



# Summer Flounder

*Paralichthys dentatus*



## **Description:**

- ◆ many ocelli (dark eye-like spots) present; 5 large and consistently placed
- ◆ left eyed flounder
- ◆ sharp, well developed teeth
- ◆ flat, rounded body
- ◆ slightly pointed tail fin
- ◆ both eyes locate on the top side of the head
- ◆ brown coloration on top and white on the bottom

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 37 inches and 26 pounds

## **Range:**

- ◆ Maine to northern Florida

## **Facts:**

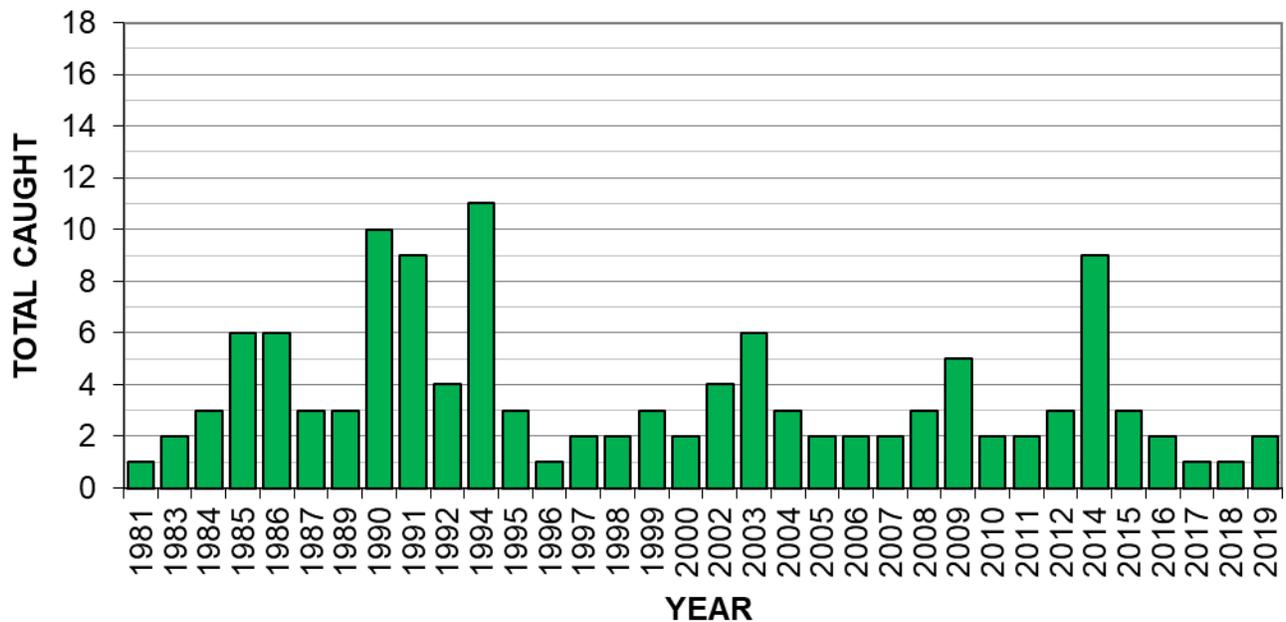
- ◆ spawn in late summer to mid winter in deep coastal ocean waters
- ◆ move inshore in spring where they remain until late fall
- ◆ (i.e. along beaches, estuaries and bays)
- ◆ live up to 20 years
- ◆ most important flounder along Atlantic coast for commercial and recreational fishing
- ◆ change color to blend in with environment
- ◆ commonly known as fluke



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**SUMMER FLOUNDER CATCH TOTALS BY YEAR**



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<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2017/digmar6-13.pdf>

<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/artflukerelease.htm>

Summer Flounder A Profile

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2015/digmar5-9.pdf>

Fluke Fishing and Companionship

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/flukefsh.htm>