Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2013.

**Trophy Season (April 20-May 15)**
- Sample size: 501 fish
- Average size: 16.3 inches TL

**Kept Fish**
- Sample size: 215 fish
- Average size: 23.7 inches TL

**Methods**
- 29% were caught live lining
- 18% were caught casting
- 16% were caught chumming
- 13% were caught trolling

**Released Fish**
- Sample size: 101 fish
- Average size: 22.8 inches TL

**Kept Fish**
- Sample size: 179 fish
- Average size: 37.7 inches TL

**Methods**
- 73% were caught trolling
- 7% were caught jigging
Fun Facts

- 159 anglers reported a total of 258 fishing trips.
- 71% of the total fish reported were caught from private boats, 15% from charter boats, 9% from shore, and 4% from piers.
- Anglers reported 1.6 trips on average. The maximum number of trips reported by an angler was 33.
- The largest fish submitted was 50.5 inches.
- The peak in 15 inch fish released during the trophy season is due to the above average 2011 year class. These fish should begin reaching 18 inches in 2014!

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