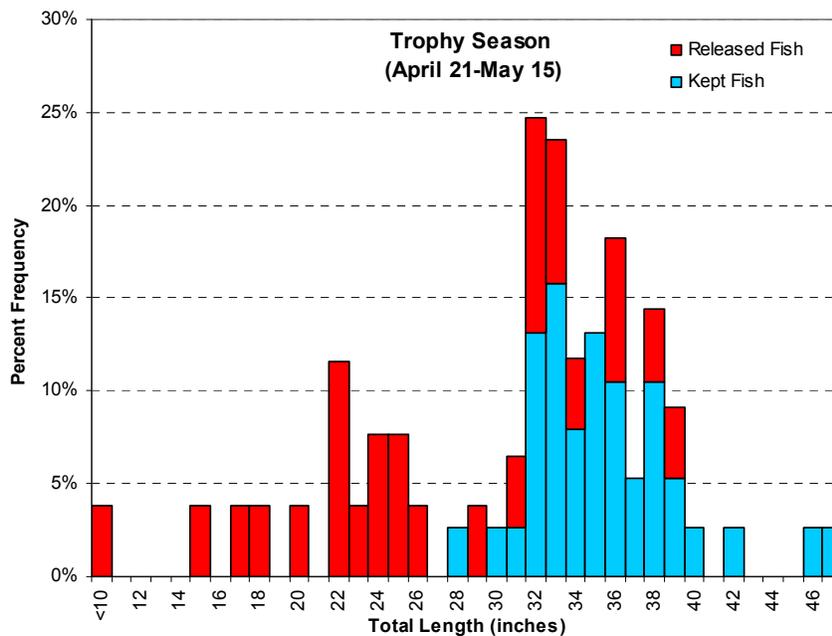




Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey 2012 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2012.



Released Fish

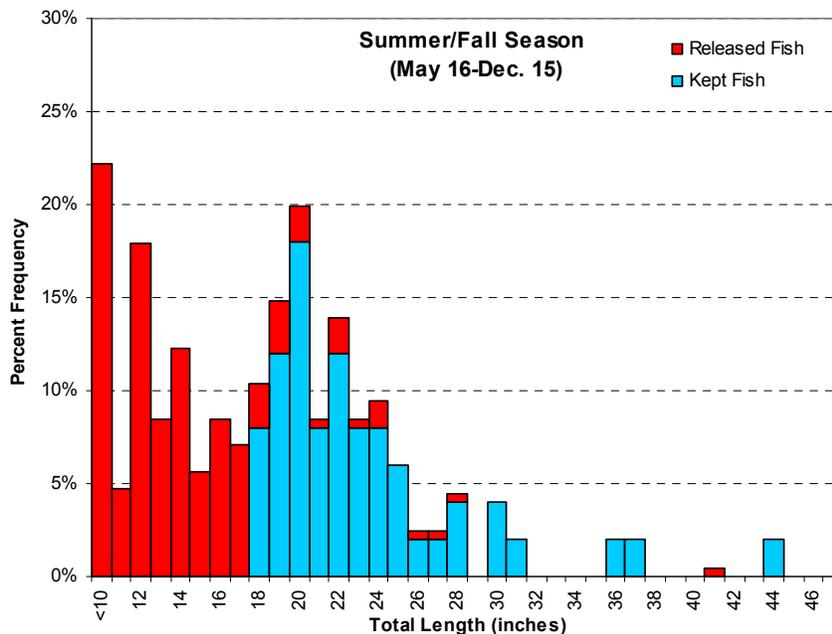
- Sample size: 26 fish
- Average size: 27 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 38 fish
- Average size: 35.6 inches TL

Methods

- 91% caught trolling
- 6% caught casting



Released Fish

- Sample size: 212 fish
- Average size: 13.9 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 50 fish
- Average size: 23.3 inches TL

Methods

- 47% caught trolling
- 20% flyfishing
- 15% casting

Fun Facts

- 29 anglers reported a total of 70 fishing trips.
- 84% of fish were caught from private boats, 9% from shore, 5% from charter boats, and 2% from piers.
- Anglers reported 2.4 trips on average. The maximum number of trips reported by an angler was 11.
- The largest fish submitted was 47 inches.

The Striped Bass Program needs your help to collect more data!

How we use the data:

- Data submitted by cooperating anglers, combined with data collected by fisheries scientists, is used to characterize the size and age composition of recreational harvest and releases
- Size composition of the catch is used to help determine minimum and maximum size regulations

Participation has been declining and we need your data! More data helps us do our job managing striped bass so tell your friends and family who fish about the survey!

We need:

- Data from trips and catch on Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Coast, and the Susquehanna Flats
- And be sure to provide the length and fate (kept or released) of **each fish** so your data can be used in fisheries management analyses

**THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!
YOUR DATA PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT**