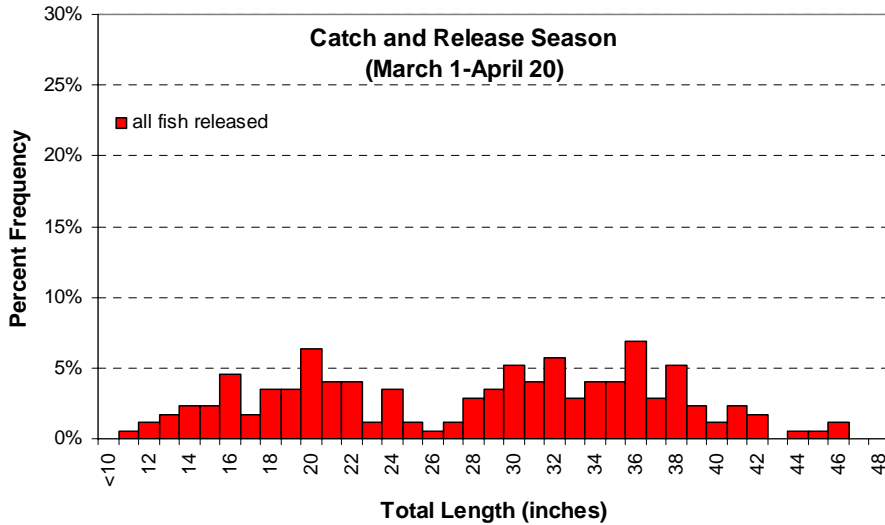




Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey 2007 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2007.

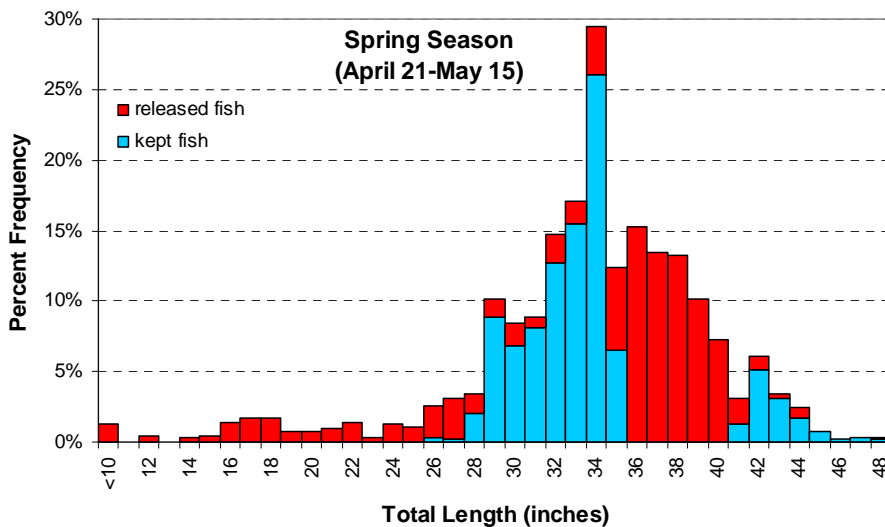


Released Fish

- Sample size: 174 fish
- Average size: 28.0 inches TL

Methods

- 49% caught trolling
- 30% caught jigging
- 12% caught casting



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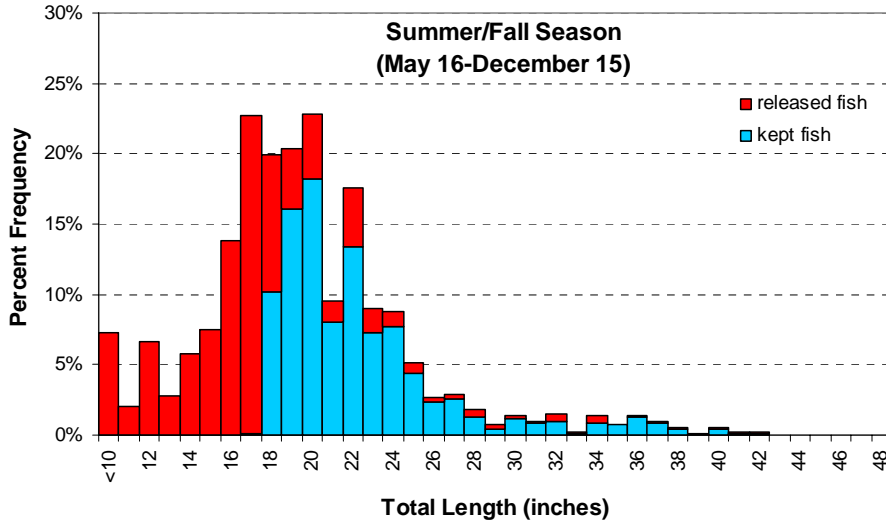
- Sample size: 648 fish
- Average size: 33.8 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 541 fish
- Average size: 33.7 inches TL

Methods

- 93% caught trolling
- 3% caught casting



Released Fish

- Sample size: 796 fish
- Average size: 16.8 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 710 fish
- Average size: 22.4 inches TL

Methods

- 45% caught trolling
- 16% caught bottom fishing
- 13% jigging

Cooperation has been great!

The Anglers

- 277 anglers reported a total of 969 fishing trips
- number of cooperating anglers increased by 24% from 2006

The Fish

- 2869 fish measurements were submitted
- number of fish submitted increased by 32% from 2006

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
- 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**