Question # and answer	ME	<u>NH</u>	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	PA	DE	MD	<u>VA</u>	NC	SC	to	otals	% response
Personal use angler's section																
State of the Fishery 2015																
1. What state	60	9	154	58	42	93	149	6	3	22	12	2	6	0	614	
2. Are you currently a member of Stripers Forever	?															
yes	56		130						_	17			5	0	488	80.0%
no	4	. (24	11	17	28	31	2	2 0	5	3	3	1	0	126	20.0%
3. Town and State (see top line for state)																
4. I fish from a boat what percentage of the time.																
<25%	22												2	0	260	43.0%
25 - 49	2		1 12	: 4	1 7					0	C)	0	0	43	7.0%
50-74	7		1 19						0				0	0	58	10.0%
>75%	29	;	3 56	17	' 23	29	58	1	C	19	9)	4	0	248	40.0%
5. I have fished regularly for stripers for this many	years.						=		-				-			
<5 years	2	. 4						' C			: C)	0	0	39	7.0%
5-9 years	6		3 15						•				0	0	53	9.0%
>10	52	: 2	126	49	36	78	124	. 5	3	16	10)	6	0	507	84.0%
6. The average size of the stripers that I catch nov	v has ch	anged	as follo	ows:												
much smaller	18	4	1 45	17			20	2	! 1	10	7	'	4	0	166	27.0%
somewhat smaller	18	;	62	26	18	32	52	! 1	1	4	. 1		0	0	218	36.0%
no change	16		25		' 8				! 1	3	4		0	0	117	19.0%
somewhat larger	6	1 2	2 20	8	6	12	32	! 1	C	4)	2	0	93	15.0%
much larger	0	() 1	C) 1	5	4	. () C	1	C)	0	0	12	3.0%
7. In my opinion striper fishing in the past five year	rs has	chang	ed as fo	llows	;:											
much worse	26	4	1 63						2	11	5	5	3	0	243	40.0%
worse	21	!	65	28	3 20	39	53	1	1	7	4		1	0	245	41.0%
same	9	() 19	2	2 2	9	20	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	67	11.0%
improved somewhat	4	. (5	5	5 1	2	25	5 2	2 0	2	: 1		1	0	48	8.0%
improved greatly	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	C		1	0	2	0.0%
8. The number of stripers I catch per hour of fishir	ng time (on the	water is	s:												
many fewer	29		73		19	45	56	3 2	1	9	5	5	3	0	273	44.0%
fewer	24	. ;	3 61							8			1	0	233	38.0%
about the same	5		12	: 5	5 3				1				1	0	75	12.0%
more	2	. () 6	1	3) 1	1			1	0	35	6.0%
many more	0		0	0) 1	0	1		0	0	C		0	0	2	0.0%
9. Because of the changes in the striped bass fisher	v mv ind	clinatio	on to tal	ke a n	rofessi	onally	guided	strin	ed ba	SS						
trip has changed as follows:					1	T				1		1				
less likely	39		7 86	39	21	55	85	1 4	2	14	. 8	1	5	0	365	61.0%
about the same	17									•			1	ö	204	34.0%
more likely	2		1 7	1 2									0		28	5.0%
Bag and size limit	 		' '	 	 	 	\vdash		 	1	+ -	+	Ť	∸	20	0.070
10. Forgetting for a moment current striped bass r	r egulatio	ns. an	d startir	ıσ wif	h a cle	an she	et. I th	ink th	at rec	reation	al	1	+	+		
anglers should be able to keep at least one school s										Cauon	<u> </u>		+			
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between 18 and 28 inches in length) per day for pers					- 40		40-			4.0	4.0			204	00.007
yes	38		82	29	19	36	107	4	3	19		5	0	361	62.0%
no	21	2	68	27	7	52	41	2	0	. 2	0	0	0	222	38.0%
11. If you answered yes to #8, should this smaller f								ass o			r size?			222	22.22/
instead of	37	6	. •	28	20	34	75	4	3	14	7	3	0	306	82.0%
in addition to	2	1	10	2	1	4	35	0	0	5	5	2	0	67	18.0%
12. If you answered no to #8 what should the minin															
28	16	0		14	8	24	43	1	1	3	4	1	0	138	48.0%
32	6	0		10	5	17	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	66	23.0%
36	3	1	23	5	4	11	3	0	0	2		0	0	52	18.0%
40	3	1	11	3	3	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	11.0%
13. Do you think we should have a slot limit for rec		lly cau													
yes	42	7	101	36	25	57	109	6	3	16	11	4	0	417	71.0%
no	17	2	47	20	13	31	36	0	0	5	1	1	0	173	29.0%
14. Slot preference															
20-26	22	2	43	11	5	11	18	2	1	8		3	0	127	27.0%
22-28	15	3		11	11	20	55	2	2	6		1	0	161	34.0%
24-30	55	2		14	10	25	40	•	0	2	2	0	0	180	39.0%
15. When commercial fishing is ended, what percent											st				
as a conservation buffer? The rest would be used to	liberal	ize the	recreati	ional l	harves	t. 25%	, 50%	6, 75%	6, 100	0%					
25%	2	2		7	9	10	15	0	0	3	_	2	0	67	12.0%
50	10	1	42	18	7	29	41	1	1	8	5	0	0	163	29.0%
75	11	4	1	13	7	11	30	1	1	0	2	1	0	82	15.0%
100%	35	2	71	18	14	34	53	3	1	9	2	2	0	244	44.0%
16. Would you favor legislation that creates a stripe	d bass s	stamp c	osting l	betwe	en \$10	.00 and	1 \$25.0	0 per	year v	vith					
the funds earmarked to buyout the current commer															
yes	51	8	106	36	29	71	104	4	3	17	10	4	0	443	75.0%
no	9	1	43	20	9	16	43	2	0	4	2	1	0	150	25.0%
17. If you answered yes to #15, should this stamp pr	rogram	end aft	er a fix	ed nu	mber o	of vear	s, or sh	ould 1	the fee	,					
continue to fund enforcement and striped bass enl															
end	12	4	22	12	15	15	29	2	0	6	4	2	0	123	27.0%
continue	39	4		28	17	56	77	2	3	12		2	0	333	73.0%
18. Should Stripers Forever advocate that circle ho	oks be r	eauire	d. wher	e prac	tical.	when b	ait fisl	hing fo	or strii	ped bas	ss?				
yes	54	7	125	42	33		115	6	2	20	8	3	0	490	83.0%
no	4	1	24	14	6		34	0	1	1	3		0	103	17.0%
19. Much of the hope for a striped bass recovery lie	s in the	2011 v				_	_	•	ıan all	hut th	_		- 	100	17.070
ever recorded. If these fish survived to join the coast												+	- +		
(10"-11") fish in 2013, widespread schools of 16" fis											a11		+		
numbers of 18" to 20" stripers in the coastal fishery								iese ex	pecta						05.60/
not at all	23	5		20	17	27	36	1	2	6	_	0	0	201	35.0%
somewhat, but not up to expectations	28	2		26	19		73	3	1	9		3	0	284	49.0%
as expected from this near-record year class	7	2	20	9	2	11	27	2	0	6	3	2	0	91	16.0%

Numbers of small fish comparable to best years	0	0		0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.0%
20. My personal comments on striped bass manager	ment tha	t you h	ave no	t cove	red ar	e? See	separa	ate PD	F file.						
Guides Section															
21. How has your guiding business for striped bass	changed	l becau	se of th	e fish	ery in	the las	t five y	ears?							
worsened considerably	4	1	9	3	0	5	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	49.0%
worsened a little	2	0	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	23.0%
not changed	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	15.0%
imporved somewhat	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	12.0%
improved a great deal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.0%
22. How important is keeping a striped bass to your clients?															
not very important	3	0	7	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	21	42.0%
somewhat important	0	0	1	2		3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	22.0%
very important	0	1	2	0	0	3	8	0	0	3	1	0	0	18	36.0%
23. How important to your clients is catching a lot of	f striper	s per t	rip?												
not very important	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
somewhat important	5	0	5	3	0	7	7	0	1	3	2	0	0	33	64.0%
very important	1	1	5	2	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	36.0%
24. How important is catching a really large stripe	to your	clients	?												
not very important	1	0	4	0	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	13	25.0%
somewhat important	5	0	5	3	0	8	6	0	0	2	1	1	0	31	58.0%
very important	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	17.0%
25. Which is more important to my clients, catching	g big fis	h or ca	tching	a lot c	of fish	?									
big fish	3	0	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	14	27.0%
many fish	3	1	9	3	0	8	9	0	1	2	1	1	0	38	73.0%
26. I am more likely than I was 5 years ago to make	new inv	estmer	its in ec	uipm	ent fo	r my st	riped l	bass							
guiding business?															
yes	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	12	22.0%
no	6	1	10	5	0	9	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	42	78.0%
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^{27.} My comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business: See separate PDF file.