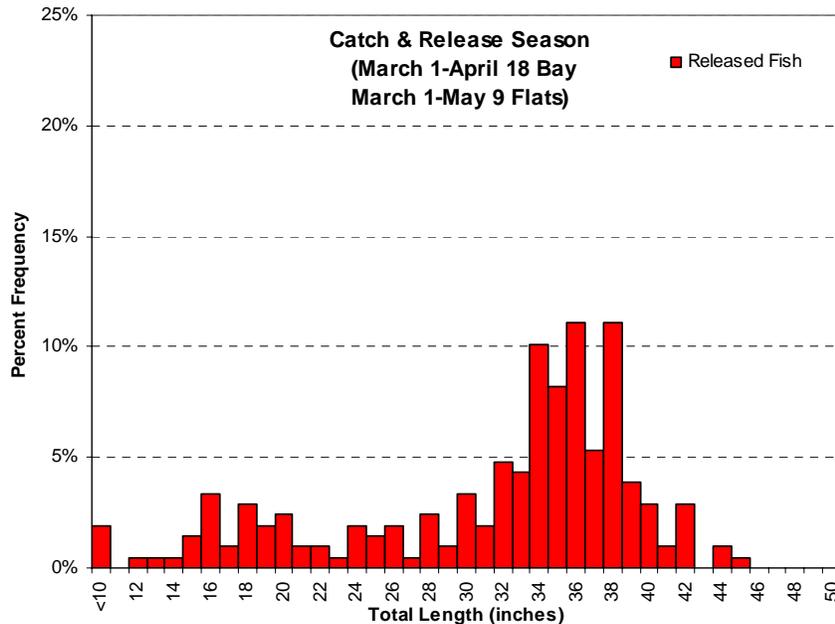




Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey 2008 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2008.

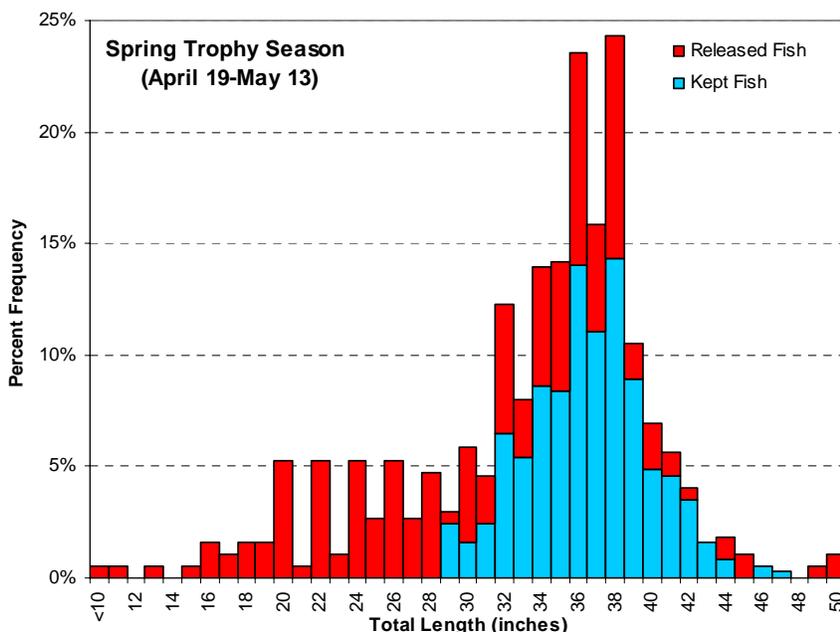


Released Fish

- Sample size: 208 fish
- Average size: 31.5 inches TL

Methods

- 68% caught trolling
- 13% caught casting
- 11% caught bottom fishing



Released Fish

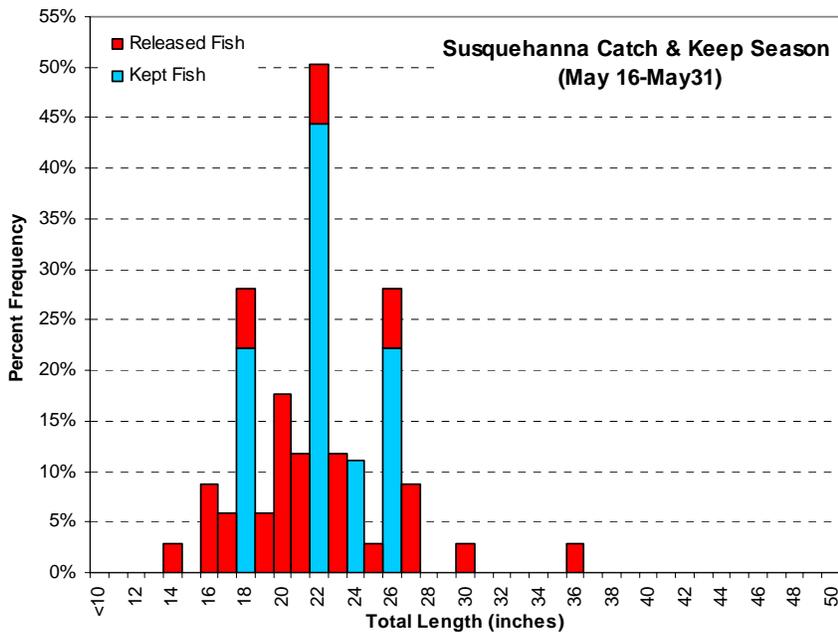
- Sample size: 190 fish
- Average size: 30.6 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 370 fish
- Average size: 36.6 inches TL

Methods

- 95% caught trolling
- 2% caught casting



Released Fish

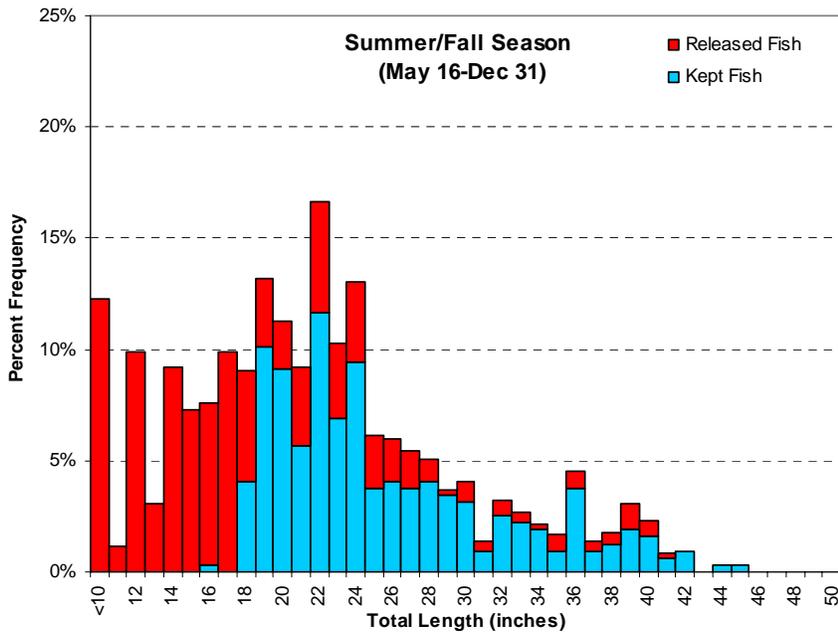
- Sample size: 34 fish
- Average size: 21.6 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 9 fish
- Average size: 22.3 inches TL

Methods

- 48% caught casting
- 45% caught jigging



Released Fish

- Sample size: 424 fish
- Average size: 17.9 inches TL

Kept Fish

- Sample size: 317 fish
- Average size: 25.7 inches TL

Methods

- 28% caught trolling
- 27% caught live lining
- 22% jigging

Cooperation has been great!

The Anglers

- 173 anglers reported a total of 477 fishing trips
- Most trips (91%) were from boats with 3% from shore and 2% from piers
- Anglers reported 2.8 trips on average

The Fish

- 1,590 fish measurements were submitted
- The largest fish submitted was 50 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

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

