The most popular fishing method reported by volunteer anglers was trolling (56%), followed by bottom fishing (14%), chumming (12%), casting (10%), live lining (4%), fly fishing (2%) and jigging (1%). Anglers reported data for striped bass caught from private boats (72%), charter boats (24%) and shore (4%).
TROPHY SEASON:

206 striped bass were reported by anglers in the Trophy season:

- 72% of fish caught were kept
- 28% were released.

This plot shows the lengths of all fish reported during the Trophy Season.
Summer/Fall Season:

259 striped bass were reported by anglers in the Summer/Fall season:

- 33% of fish caught were kept and 66% were released.

This plot shows the lengths of all fish reported in the Summer/Fall season.

The high counts of fish released in the 15” to 17” range likely represent the strong 2011 year class.
The Striped Bass Program needs your help to collect catch data!

Here is how we use data that you provide:

1) Data submitted by cooperating anglers are combined with data collected by fisheries scientists and are used to characterize the size and age composition of recreational harvest and releases.

2) Size composition of the catch is used to help determine minimum and maximum size regulations.

Participation has been declining and we need your help! More data helps us to properly manage striped bass so please tell your friends and family who fish about this survey!

Get Involved with Fisheries Management!

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources’ Volunteer Angler Surveys were developed to obtain recreational catch data that are not otherwise available to fisheries scientists. These surveys collect data on the size and quantity of harvested and released fish and crabs.

Submit information about your trip and catch online at:

http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/survey/index.aspx

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