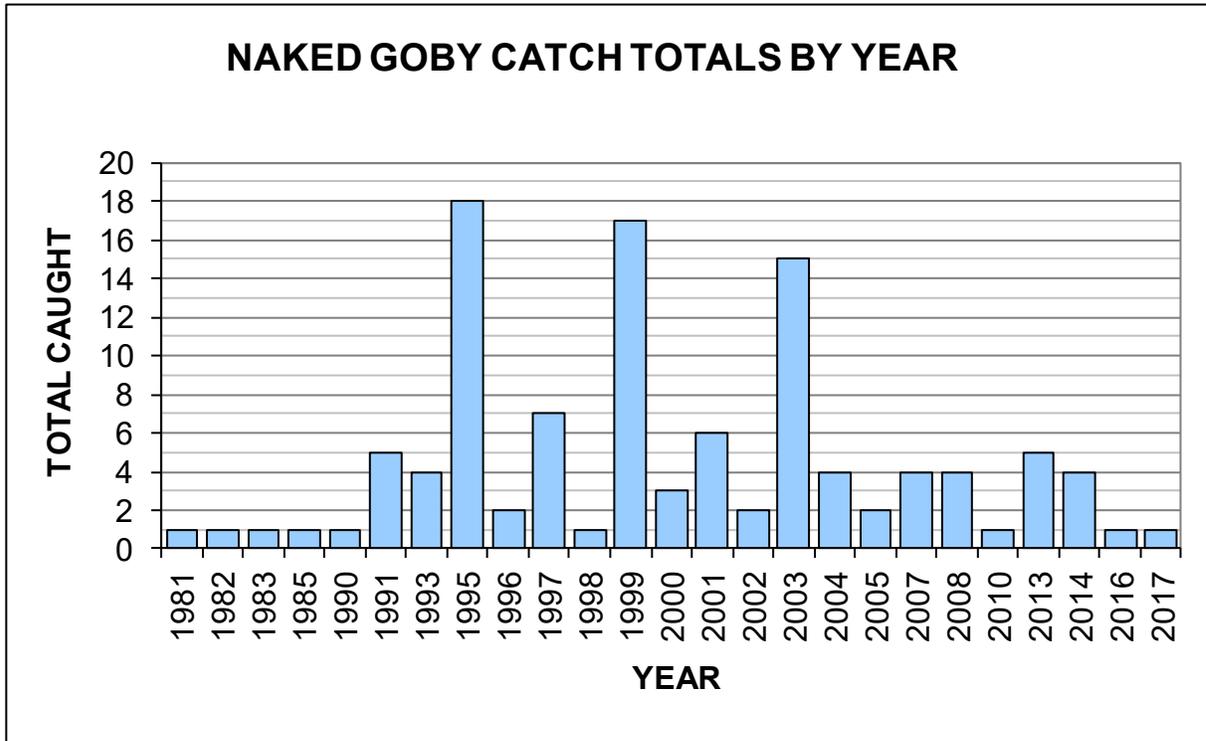
Facts:

- ◆ prefer protected coastal waters, tidal fresh water, vegetation and sea grass beds
- ◆ use fused pelvic fins as suction cups to cling to shells and rocks
- ◆ bottom dwellers
- ◆ resembles a lizard
- ◆ goby family contains more species than any other family of fish (2000+ documented)
- ◆ solitary reclusive fish
- ◆ use debris like cans and bottles as safe havens
- ◆ lay eggs in empty clam/oyster shells
- ◆ males guard the nest



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*naked gobies were only caught during the years shown