

2018 ANNUAL ANGLER SURVEY

Q26 Any additional comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business:

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Question 25 is not a practical question you have to continually upgrade or buy new equipment due to loss of wearing out your gear	1/28/2019 8:17 PM
2	I do same number of guided trips each year, so my "business" is same - it is the fishing that is not as good for the clients but they still go.	1/28/2019 3:49 PM
3	none at this time	1/24/2019 4:19 PM
4	I think guides and commercial entities need to step back and look at their practices. I know guys who take six people out three times a day and hammer the big breeders. Most bring them home. We're not helping our future. Weakies are already gone. Sea bass and tog have been slowly moving north and offshore. Flounder are getting scarce. And now we are depleting the striper stocks. Are we all going to fish ponds in the future?	1/16/2019 10:52 AM
5	Poor management has led to fewer fish and fewer clients.	1/16/2019 7:42 AM
6	Because of the state of the fishery, my business has failed in guiding for striped bass here in NJ.	1/14/2019 11:17 AM
7	I had to go 100% catch and release in the backwaters due to not wanting to be apart of the problem. As you can imagine this has had somewhat of an impact but not as much as youd think on my clients.	1/11/2019 11:04 AM
8	Once again, forbidding fishing outside of 3 miles has hurt it tremendously. Not to mention it creates a situation where poachers can go fill their boxes with limited eyes on them.	1/10/2019 11:40 AM
9	I would like to see more enforcement of poaching of commercial and recreational fishermen.	1/10/2019 9:39 AM
10	As charter captain, it is almost impossible to get clients to pay for a striper trip based on only one fish. Many clients catch and release, as I do when I fish. I encourage my clients to release. But one's that want fish, wont book a trip for one fish. One's that release, or does not matter.	1/10/2019 9:01 AM
11	Find fish isn't normally an issue, though they tend to be smaller (under 12 lbs typically). My services are strictly catch and release, so keeping stripers is out of the question. My clients seem to be at opposite ends of the fishing spectrum, either inexperienced and happy just to catch fish; or highly experienced and looking to catch a new personal best.	1/10/2019 2:55 AM
12	sad to see it so bad. I schedule way less striper charters Now do none in fall anymore	1/9/2019 10:02 PM
13	Smaller and smaller	1/9/2019 9:48 PM
14	I've almost stopped guiding because the fishery has become so poor. But I love it so much I keep going... However, I did stop guiding for a time some years ago.	1/9/2019 8:38 PM
15	As a guide I do not like the use of circle hooks. We see many gut hooked fish. The J hooks allowed clients to strike the fish as soon as it hit. We didn't miss as many fish and had fewer deep hooks.	1/9/2019 8:15 PM
16	Keeping bass over 28 inches and commercial fishing .	1/9/2019 6:30 PM

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17	<p>With the past 10 years seeing a steady decline I have decided to shut down my guide service this year. Only because the fishing has gotten too poor to even take clients out. The customer demand to go fishing has never been stronger. I have way more anglers that want to fish than I could ever handle. Problem is poor fishing. I know every nook and cranny where fish feed and they are just not there, do to food source. The ones we do catch are dinks 12 to 17 inches and not that many. There is no food source to hold the larger fish that we use to see. I use to take clients out and hope to get a couple of nice fish. Now I just hope to catch a few fish, I cancelled more than 50 percent of my booked trips and told others it was a waste of their time and money. Most were shocked and asked what was being done and shocked when I told them nothing. It is so poor I find it hard to get motivated do even go out personally fishing and I love to fish and release 99 percent of all fish that I catch. I really do believe we are to the point of no return here in Cape May. There are too many factors that no one wants to address, plus throw in global warming that is changing striper migratory patterns.</p>	1/9/2019 6:28 PM
18	<p>I like the idea of a slot fish. Slot fish or not we should not be able to keep any Striped Bass over 34 or 35 inches. As a responsible charter fishing business owner I have educated my clients about the needs of Striped Bass and the decline of the big females. IF and WHEN we catch a big girl we take a picture and back she goes to make more baby Striped Bass. The smaller fish taste better anyway.</p>	1/9/2019 6:21 PM
19	<p>I wonder how long it will take to recover from the 2 fish bag limit, that severely damaged what was an amazing fishery in the early and mid 2,000's?</p>	1/9/2019 5:17 PM
20	<p>The word is out that the fishing has improved over the past few years. I sometimes take as many as five calls a day for charters during the meat of the season. The economic impact on our region should be utilized to our absolute maximum advantage when agitating for regulations that protect the fishery.</p>	1/9/2019 5:05 PM
