Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey
2006 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2006.

**Catch and Release Season**
(January 1 to April 14)

- **Released Fish**
  - Sample size: 106 fish
  - Average size: 24 inches TL

- **Methods**
  - 21% caught trolling
  - 56% caught casting
  - 23% caught bottom fishing

**Spring Season**
(April 15 to May 15)

- **Released Fish**
  - Sample size: 373 fish
  - Average size: 29 inches TL

- **Kept Fish**
  - Sample size: 290 fish
  - Average size: 37 inches

- **Methods**
  - 85% caught trolling
  - 6% caught bottom fishing
Cooperation has been great!

The Anglers
- 224 anglers reported a total of 476 fishing trips
- 117 of those anglers also reported in 2005
- number of cooperating anglers increased by 46% from 2005

The Fish
- 2173 fish measurements were submitted
- number of fish submitted increased by 67% from 2005

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

What we still need:
- Data from trips on the Atlantic Coast—only 3 reports from there in 2006
- 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