



Striped Anchovy

Anchoa hepsetus



Description:

- ◆ yellow green iridescent above lateral line
- ◆ anal fins begin under last rays of dorsal fin
- ◆ yellowish head
- ◆ wide lateral silvery stripe
- ◆ pointed snout with inferior mouth

Size:

- ◆ up to 6 inches; more commonly 4 to 5 inches

Range:

- ◆ Massachusetts (rarely to Nova Scotia) through the West Indies and south Uruguay; rare in Florida Keys, but common on the gulf coast

Facts:

- ◆ larger and more robust than other anchovies
- ◆ tolerant of wide range of salinities
- ◆ swim in dense schools in shallow waters close to shore
- ◆ important forage fish due to abundance and small size
- ◆ spawn from April through July in harbors, estuaries and sounds
- ◆ eggs are elliptical and float near the surface
- ◆ eggs hatch within a few days after being released
- ◆ young mature in 3 to 4 years



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STRIPED ANCHOVY CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1982	1
1987	8
1988	4
1990	27
1991	64
1992	25
1993	7
1994	2
1995	27
1997	72
1998	7
1999	1,768
2000	4
2001	33
2002	482
2005	13
2006	17
2007	236
2008	40
2009	6
2010	9
2011	5
2012	16
2014	6
2015	3
2016	12
2017	11
2019	1
Grand Total	2,906

*striped anchovies were only caught during the years shown