

between 18 and 28 inches in length) per day for personal consumption.															
yes	38	7	82	29	19	36	107	4	3	19	12	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 fish be allowed instead of, or in addition to, a bass of some larger size?															
instead of	37	6	75	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 minimum size be?															
28	16	0	23	14	8	24	43	1	1	3	4	1	0	138	48.0%
32	6	0	15	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	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 recreationally caught stripers?															
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	1	3	0	127	27.0%
22-28	15	3	27	11	11	20	55	2	2	6	8	1	0	161	34.0%
24-30	55	2	30	14	10	25	40	0	0	2	2	0	0	180	39.0%
15. When commercial fishing is ended, what percentage of the current commercial quota should be saved from harvest as a conservation buffer? The rest would be used to liberalize the recreational harvest. 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%															
25%	2	2	14	7	9	10	15	0	0	3	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 striped bass stamp costing between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per year with the funds earmarked to buyout the current commercial fishery?															
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 program end after a fixed number of years, or should the fee continue to fund enforcement and striped bass enhancement programs?															
end	12	4	22	12	15	15	29	2	0	6	4	2	0	123	27.0%
continue	39	4	86	28	17	56	77	2	3	12	7	2	0	333	73.0%
18. Should Stripers Forever advocate that circle hooks be required, where practical, when bait fishing for striped bass?															
yes	54	7	125	42	33	75	115	6	2	20	8	3	0	490	83.0%
no	4	1	24	14	6	13	34	0	1	1	3	2	0	103	17.0%
19. 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 in 2015 very strong numbers of 18" to 20" stripers in the coastal fishery. How well is the 2011 year class living up to these expectations?															
not at all	23	5	61	20	17	27	36	1	2	6	3	0	0	201	35.0%
somewhat, but not up to expectations	28	2	67	26	19	47	73	3	1	9	6	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	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.0%
20. My personal comments on striped bass management that you have not covered are? See separate PDF file.															
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21. How has your guiding business for striped bass changed because of the fishery in the last five years?															
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 stripers per trip?															
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 striper 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 big fish or catching a lot 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 investments in equipment for my striped 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%

27. My comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business:
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