

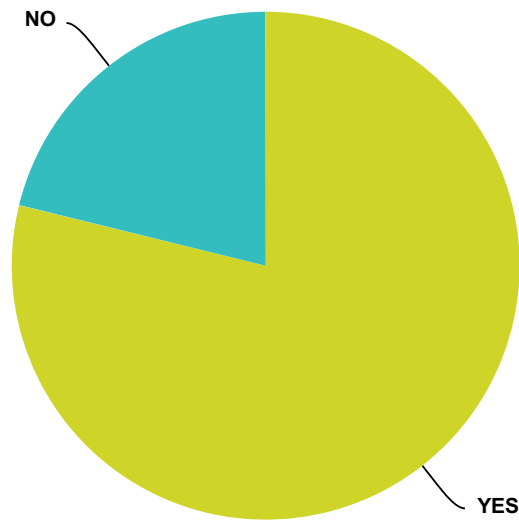
Q1 Please provide the following information.

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Name:	100.00%	657
City/Town:	100.00%	657
State:	100.00%	657
Email Address:	100.00%	657

Q2 Are you currently a member of Stripers Forever?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
YES	78.84%	518
NO	21.16%	139
Total		657

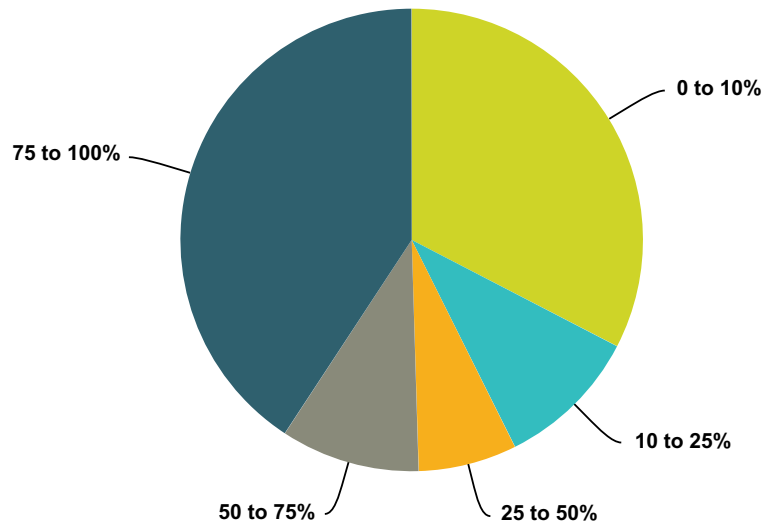
Q3 I fish mostly in the following town & state:

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Answer Choices	Responses	
City/Town:	93.12%	582
State:	99.68%	623

Q4 2. I fish from a boat what percentage of the time?

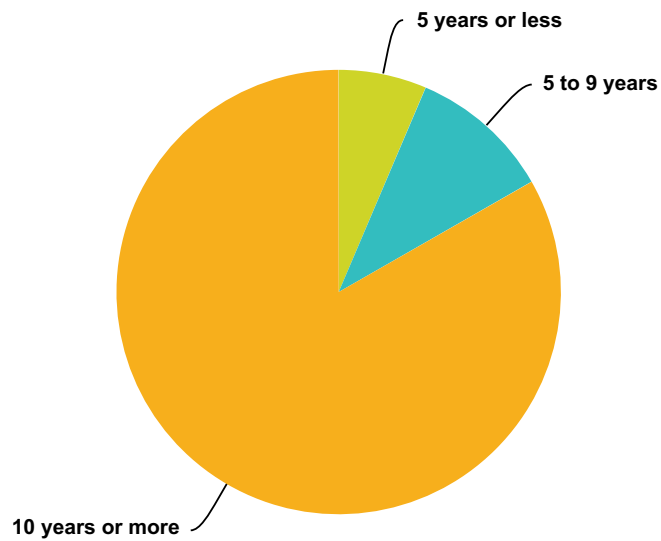
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Answer Choices	Responses	
0 to 10%	32.60%	208
10 to 25%	10.03%	64
25 to 50%	6.90%	44
50 to 75%	9.72%	62
75 to 100%	40.75%	260
Total		638

Q5 3. I have fished regularly for stripers for this many years.

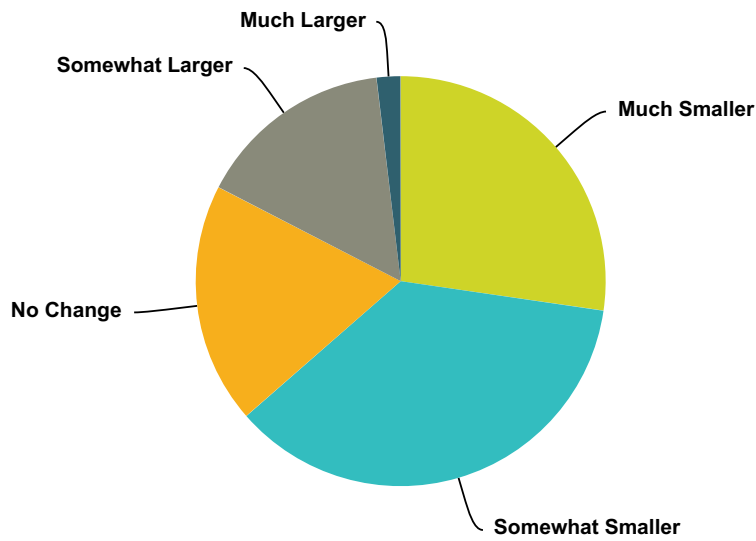
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Answer Choices	Responses	
5 years or less	6.42%	41
5 to 9 years	10.33%	66
10 years or more	83.26%	532
Total		639

Q6 The average size of the stripers that I catch now has changed as follows:

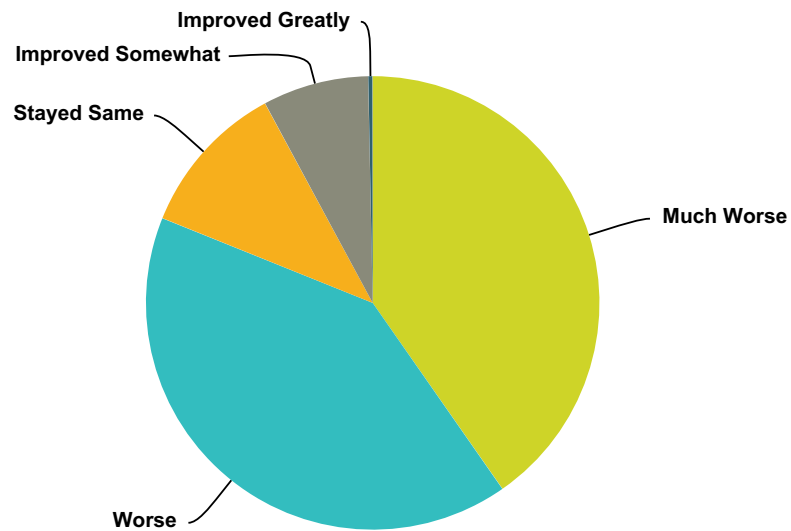
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Much Smaller	27.32%	174
Somewhat Smaller	36.26%	231
No Change	19.00%	121
Somewhat Larger	15.54%	99
Much Larger	1.88%	12
Total		637

Q7 In my opinion, striper fishing in the past five years has changed as follows:

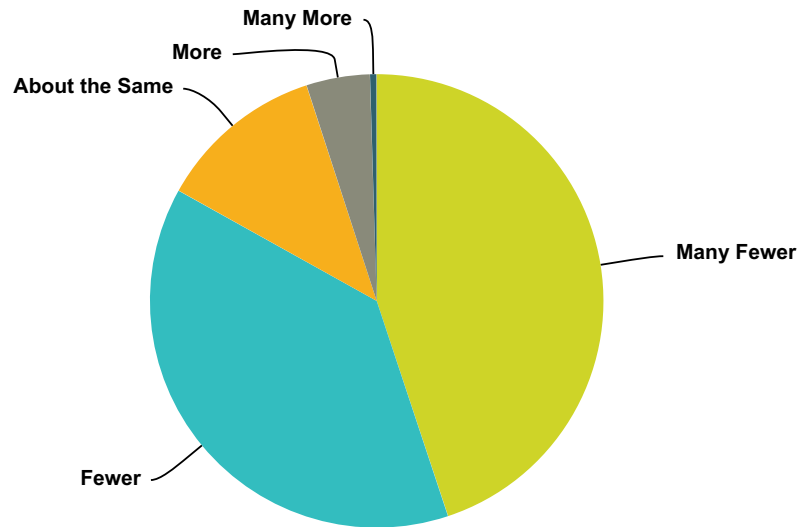
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Much Worse	40.31%	256
Worse	40.79%	259
Stayed Same	11.02%	70
Improved Somewhat	7.56%	48
Improved Greatly	0.31%	2
Total		635

Q8 The number of stripers I catch per hour of fishing time on the water is:

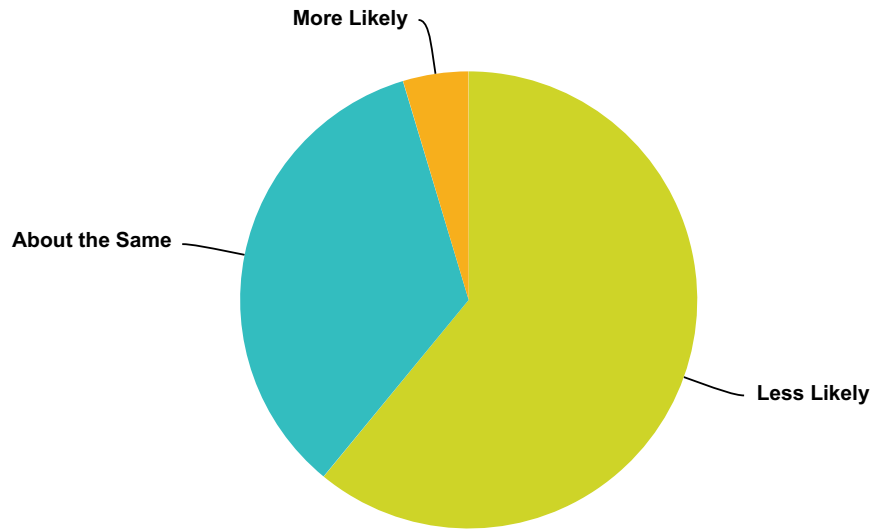
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Many Fewer	44.91%	287
Fewer	38.18%	244
About the Same	11.89%	76
More	4.54%	29
Many More	0.47%	3
Total		639

Q9 Because of the changes in the striped bass fishery, my inclination to take a professionally guided striped bass trip has changed as follows:

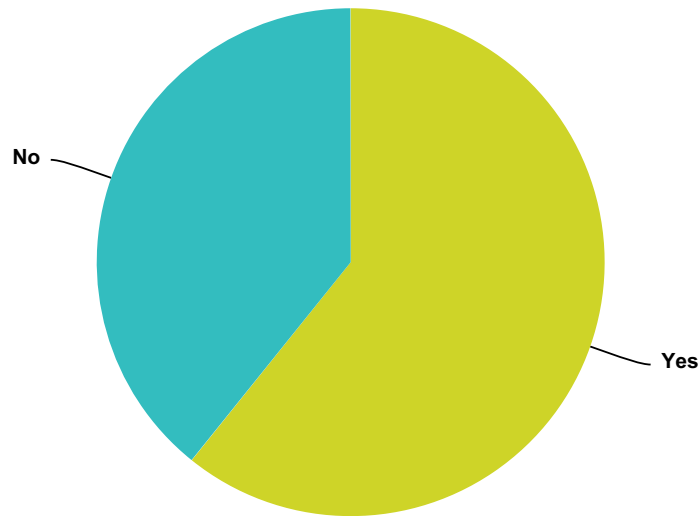
Answered: 625 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses	
Less Likely	60.96%	381
About the Same	34.40%	215
More Likely	4.64%	29
Total		625

Q10 Forgetting for a moment current striped bass regulations, and starting with a clean sheet, I think that recreational anglers should be able to keep at least one school striper (possibly different from state to state, but probably between 18 and 28 inches in length) per day for personal consumption.

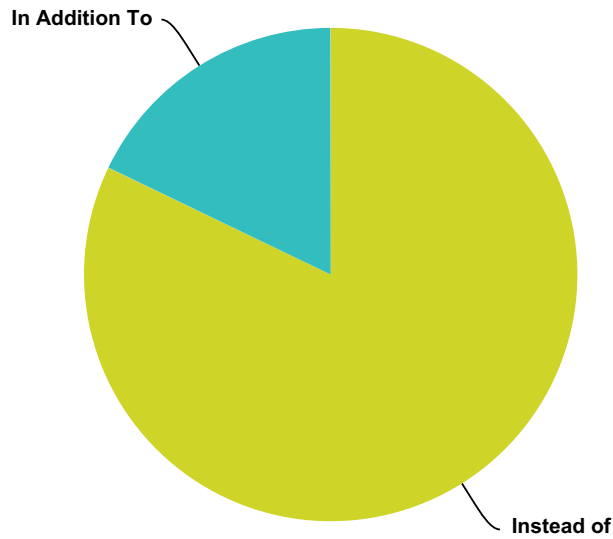
Answered: 622 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	60.77% 378
No	39.23% 244
Total	622

Q11 If you answered yes to the previous question, should this smaller fish be allowed instead of, or in addition to, a bass of some larger size?

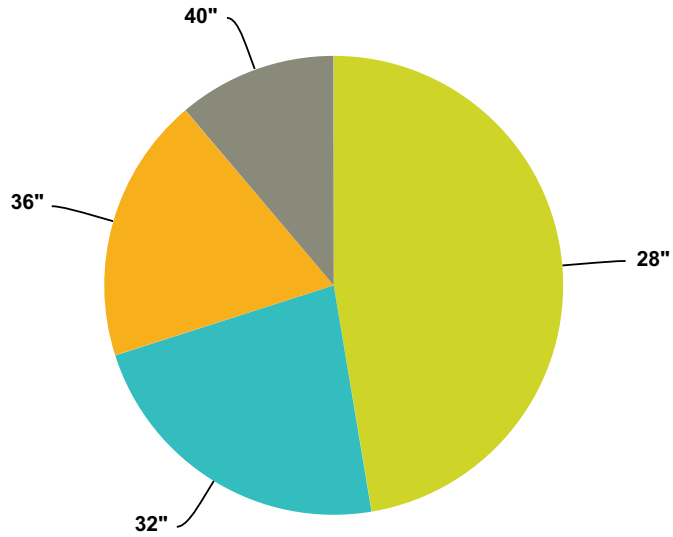
Answered: 392 Skipped: 265



Answer Choices	Responses	
Instead of	82.14%	322
In Addition To	17.86%	70
Total		392

Q12 If you answered no question 1 above, what do you think the minimum size should be?

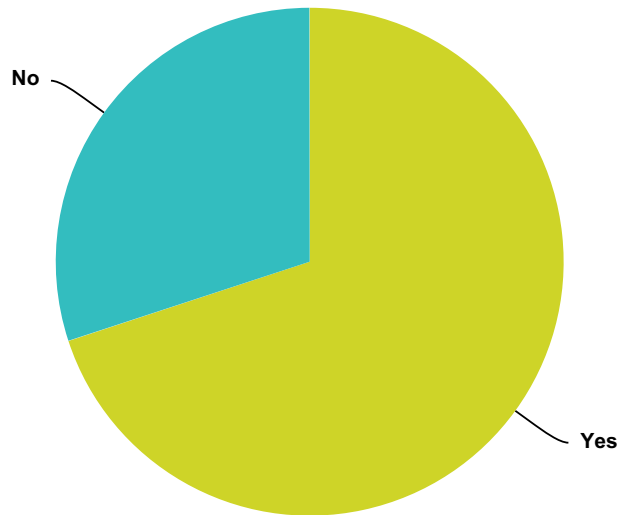
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Answer Choices	Responses	
28"	47.37%	144
32"	22.70%	69
36"	18.75%	57
40"	11.18%	34
Total		304

Q13 Do you think we should have a slot limit for recreationally caught stripers?

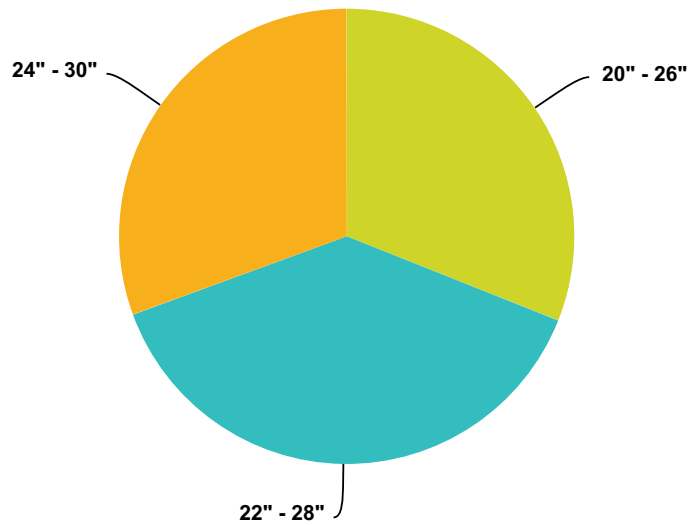
Answered: 616 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	69.97%	431
No	30.03%	185
Total		616

Q14 If you said yes, indicate the slot size that is closest to your preference?

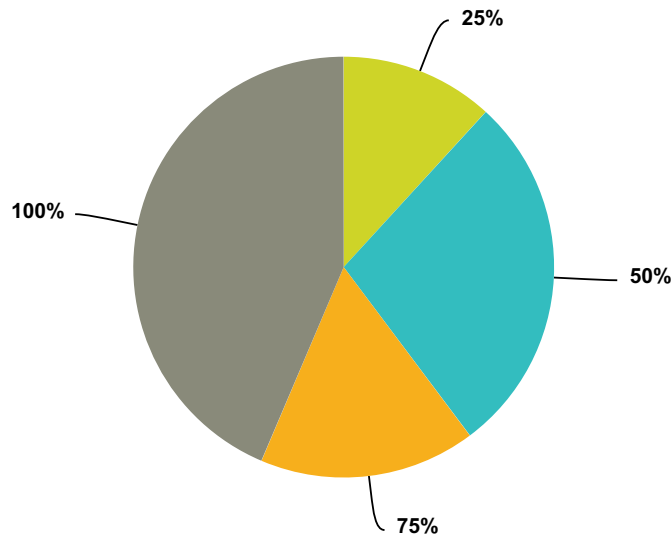
Answered: 435 Skipped: 222



Answer Choices	Responses	
20" - 26"	31.03%	135
22" - 28"	38.39%	167
24" - 30"	30.57%	133
Total		435

Q15 When commercial fishing is ended, what percentage of the current commercial quota should be saved from harvest as a conservation measure? The rest would be available to liberalize the recreational harvest.

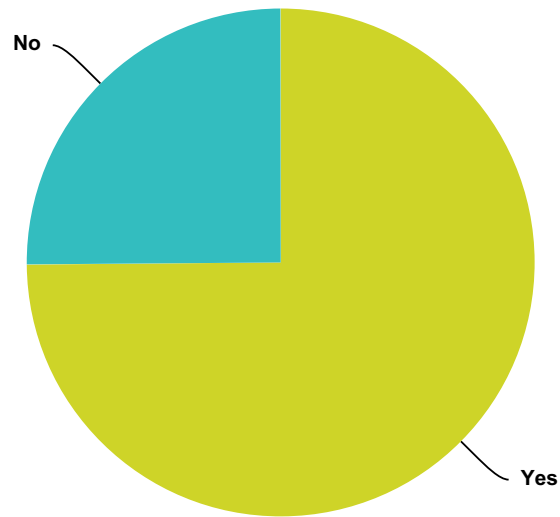
Answered: 601 Skipped: 56



Answer Choices	Responses	
25%	11.81%	71
50%	27.95%	168
75%	16.64%	100
100%	43.59%	262
Total		601

Q16 Would you favor legislation that creates a striped bass stamp costing between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per year with the funds earmarked to buy out the current commercial fishery?

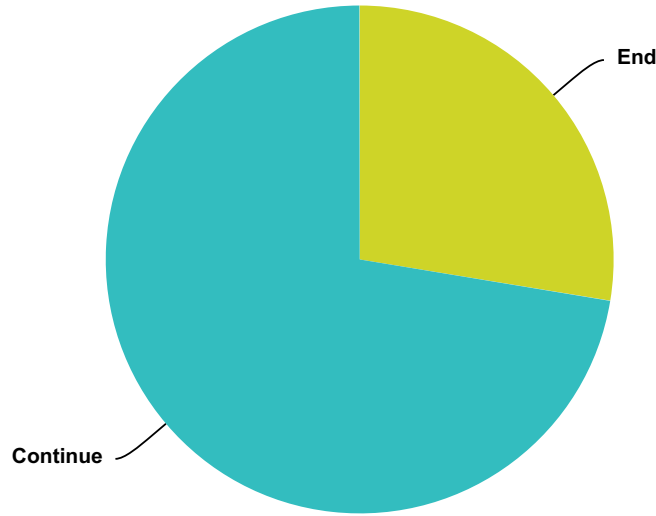
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.88%	465
No	25.12%	156
Total		621

Q17 If you answered yes to the previous question, should this stamp program end after a fixed number of years, or should the fee continue to fund enforcement and striped bass enhancement programs?

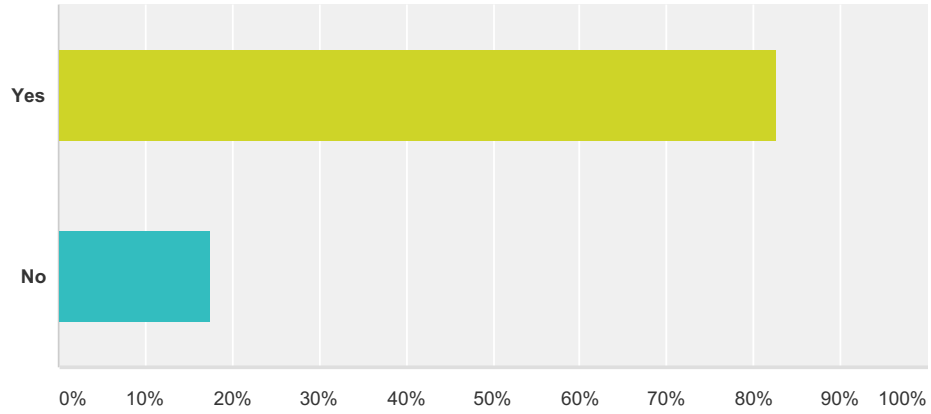
Answered: 478 Skipped: 179



Answer Choices	Responses	
End	27.62%	132
Continue	72.38%	346
Total		478

Q18 Should Stripers Forever advocate that circle hooks be required, where practical, when bait fishing for striped bass?

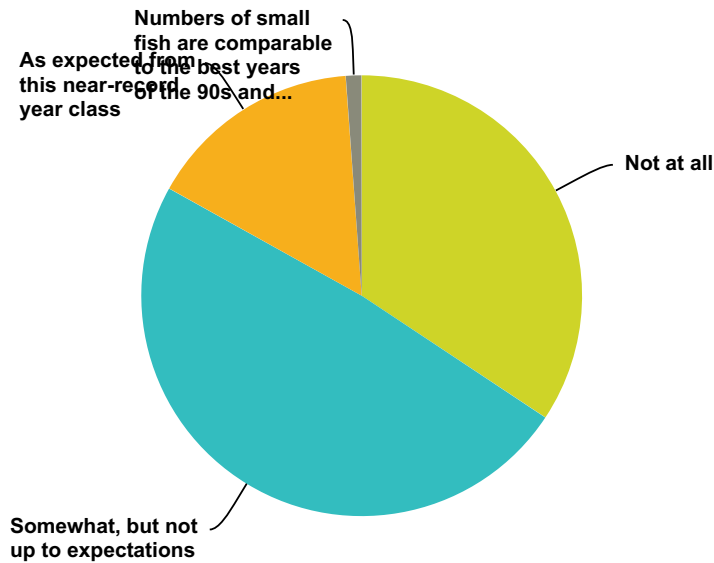
Answered: 619 Skipped: 38



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	82.71% 512
No	17.61% 109
Total Respondents: 619	

Q19 Much of the hope for a striped bass recovery lies in the 2011 year class which was said to be larger than all but three ever recorded. If these fish survived to join the coastal migratory stock, we should have seen unusual numbers of small (10"-11") fish in 2013, widespread schools of 16" fish in 2014, and during the season just ended, very strong numbers of 18" to 20" stripers in the coastal fishery. How well is the 2011 year class living up to these expectations?

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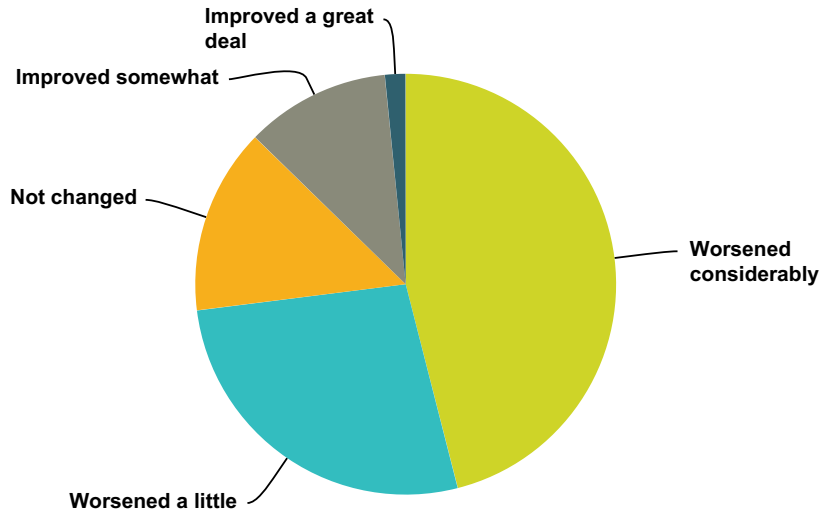
Answer Choices	Responses
Not at all	34.32% 209
Somewhat, but not up to expectations	48.77% 297
As expected from this near-record year class	15.76% 96
Numbers of small fish are comparable to the best years of the 90s and early 2000s.	1.15% 7
Total	609

Q20 Any comments about the current management of the fishery?

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Q21 How has your guiding business for striped bass changed because of the fishery in the last five years?

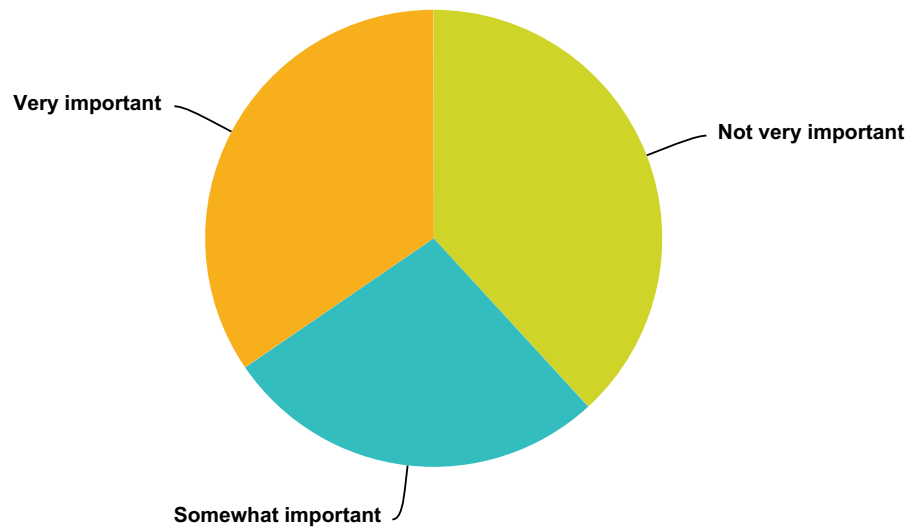
Answered: 63 Skipped: 594



Answer Choices	Responses	
Worsened considerably	46.03%	29
Worsened a little	26.98%	17
Not changed	14.29%	9
Improved somewhat	11.11%	7
Improved a great deal	1.59%	1
Total		63

Q22 How important is keeping a striped bass to your clients?

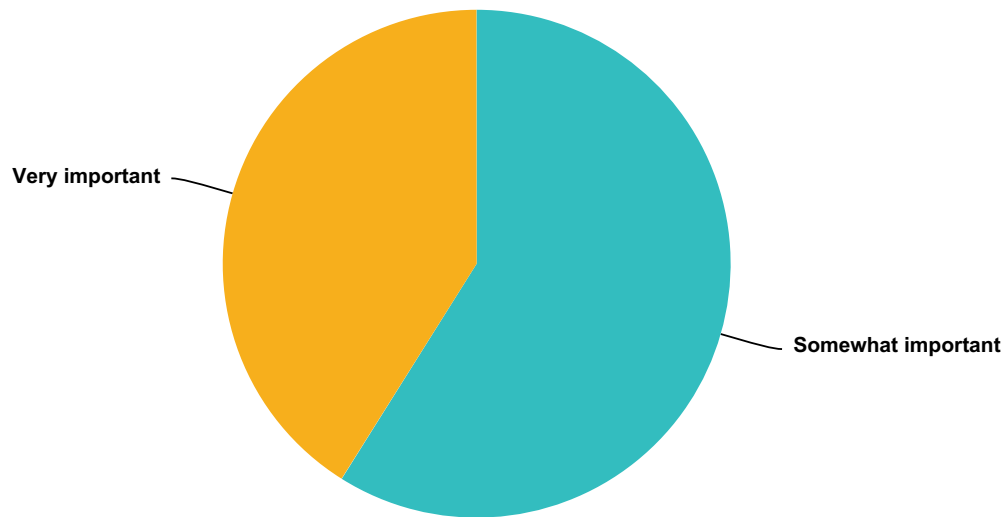
Answered: 55 Skipped: 602



Answer Choices	Responses	
Not very important	38.18%	21
Somewhat important	27.27%	15
Very important	34.55%	19
Total		55

Q23 How important to your clients is catching a lot of stripers per trip?

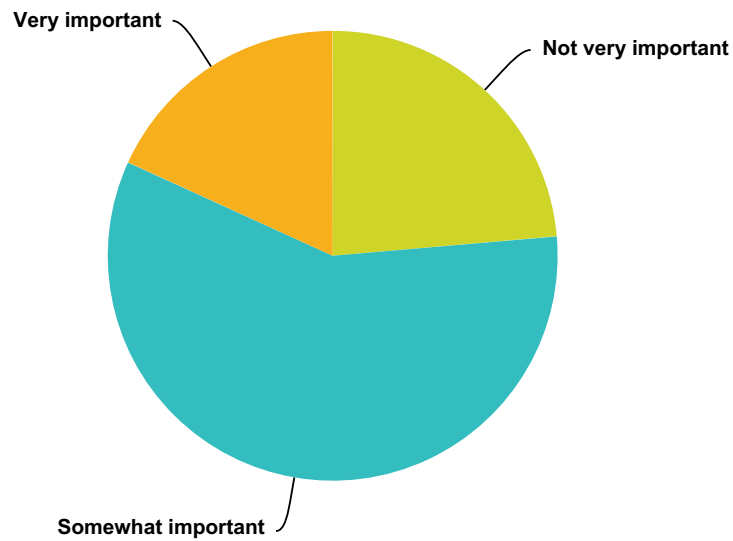
Answered: 56 Skipped: 601



Answer Choices	Responses	
Not very important	0.00%	0
Somewhat important	58.93%	33
Very important	41.07%	23
Total		56

Q24 How important is catching a really large striper to your clients?

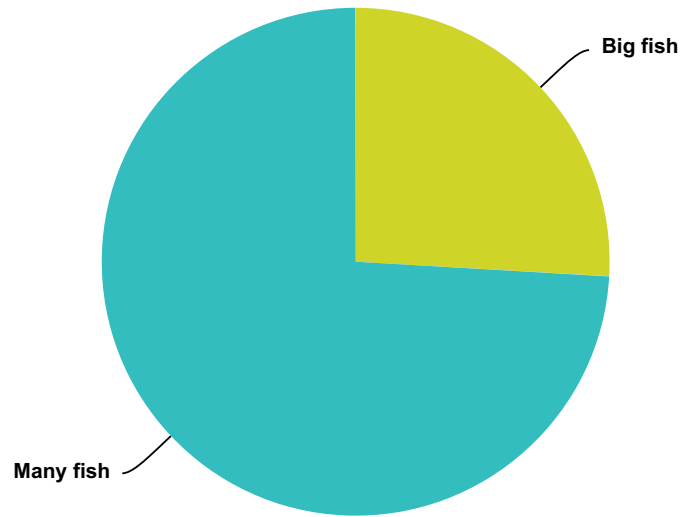
Answered: 55 Skipped: 602



Answer Choices	Responses	
Not very important	23.64%	13
Somewhat important	58.18%	32
Very important	18.18%	10
Total		55

Q25 Which is more important to my clients, catching big fish or catching a lot of fish?

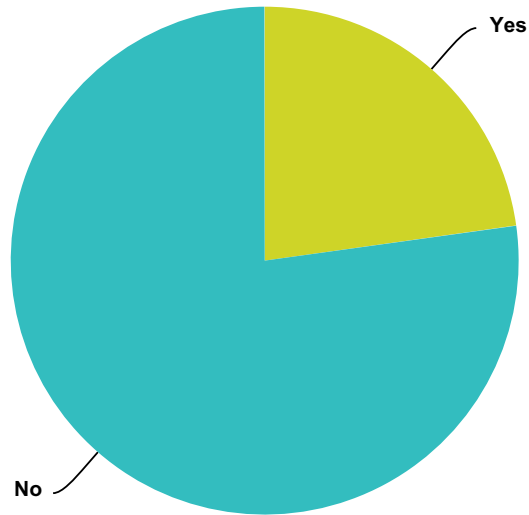
Answered: 54 Skipped: 603



Answer Choices	Responses	
Big fish	25.93%	14
Many fish	74.07%	40
Total		54

Q26 I am more likely than I was 5 years ago to make new investments in equipment for my striped bass guiding business?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 600



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	22.81%	13
No	77.19%	44
Total		57

Q27 Any additional comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business:

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