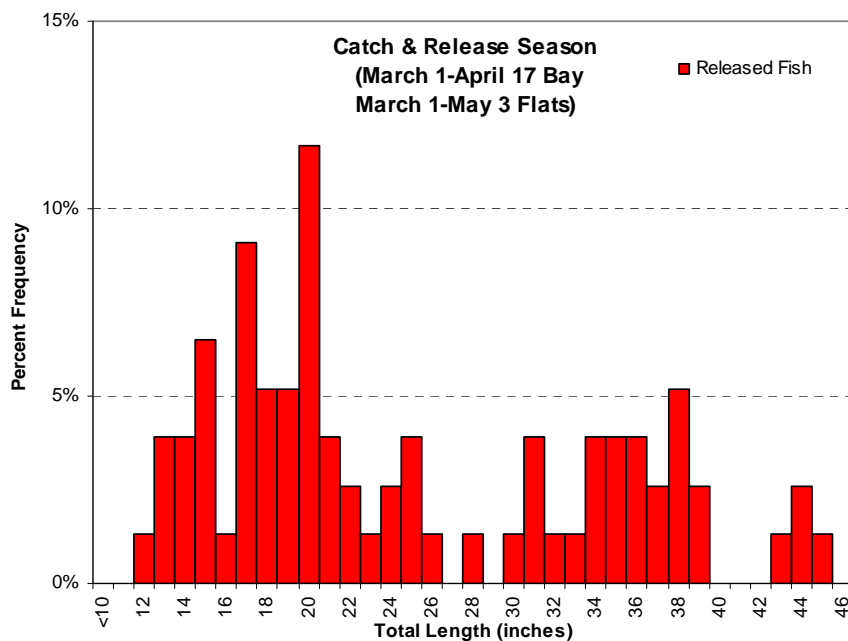




Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey 2009 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2009.

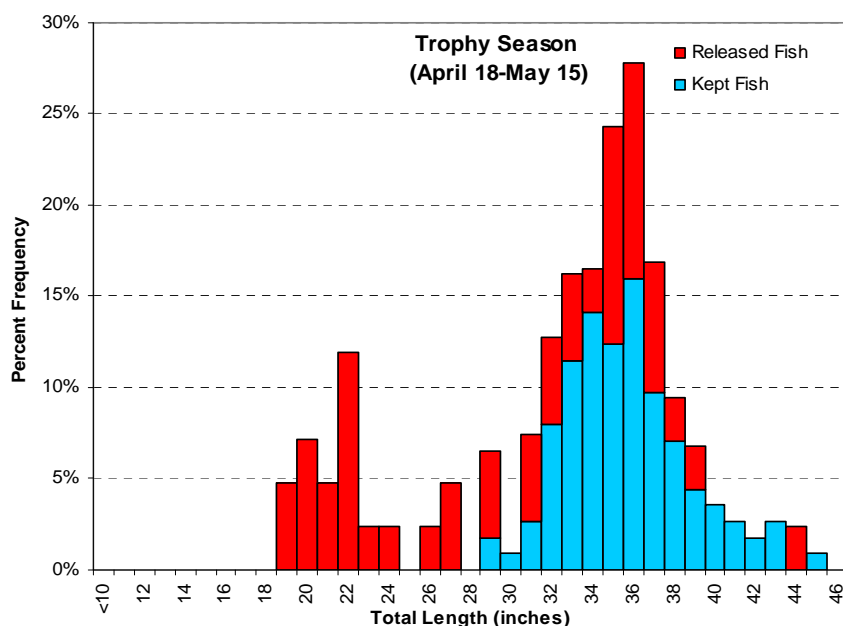


Released Fish

- Sample size: 77 fish
- Average size: 25 inches TL

Methods

- 53% caught jigging
- 29% caught trolling
- 11% caught bottom fishing



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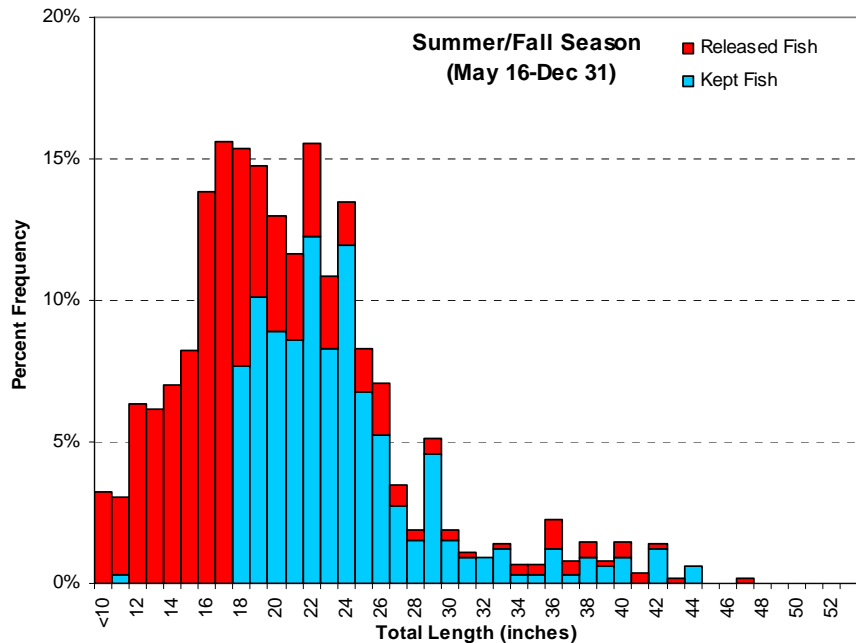
- Sample size: 42 fish
- Average size: 29.8 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 113 fish
- Average size: 35.7 inches TL

Methods

- 99% caught trolling
- 1% caught bottom fishing



Released Fish

- Sample size: 584 fish
- Average size: 17.9 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 326 fish
- Average size: 24 inches TL

Methods

- 39% caught trolling
- 24% caught casting
- 19% jigging

Cooperation has been great!

Fun Facts

- 93 anglers reported a total of 262 fishing trips
- 88% of trips were from boats, 7% from shore, and 2% each from piers and surf
- Anglers reported 2.8 trips on average—one angler reported data from 21 trips!
- The largest fish submitted was 47 inches

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

More data helps us do our job managing striped bass so tell your friends and family who fish about the survey!

What we still need:

- Data from trips and catch on the Atlantic Coast
- Data from trips and catch on the Susquehanna Flats
- 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 PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT**