

Q20 Any comments about the current management of the fishery?

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#	Responses	Date
1	As a highly migratory species the fishery should be managed from a regional standpoint. As the current regulations stand you have fish of different sizes being removed from the fishery. That is simply poor management. I believe a regional / fishery-wide size/catch limit should be imposed. The 32+ inch fish are all large brood females and should NOT be taken. I believe a 22 - 28 inch slot limit makes the most sense. With perhaps a two fish daily limit and a single 40"+ "trophy" fish, one per season per angler as the best management option. Similar to the Maine state regs. Taking the larger females makes no sense and taking smaller fish down south and larger fish in Mass means that every year class and especially the large brood females are being removed thereby reducing overall stocks over the longer term.	1/19/2016 10:30 AM
2	Too Reactive, overweight in data analytics. Overseen by commercial interest sympathizers.	1/18/2016 8:42 AM
3	Brad, I still feel that Game Fish designation for the entire striped bass stock is not possible. I feel Stripers Forever would be further ahead in trying to designate Striped Bass above of a certain size, say 40 inches, as Game Fish. This would be a compromise and much more likely to be accepted and passed by states with a commercial fishery.	1/12/2016 8:46 AM
4	Until the species is a gamefish, the management of the fishery is unacceptable.	1/11/2016 8:04 AM
5	Any fishery that is managed for MSY is doomed to collapse	1/10/2016 4:30 PM
6	I caught, tagged and released 6 striped bass in 72 fishing trips in 2015. That's very poor fishing.	1/10/2016 1:21 PM
7	I believe striped bass need to be a game fish only	1/10/2016 12:32 PM
8	Personal experience on Cape Cod over the past fifteen years clearly indicates a failure of the current system to prevent what seems like a steady decline.	1/10/2016 7:08 AM
9	Drastic cuts are necessary in both the recreational take and the commercial take. Stripers are in trouble.	1/9/2016 9:31 PM
10	Full moratorium , no possession for 2 yrs, then let's see how it's going.	1/9/2016 1:58 PM
11	Management will be more accurate when commercial fishing is ended.	1/9/2016 1:35 PM
12	On life support more action is needed	1/9/2016 11:58 AM
13	Enforcement appears to be very weak	1/9/2016 9:24 AM
14	These fish need a rest. A total ban on keeping them for two years is necessary.	1/9/2016 9:01 AM
15	Time to stop commercial fishing so the stocks can replenish and the guides and bait shops can start to make a living again	1/9/2016 8:25 AM
16	It sucks been fishing Montauk fall run ten years worst ever this year moved boat	1/8/2016 10:56 PM
17	Commercial fishing needs to be regulated more.	1/8/2016 8:03 PM
18	We need help. Too many fish killed. Gill netting needs to stop.	1/8/2016 3:36 PM
19	I would also like to see the protection of stripers include more protection of the forage fish, such as menhaden.	1/8/2016 1:42 PM
20	The current management couldn't be any worse! The new limits put in place lay year do absolutely nothing, and every year day after day more big breeders are killed for a quick picture by some idiot that fishes once a year on a charter. I'm worried these fish will not be around when my two year old grows up. I couldn't agree more that they should be granted gamefish status and finally treat them with the respect they deserve!	1/8/2016 12:48 PM
21	NJ is one of the worst states in that the current regulations encourage harvesting several breeders per fisherman on a daily bag limit with taking a trophy fish and bonus tags. I am very disappointed with the NJ Saltwater Fisheries Management.	1/8/2016 12:07 PM
22	Completely STOP the killing of ALL BASS over 34 inches!!!	1/8/2016 11:51 AM
23	The one fish a day is a start, but we need to build on that....	1/8/2016 11:45 AM
24	Make it a game fish!	1/8/2016 11:35 AM

25	I did not fish enough, nor am I knowledgeable enough, to fill out most of the previous survey. I am a beginning recreational striped bass fisherperson. I tried beach fishing for fun, off the local rocks and ledges for fun, and went out with a guide once. Not enough to offer useful data, but supportive of any measures to secure and increase this recreational fisher in Maine	1/8/2016 10:47 AM
26	Gets a little worse every year.still have my good days but much fewer than years past . the way fisheries are managed I don't see things improving anytime soon .	1/8/2016 10:30 AM
27	Let the big ones breed, allow a small slot size. As far as for guides that rely on business of big stripers, allow a small amount of breeders to be harvested. Recreation maybe 1 large breeder per boat. Commercial should be a slot limit.	1/8/2016 9:52 AM
28	Commercial fishing needs to be eliminated.	1/8/2016 9:47 AM
29	Current management is not working. The fishery has been in decline the past 5 years.	1/8/2016 9:46 AM
30	What management???	1/8/2016 9:41 AM
31	I am happy NJ "kind of" implemented a 1 fish limit this year. I still do not advocate taking any bass in the 28" to 42" Range as these are prime breeders. I feel a two fish limit is best for recreational fishing at 1 from 22"-28" and one over 42".	1/8/2016 9:40 AM
32	Difficult question. We are over fishing, too much harvest by all, and little enforcement. Without enforcement, poaching and rogue commercial efforts continue to set things back.	1/8/2016 9:38 AM
33	No	1/8/2016 9:36 AM
34	I think commercial guys should fish/lobster to make a living. Weekend or retired warriors should not be given permits.	1/8/2016 9:35 AM
35	It's stupid! It seems that they are completely out of touch with what is happening at the water's edge.	1/5/2016 3:03 PM
36	Not only should we focus on the Striped bass but also their forage fish. More regulation needs to be extended to protect the menhadden in the Chesapeake Bay to ensure health fish leave that system for the summer. Closure of Menhadden fishing should occur for the months when breeders enter the system. Leasions on numerous older fish indicated under nurished fish. Leasions / health of fish caught should also be added to the survey.	1/5/2016 7:48 AM
37	ineffective	1/4/2016 8:03 PM
38	Re allocation of bass killing is a corrupt way of managing these noble fish. Stripers forever is a fraud!	1/4/2016 5:51 PM
39	How can I answer your questions except from a selfish, personal standpoint. You have given me no data on survivability (robustness) of stripers that are bycatch. Throwing back a fish that will die is wasteful but yet you permit nets that turn the sea into a lifeless plain? Makes no sense. Let them go back to the old ways and catch cod and bass with a hook and line then keep what is caught IF survivability data is there to support an informed decision. No one, including myself, seems very informed.	1/4/2016 7:47 AM
40	We need to control the commercial industry better. I mean make an effort like no other to make nets ILLEGAL. Also we all need to get behind the forage fish study. (bunker, anchovies, spearing and hearing) need to be protected. we will never see fish recover with no food. Thanks. Eric Nikolaus P.S. i believe all game fish should have a slot size. Red drum are a prime example.	1/3/2016 8:49 PM
41	These questions show me how little I know about our Stripper population.	1/3/2016 12:39 PM
42	One size fits all does not work for a migrating fish. Time of year needs to be considered for any regulations.In Maryland over 28 is too small in spring but too large in summer as an example.	1/3/2016 10:52 AM
43	It's been ruined by the commercial fishermen.	1/2/2016 4:01 PM
44	they do not protect striped bass	1/2/2016 3:30 PM
45	Not happy with fishery managers management of the bass. They allow far to much killing of bass. We need a bigger safety net for all the poachers and recreational guys fishing from shore and commercial fishermen taking their share and more. Head boats going out twice a day killing 12 to 14 big bass per trip is a disgrace. I watch commercial clammers in mass who also have a bass license kill 40 breeders in a day when they locate them	1/2/2016 12:07 PM

46	Planer board fishing(a joke) kills thousands of undersized fish by charter boat captains since they can't stop to let these fish free. They mangle their jaws and literally drown them for lack of oxygenated water. Who has the courage to go to inline hooks on their lures and pinch or grind the barbs off of all hooks? I have been doing this since 1969 and keeping my lines tight and drags set correctly I have caught more than my share of stripers, weakfish, bluefish, flounder and have gone back to port feeling that I was a true sports fisherman pitting my skills against their innate ability to survive and grow. I believe so many men and women who call themselves sport fisherman have never learned the concept of the word sport. To me treble hooks, barbs, planer boards with 25 lines hanging off the transom equates with a 45 year old putting learner wheels on his bicycle. If you need fish that bad, sell your boat and gear and go to the best fish market you can find. You will save thousands of dollars. Also, you will stop deluding yourself and anyone foolish enough to listen to your sporting (adventures?) to thinking you are a sport fisherman.	1/1/2016 7:13 PM
47	Stripers need to classified as a game fish immediately and there needs to be a total moratorium on the taking of any stripers.	1/1/2016 2:42 PM
48	politically motivated	1/1/2016 12:07 PM
49	We need to manage forage fish as well as stripers	1/1/2016 12:04 PM
50	We need a no kill over 28" for a few years. Need to save the breeders.	12/31/2015 7:04 PM
51	I believe it should be Federally managed due to the irresponsibility of state to state management	12/31/2015 5:44 PM
52	I single harvested fish goes a long way. Catch and release should be increased.	12/31/2015 1:02 PM
53	Nope	12/31/2015 10:52 AM
54	I have never been checked as to license or possession, nor have I ever encountered a single enforcement officer on the beaches or jetties.	12/31/2015 9:52 AM
55	I favor a complete moratorium on striped bass harvest, commercial, charter, and recreational.	12/31/2015 9:50 AM
56	Slot fish only, we need to stop coast wide the harvesting of larger size, breeding fish.... No need to harvest 25-30-40-50+ lb fish... We all know they do not taste as good as a smaller 22-28" inch fish.... With reproduction mounts- all trophy fish should be released and very easy to order a reproduction replica mount.... I just don't understand why even the recreational anglers continue to harvest the larger bass... only so much blame can be placed on 6-pack charter boat and party boat captains.... I understand they are trying to make a living, responsibility should be on each individual angler to understand the reasons why and the benefits on why to release large, brood stock size fish...	12/31/2015 9:44 AM
57	It's come a long way. what is the use of commerical harvest. where does it go in the world. How much is kept in the USA.	12/31/2015 8:34 AM
58	Catch and release, single barbless hooks	12/31/2015 5:38 AM
59	Regulations should be the same for all coastal states, current regs promoting killing bigger fish are just plain stupid, 1 fish 26-34.	12/30/2015 8:07 PM
60	Prevent mass decimation of baitfish. Promote catch and release. Not in favor of a commercial fishery. Their attitude is whatever I don't harvest, someone else will so I need to harvest as much as I can.	12/30/2015 5:35 PM
61	We cannot afford to become elitists in our pusuit to preserve these great game fish. Allowing some take of smaller fish will encourage more people to pursue them and garner more support. It isn't just about big fish, its also about putting something on the grill.	12/30/2015 1:44 PM
62	Management influenced to much by lobbists	12/30/2015 12:06 PM
63	I will say only one thing and it is "FACT" The striped bass fishery was never better for shore or boat anglers than when the size limit was 36". If it was done once why can't we at least try it again ? Common Sense.	12/30/2015 11:12 AM
64	There is no enforcement. The fish are small, seemingly by design. And there are not enough of them. If I had a magic wand, I would give striped bass gamefish status and be done with it. But that is not practical. I am puzzled by the sanctioned slaughter of bass on party boats, who advertise their trips as "blood baths." It seems archaic. Anyway, there are laws, but they are not enforced, or are selectively enforced. They busted a few guides for fishing in the EEZ this year, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. And what is up with the management of the Chesapeake Bay? There has to be some way to get that in line with everyone else. Anyway. I caught lots of fish this year but most of them were 22-27". Next year all those bass will be slaughtered by the party boats. I don't get it. Thanks for trying to do something about the ridiculous clowns who "manage" this fishery.	12/30/2015 10:30 AM
65	Management should focus on maximum protection of fish-- not maximum harvest possible.	12/30/2015 10:19 AM
66	To be honest I am more concerned with the Charter boat harvest more than anything else. Commercial quotas are fixed. many recreational fishermen practice catch and release. Charters doing 2 trips a day with Mates and Captains counting towards limits kills a tremendous amount of fish. I witnessed it first hand at Block Island, hell they can kill more fih a day than the commercial fisherman can in RI.	12/30/2015 7:42 AM

67	No	12/30/2015 5:24 AM
68	Most likely the salt water license fee that is collected is not used for fish habitat improvement.	12/29/2015 10:36 PM
69	too many seals	12/29/2015 9:55 PM
70	We need a moratorium now. Striped bass should not be harvested by commercial or recreational fishermen until the stock improves.	12/29/2015 7:47 PM
71	Put meaningful regulations in place to protect the future of the fishery.	12/29/2015 7:44 PM
72	It's not working.	12/29/2015 7:36 PM
73	The striped bass fishing in Delaware bay has dropped off in the past few years. Something has to be done about the large number of dogfish in the area....	12/29/2015 7:33 PM
74	it is horrible. In CA we are at the mercy of the Central Valley water hogs, who steal the Delta water. CA F&G is afraid of being sued by them and does nothing to help Stripers	12/29/2015 6:41 PM
75	a smaller size limit would in my opinion be a good start. If we are only harvesting the females 28"+ it doesn't take a genius to put 2 & 2 together.	12/29/2015 6:15 PM
76	Stop all commercial catch and raise minimum size, get all states to follow the same plan... good luck.	12/29/2015 6:12 PM
77	Whatever is being done is not enough. I caught a fraction of the number of fish I was catching eight years ago. I caught a fraction of the number of 28"+ fish I was catching eight years ago. And spots that routinely held stripers along the RI coast in fall have been nearly barren for three years now.	12/29/2015 5:55 PM
78	we should not be targeting the big female breeders. 43" or bigger	12/29/2015 2:55 PM
79	We need more law enforcement, especially for charter boats. Most we saw were shorts and over the limit catch.	12/29/2015 1:31 PM
80	POOR	12/29/2015 12:43 PM
81	Would prefer stripers become a game fish only. The current management is terrible, but the commercials are more organized. Ideally, the people who make their money off recreationalists need to step up the campaign, e.g. tackle shops, guides, and even restaurants, hotels. There is only 1 guide on our area (Dave Peros) that speaks up. I guess the others are OK w/ going out of business.	12/29/2015 9:43 AM
82	Stop trophy bass encouragement / media reporting. Everyone wants big fish. But, it allows anyone, novice fishermen, beginners, to kill a female bass. Mortality is a problem. Allow 1 bass per day. An injured fish goes home. Not float away after release. Tx for your work, ppj 67 yrs of age 57 yrs of fishing .	12/29/2015 9:23 AM
83	Please end commercial fishing of this treasured game fish!	12/29/2015 8:16 AM
84	Would it work to approach striped bass fishing (keeping of caught fish) like deer hunting- using a tag system? One or two tags per season to keep a fish that you catch, and that's it. My head is spinning at this point as to what the best plan for resource management might be. However, I do not favor a complete and total ban on commercial fishing, but a modification of sorts. I do feel strongly that all categories of recreational fisherman: those being head/charter and private boats, shore anglers, etc could all benefit from a reduction in the numbers of striped bass kept. How well has a slot system worked for other species (redfish, etc)? I really cannot imagine a need to keep more than 1 or 2 fish (striped bass) PER SEASON. It's a luxury to eat that species. People need to learn to eat skate, sea robin and porgy.	12/29/2015 7:30 AM
85	In NY The regs. should be 1 fish over 18"! the 2015 spring Striper on N.Y.'s Hudson River was sad. Never have I before seen so many dead Stripers floating down the river. They were outside the slot limit - mostly 30-39" fish. Seemed like such a waste!	12/29/2015 12:36 AM
86	Mixed feelings of size from state to state but one keeper per day is easier to spot . I see more guys each year that just don't care it pisses me off . I bitch it's like talking to the wall.	12/28/2015 11:37 PM
87	Not only is the commercial fishery contributing to fewer fish the charter boat fishery is even worse with many more larger fish killed along with high grading for larger fish. Management doesn't listen to science they bend over backwards to PACS and make decisions based on bad judgement.	12/28/2015 11:01 PM
88	I strongly believe that limits should be consistent from state to state on migratory fish. This same problem is what I believe caused the crash of weakfish. Your questions should also indicate a difference in quality vs. quantity. I've been catching much larger fish on average, but fewer. I don't mind that, because it is good fishing, but not a good indication of years to come and the total stock. I also have very big problems with the 3 mile limit. This puts extra pressure on the fish that prefer coastal conditions, I believe. This also makes the fishing unfair from location to location. In Southern NJ, 3 miles out can be 30ft deep, yet in other places at 3 miles, you could be fishing for marlin. This causes people to break the law and fish outside of 3 miles in order to catch fish. Once they have made that decision of breaking the law they start killing everything. I'd rather see enforcement of limits, rather than where they fish.	12/28/2015 9:09 PM

89	I would favor commercial bass fishing (for restaurant sales) ended. With a slot limit with one fish between 20-26 and maybe 1 over 40. Same for charters.	12/28/2015 8:42 PM
90	Make striped bass a game fish	12/28/2015 7:33 PM
91	Hopefully we continue conservation to get back to five years ago there is plenty of bait on block island till nov. And limited fish.	12/28/2015 6:01 PM
92	It is just not working and I feel that basing	12/28/2015 4:52 PM
93	Every fisherman should be permitted to bag at least one fish for table fare at a regulated size.	12/28/2015 4:42 PM
94	Commercial by-catch, draggers, huge problem. Witnessed many dumpings of fish, stripers and others	12/28/2015 4:16 PM
95	we should protect the large breeding females . no season over 40 inches . take a picture and release them.	12/28/2015 4:09 PM
96	No but eat mor seal.	12/28/2015 3:49 PM
97	OTHER THAN SIZE LIMIT WHICH IS ONLY ENFORCED ON AMERICAN FISHERMEN AND NOT ON IMMIGRINTS HERE IN R.I. I SEE LITTLE IF ANY OTHER MANAGEMENT OF THE STRIPED BASS FISHERY.	12/28/2015 3:33 PM
98	1 all bait fishing should be with circle hooks.2. banned all gaffing of in shore fishing. 3 Split the recreational fishing in to two sections, (a) catch and release Only and charge \$25. (b) recreational and allowed to keep one fish 28inches and charge \$50. Commercial \$120 with a tag system that the buyer gets and returns to the research bureau. All unused tags are returned to the bureau and accounted for. Major issue is the 6 pack charter boats. Keeping extra fish and fishing in closed areas . There must be some way to keep track of what they catch. Commercial ,if they cant show records for the past 7 years of fish sold, they should be refused the privilege to fish under the commercial license. Stop the use Of three sets of treble hooks in a lure.	12/28/2015 3:15 PM
99	Gill netting and haul seining should NOT be allowed within 1/2 mile of beaches, and actively working schools of Stripers should not be netted, especially if they are within that 1/2 mile zone. There is NO REASON why nets should be allowed to be dropped parallel with the beach and on sand bars 1/8 mi. off the beach.	12/28/2015 2:22 PM
100	lets keep fees out of the process	12/28/2015 2:04 PM
101	Long Island sound had massive amounts of baitfish throughout the fall of 2015,but very few migratory bass.Is this due to climate change effecting water temps.so fish are staying north longer.Or are there just fewer fish?	12/28/2015 1:15 PM
102	Eliminate killing the large cows entirely	12/28/2015 1:00 PM
103	More research needs to be put into the spawning habits (i.e. locations, time of year etc) of striped bass. I think protecting spawning fish is absolutely crucial to saving and rebuilding current striper stocks.	12/28/2015 12:56 PM
104	There is no management, just methods of consumption	12/28/2015 12:51 PM
105	Eliminate commercial fishery. I like the "slot" fish idea used in Maine in prior years. The big fish don't eat that well, and I think are mostly wasted.	12/28/2015 12:44 PM
106	not at this time	12/28/2015 12:40 PM
107	We are experiencing a fantastic late season bass fishery in southern new jersey due to many factors. one is that the commercial fishery for bunker met their quota in july of this year enabling large schools of bunker to be along our beach this fall. mostly large bass so far. we need to put a maximum size on bass kept.	12/28/2015 12:34 PM
108	Please end commercial fishing of striped bass. And while at it please end dragging in all state and federal waters.	12/28/2015 11:45 AM
109	Once again the recreational angler is being lumped in with commercial fishing operations and is being expected to bear the brunt of the management costs.	12/28/2015 11:23 AM
110	live bait fishing has has hurt the big bass more than any other factor,when you spend \$50.00 on bait and you catch what you need most anglers will keep fishing and most will cull	12/28/2015 11:18 AM
111	Eliminate bass tournaments,and have a 7 year moritorium on striper harvest by any angler.	12/28/2015 11:12 AM
112	Violators of fishing regulations should have much more severe penalties including jail time.	12/28/2015 11:04 AM
113	I think we should have moratorium against keeping ANY fish for recreational/sports fishing for 2-3 years.	12/28/2015 11:04 AM
114	In my opinion, there should not be a commercial fishery for striped bass, and effort has to be made in eliminating the harvest of breeder size females by all parties. I'd advocate the keeping of a single recreationally caught striper of 26"-32" per day.	12/28/2015 10:57 AM
115	I have not visited or fished in the northeast for the last 5 years.	12/28/2015 10:56 AM
116	Like all fisheries, striped bass will continue to decline until people take their greedy hands out of this public resource.	12/28/2015 10:54 AM

117	The number of menhaden was extremely high in the Spring and Fall of 2015 in the western LI sound. There were lots of big fish in the Spring but almost no fish in the Fall. The same holds true for Montauk and Jones beach in the Fall.	12/28/2015 10:50 AM
118	commercial fishing should be phased out or we will be fishing for sardines.	12/28/2015 10:48 AM
119	Make it a game fish in Virginia	12/28/2015 10:47 AM
120	Fishing...both recreational and commercial is killing the fishery. We must have gamefish status	12/28/2015 10:40 AM
121	Whatever management is currently in place is not working. SB are in declining numbers throughout the migratory areas. I fish from Maine to North Carolina during the spring summer and fall. I am catching far fewer stripers now. I hav been fishing for stripers since 1964. The only time it was worse was during the 80's, but the fish were very large 35 lbs or more.	12/28/2015 10:38 AM
122	Spend most of my time fishing for Wiper here in Kansas Waters. Same Reg. Finding that many Wiper are being taken, thinking they are White Bass. Needs to be more enforcement in Kansas	12/28/2015 10:28 AM
123	Legal fish seemed to have disappeared from cape cod bay after 7/15/15. Many shorts but next to no legal fish.	12/28/2015 10:23 AM
124	Stop the commercial fishing for striped bass.	12/28/2015 10:22 AM
125	In NJ the largest issue is under funding of Fish & Wildlife Agency. would also like to restrict " charter boat limits" where the captain and mates count in the possession limits.	12/28/2015 10:16 AM
126	Stop the commercial over fishing, and pouching by anglers.	12/28/2015 10:10 AM
127	1) Striped Bass should be treated as a game fish. 2) The commercial and recreational harvest should be banned. 3) Funding is needed in the indicated Atlantic states for management and enforcement. Enforcement is virtually non-existent on Long Island.	12/27/2015 12:00 PM
128	To me slot limit is a better alternative than what we are doing now. We need better enforcement from DEC.	12/27/2015 11:35 AM
129	I would prefer "catch and release" fishing for stripers.	12/26/2015 5:46 PM
130	Stripers should be the same on the whole coast from north to south	12/26/2015 5:45 PM
131	Trophy tag program in NJ should be used to limit the taking of large breeders not smaller school sized fish. it's backwards in my opinion	12/26/2015 2:05 PM
132	Cut the commercial catch.	12/25/2015 6:08 AM
133	Slot limits, PLEASE!	12/23/2015 11:56 PM
134	Surprisingly we have had a tremendous run of stripers of all sizes this fall. Blitzes have ranged from Sandy Hook to Cape May even on the same day. One of the best days ever was on 12/17 when some anglers caught up to 75 bass. On that day most were shorts but there were many up to 36" caught as well. Where did all these bass come from? It would seem that our striper stocks are in better shape than we thought but have declined significantly from their peak. It seems that this year the stripers are hugging the coast as they migrate south following a seemingly unprecedented amount of bait of all types and sizes.	12/22/2015 10:00 PM
135	Current management is failing to provide a satisfactory experience when angling for these magnificent fish. We need stricter limits and more vigorous enforcement.	12/21/2015 8:22 PM
136	The current size minimum of 28" promotes the harvesting of breeder-size fished which is detrimental to the population. Recreational enthusiasts should take the lead on promoting a slot similar to Maine.	12/21/2015 6:38 PM
137	Continue to advocate to maintain the breeders!!	12/21/2015 11:19 AM
138	In our state, poor striper fishing is also tied to menhaden depletion by Omega Protein. Over fishing along cannot account for the massive decline in the past few years.	12/21/2015 9:08 AM
139	The fishery needs to be managed for the fish and the environment instead of special interests.	12/20/2015 5:16 PM
140	I believe we saw an immediate positive result in the 2015 class numbers due to the new slot regulations during the spring "trophy season" in MD. This should be continued to ensure the breed stock are released to complete their annual spawn in the tributaries of the chesapeake bay.	12/20/2015 11:08 AM
141	2015 was a slightly better season than in the past 4 seasons.	12/19/2015 7:33 PM
142	The nj bonus program allowed thousands of 24 to 28 to be kept on party boats this fall. As a resident of nj I do not agree with this. Other states as well as surf fishermen here release these fish in hopes of them returning next year. I now boycott these party boats and hope others will too.	12/19/2015 6:41 PM
143	I think one fish a day is a good thing	12/19/2015 3:27 PM

144	A greater effort needs to be made to promote catch and release.Also kill tournaments need to be banned.	12/19/2015 2:43 PM
145	We need to do something now,before it's too late.	12/19/2015 1:41 PM
146	Limits are still too generous. Anglers should be limited to keeping one fish a day, not two.	12/19/2015 8:34 AM
147	End commercial fishing! I know several, and they do not feed there family with there profits! They ALL use the profits for upgrading boats etc.,thus perpetuating the process	12/19/2015 5:18 AM
148	Commercial fishing should be banned. Professional fisheries biologists should be setting the limits, not fishermen.	12/18/2015 7:09 PM
149	States should continue with one fish limit.	12/18/2015 5:24 PM
150	I favor making stripers a gamefish. No fish kept.	12/18/2015 3:54 PM
151	very poor! Different rules and laws state to state is wrong with some states still allowing commercial harvest.Crazy.!Way too valuable as a recreational resource to let the population dwindle to non reverseable levels.	12/18/2015 12:01 PM
152	The only fishermen catching any stripers in my area are bait fishermen. The fly fishing in Midcoast Maine is nonexistent. Commercial and party-boat fishing south of Maine has ruined our fishing chances here.	12/18/2015 11:57 AM
153	There should be an overall common 28-34" or 30-36" 1 fish slot limit for our coastal states, I hate that the state I live in still allows two fish during an obvious studied decline in population, once the population is on an major upswing than maybe 2 fish should be allowed, the one thing that is good about New Jersey is the ban on commercial and other states should jump on board with similar policies or atleast reduce quotas by atleast 50 percent, the demand for stripers as food I believe econimally doesn't not equal the demand for stripers recreationally economically speaking... If that makes sense, trying to say that more money is generated through recreational angling than commercial, especially if a tag or liscence of 25-35\$ or so was required to fish for striped bass, similar with freshwater trout. This fall was the best fall migration I have experienced in my time of fishing granted its only been 7-8 years of me fishing, this fall seemed more promising than the past 2-3 years have.	12/18/2015 11:06 AM
154	MAINTAIN THE CURRENT NJ REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE BONUS PROGRAM BUT SHOULD BE ALLOWED A REPLACEMENT TAG AFTER USE OF ORIGINAL TAG (LIKE WE HAD PRIOR TO 2015).	12/18/2015 10:27 AM
155	make it a game fish TAGS OR JAIL	12/18/2015 9:31 AM
156	Poor	12/18/2015 8:58 AM
157	No matter what we think or do the uncontrolled issue of bi-catch slaughter by the commercial boats chasing squid,herring,bunker and about anything they can put a net around will continue to keep striper stocks in decline as there is no rule to keep them from netting when fish such as stripers,salmon,bluefish,squategue an numerous other species are present. Greed will continue to keep all sportfishing on the decline.	12/18/2015 8:38 AM
158	I think there should be a 5 year moratorium on commercial striper fishing to give the current and future breeding stock a chance to recuperate from the havoc of over fishing. Anything less, in time will lead to the same demise as the American shad in the Hudson River. We have to understand that there is a tipping point regarding striped bass biomass. Once the genetic diversity of wild striped bass is diminished past this tipping point, we will never get a healthy wild population of stripers again. It will become a put and take fishery like much of the trout fishery is today. We have to decide which is more important, short term revenue or the long term survival of a magnificent fish. The true ethical question is, "Do we have the right to harvest striped bass into extinction because we have the technology to do so?"	12/18/2015 8:24 AM
159	We need to figure something out that works for the good of the fish. Not sure I am the man to figure this out, But would be glad to follow any rules/laws they want to establish for the better of the fish	12/18/2015 8:10 AM
160	Current management is a joke. I sat in on the webinars and listened to the political wrangling going back and fourth..Many had a self agenda instead of looking out for the well being of the stripe bass....	12/18/2015 7:08 AM
161	5 year moratorium,then slot limit of 1 fish per day to follow Fish are and have been in trouble for years now Charters and party boats much more of a problem than commercial fishing	12/18/2015 4:48 AM
162	Really need to change the amounts that the commercial fisherman is allowed and rec. fisherman should get More!	12/17/2015 9:55 PM
163	Its terrible. New Jersey is way out of line. Tom Fote is the Striped Bass worst enemy and does not represent the NJ public's overall opinion. Commercial fishing needs to be stopped or at least limited to hook and line. We need a moratorium now if we want to save the bass population for the foreseeable future.	12/17/2015 9:34 PM
164	Had another below average year. Paid for a charter to enjoy some striper fishing and the boat got skunked. \$1000 to go for a boat ride. I will not be going on another chartered trip, it's money not well spent.	12/17/2015 4:32 PM
165	I am an advocate of releasing larger striped bass. I also feel that making slot fish available would deplete the population of our resident back bay fish. It's a double edged sword but the current regulations of 2 fish is not helping, too many large females are being kept.	12/17/2015 4:14 PM

166	I personally have seen the results of the current management and I am happy to see the amount of fish we have here on the east coast. It gets better every year.	12/17/2015 3:49 PM
167	I think there should be no-kill regulations for all recreational fisherman.	12/17/2015 3:41 PM
168	The striper stamp is a great idea, as long as law enforcement does their job; if they won't amp up patrols, then it won't work. We have all seen the recoveries of redfish, snook and black bass in many states; we all need to go to school on those successes!	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
169	needs major improvement and more enforcement	12/17/2015 3:10 PM
170	Are charter and party boats considered part of the commercial fishery or just the netters?	12/17/2015 1:40 PM
171	needs work	12/17/2015 11:07 AM
172	very complicated, not enough bait fish in the chesapeake bay	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
173	Please manage the fishery to enhance the species, not to promote commercial harvest.	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
174	The current striped bass fishery is pretty bad. I am strictly a surf fisherman and have been for the last 43 years. Bass fishing has always been a large part of my adult life. During the last 5 to 7 years I have witnessed a dearth of large fish (25 pounds and up) in the areas that I fish. I make anywhere between 65 and 100 surf trips per season along the RI and Ma. coastlines. I have been catching very few large fish in these areas during the last several years. However, there seems to be a surplus of smaller bass BUT they are not available throughout the entire season as they had been in past seasons? So, is there really a surplus or are the school that are left just congregate in the beginning and end of the season? For example, the smaller fish are more plentiful in the early spring and in the late fall but seem to disappear in the summer months. Years ago, school were more plentiful throughout the season. Moreover, I have fished through several highs and lows in the striper fishery but I have never experience such a disappearance of larger bass as I have over the last few seasons, not even in the moratorium years! Lastly, it appears that there is only one (1) large school of large bass and they are congregated on/near Southwest Ledge of the RI/Block Island coast. These fish are being decimated by a few commercial rod and reel fishermen and charter/party boats from several New England states. They are fishing legally and illegally for these very large fish. It is a shame that is continues to go on season after season. Something has to be done if we want the fishery to return to healthy levels.	12/17/2015 9:05 AM
175	This organization advocates for eliminating commercial fishing for bass, I fin this reprehensible	12/17/2015 8:43 AM
176	They need to regulate the continuing plunder of the menhaden stocks. No food stocks fo the game fish no game fish health.	12/16/2015 11:01 PM
177	I think the changes made last year were a step in the right direction, we have to stay vigilant and speak up agianst politicians who are crafting new bills to circumvent what's already been put in place.	12/16/2015 7:57 PM
178	The fish need our protection ASAP. 100% catch & release - that's a start	12/16/2015 7:20 PM
179	We are doing too little, too late.	12/16/2015 6:59 PM
180	Make it a game fish.	12/16/2015 6:58 PM
181	We should go back to a 36" minimum keeper size. Never should have left that. Recreational fisherman kill MORE stripers (total weight) than the Comms....yet Stripers Forever keeps hammering the Comms are bad drum. Why not ban the use of treble hooks for Recs? Why not start with the Rec Fishery since we have a greater impact (on the overall stock) and THEN go after the Comms & Gamefish status?	12/16/2015 6:29 PM
182	I caught, tagged and released 3 striped bass on only 1 of 64 trips this year.	12/16/2015 1:48 PM
183	Current trophy seasons in the Chesapeake Bay should be eliminated and all commercial seasons(not to include charter fishing) should end too !!!!!	12/16/2015 12:12 PM
184	I used to fish for stripers on the east coast when I lived there years ago but have not since the 60's .I now fly fish here for stripers in fresh water where the fish population is relatively healthy. We have a big problem with poachers.	12/16/2015 12:03 PM
185	The management is horrible. The fish are in decline and we have not done enough to help.	12/16/2015 11:42 AM
186	34 inch minimum for commercial is stupid, encouraging taking of the most fecund breeder fish. Enforcement is inadequate and penalties are insufficient, fostering poaching.	12/16/2015 9:44 AM
187	IMHO, the most damaging harvest in Maryland is the commercial hook and line program.	12/16/2015 8:18 AM
188	They should take a look at what Florida has done for Snook and Red fish	12/16/2015 7:16 AM
189	Bring back the moratorium... close both commercial AND recreational harvest before there are no fish left to argue about. give these fish a chance to rebound!	12/16/2015 12:20 AM

190	yes,i dont know what the magic number for length should be for keeping striped bass,but i am against a 1 fish per day limit.i am for the stamp or striped bass license which gives you lets say 12 non transferable tags per season which must be affixed to the fish upon kill.that will limit the transfer of fish on party and charter boats to patrons that dont catch.and nobody needs to take home and should not be consuming more than 12 striped bass per year.	12/15/2015 11:44 PM
191	I believe that a 'here and now is all that matters' attitude is leading to the demise of great natural resource on the East coast - A 40 lb fish several years ago was an expectation - now it's a rare feat to be sure... This fishery needs urgent attention and concerted action just to stall and maintain a status quo - which means we accept a new normal of smaller fish. I am afraid that the day is in sight that we will be talking about a moratorium- if/when that happens everyone loses... as sportsmen we need to do everything we can to preserve what is best for the whole and the future of this fishery. Folks that love this fish understand, folks that use this fish do not.	12/15/2015 10:44 PM
192	Worst year of striper fishing in over 30 years in northeast MA, where I used to live.	12/15/2015 10:18 PM
193	This was the best year in the last 3 years. We were releasing mostly 39 to 42 in fish	12/15/2015 9:35 PM
194	Too little,too late	12/15/2015 8:07 PM
195	more regulation on large fish need to be implemented. Like only one fish over 40" per boat per day.	12/15/2015 8:05 PM
196	no fish to be taken over 36 inches	12/15/2015 7:56 PM
197	I have been striped bass fishing since 1960; at that time there was talk about making the striped bass a gamefish. I fished thru the worst decades known to bass fisherman; releasing just about every fish I caught with the hopes of seeing the fish make a comeback; if not for me; for my children and grand children. They finally do start to come back and these fisheries managers increase the commercial quota; it is not only the commercial guys; it is also boat and beach fisherman. The fish are now in trouble again; they are hammered year round; they really need to wake up. Commercial fishing must end and we need funding to police our ranks.	12/15/2015 7:36 PM
198	I'am a catch and release fly fisherman but it is unrealistic to expect most recreational fisherman to follow this course. Failing that it may be prudent to increase the recreational size and decrease the commercial allocation to improve the fishery.	12/15/2015 7:32 PM
199	Regulations should complement each other across all states.	12/15/2015 7:24 PM
200	Current management is a farce!	12/15/2015 7:16 PM
201	Need more enforcement to protect bass rules and regs. Need a complete moratorium until a recovery is proved.	12/15/2015 6:24 PM
202	We took about 162 bass this year on my boat. Three were over 28". About 90% were 24" to 27" no matter what we tried it seemed like were catching and releasing the same fish over and over. I've been striper fishing since 1965 and I've never seen such a narrow year class distinction. I fish with a "club" of six boats. Same result. Where were the big and small fish or is this just the York Harbor area?	12/15/2015 4:25 PM
203	the reduction from 2 down to 1 fish in CT was an excellent decision. Most fish being caught are large enough now, yields plenty of harvestable meat.	12/15/2015 4:21 PM
204	Commercial fishing should be eliminated. Net fishing eliminated. A \$5/fish charge on all bycatch. Rec fishing 2 fish/boat max per trip.	12/15/2015 4:16 PM
205	Poaching with rod and reel and speargun has become excessive due to lack of enforcement.	12/15/2015 4:14 PM
206	decidedly not in the recreational camp!	12/15/2015 4:08 PM
207	I do my own management and don't target stripers when I fish.	12/15/2015 3:55 PM
208	I believe all harvesting of striped bass, commercial and recreational) should be stopped until the fishery has recovered to a healthy level. I believe the striped bass fishery should be managed at the Federal level.	12/15/2015 3:39 PM
209	in our area there was a significant fish kill in 2013/2014 as it was very cold. May have impacted the 2011 class.	12/15/2015 3:19 PM
210	I have been fishing in Maine for stripers for over 50yrs! Except for the 60's + 70's this past year was the worst year ever! We (2 of us) typically catch + release over a dozen to 20 fish over 40" each season....this year we caught 3. We went on many boat trips where we didn't catch a fish in 8 hours. There were plenty of mackerel around. Not sure if the elevated water temps are causing some of these fish to keep moving north to Nova Scotia?	12/15/2015 3:14 PM
211	Are you hiring?	12/15/2015 2:59 PM
212	Moratorium on keeping stripers until healthy population attained	12/15/2015 2:42 PM
213	Steps should be taken to restore historical spawning areas in the northeast. i.e. Connecticut, North, Merrimack & Penobscot Rivers. Maybe a program that includes stocking with fingerlings.	12/15/2015 2:36 PM

214	My belief for TRUE conservation would be a tag system for all recreational fisherman. Let me explain in NYS we have to register as a saltwater fisherman, when you register you would receive one tag for every week of the season regardless of size. That tag will have your name and a place to sign when you take a fish so no one can give fish away. I believe that would be enforced until the bass stock are TRULY HEALTHY for at least 3 consecutive years. I say this because I don't believe recreational fisherman need or use one fish every day. As far as commercial fishing and selling of bass they should have less poundage and a shorter season on harvesting striped bass and much stricter limits on by catch and poaching. Definitely BIGGER FINES for illegal sale of bass whether commercial or recreational and jail time. This year was ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE !!!!!!! And I don't see it getting any better with the regulations now in place. That's what I know and see.	12/15/2015 2:07 PM
215	What management? The fishery sucks and is getting worse with each passing year.	12/15/2015 1:54 PM
216	Regs should be the same in every east coast state. There should be catch and release only in coastal rivers especially wintering rivers in the Northeast. These fish are getting Hammered!!!!!! People fish for them all winter long and they do keep a lot. Night fisherman especially!	12/15/2015 1:39 PM
217	Stop commercial fishing. Stop killing big (more than 34") fish. Create a slot.	12/15/2015 1:04 PM
218	Do not like my state's current regulations. Would rather release larger (+43") fish.	12/15/2015 12:51 PM
219	"Management" to me means enforcing current limit regulations. I wrote Kurt Blanchard (RI) suggesting the towns along the south shore provide a police presence at the state's breachways from time to time at night. The nefarious harvesting of more than one stripper would then stop.	12/15/2015 11:04 AM
220	End commercial fishing of striped bass in all states.	12/15/2015 11:00 AM
221	There should be a ban on the big breeders 36"+	12/15/2015 10:55 AM
222	It could not get any worse. We need to stop killing big breeders.	12/15/2015 10:38 AM
223	Have incremental increases in the size limit to protect the 2011 year class. More enforcement to manage the black market side of the fishery.	12/15/2015 10:35 AM
224	Lake Norman (Freshwater) is substituting Hybrids for native Stripers. Better than nothing.	12/15/2015 10:23 AM
225	State regulators should consider a larger stock of hybrids that are less effected by warm water.	12/15/2015 10:20 AM
226	I know that the fishery is in real trouble just from what I hear from all over the striper universe. HOWEVER, you will never convince the Cape May boat fisherman that there is a problem as they are experiencing the best fall season they have ever had and all within the 3 mile line.	12/15/2015 10:03 AM
227	Too dominated by commercial interests	12/15/2015 9:55 AM
228	It is not geared towards conservation. Mismanagement is a better term for what the ASMFC has done in the past 10 years. We need a moratorium to save the fishery for total collapse.	12/15/2015 9:53 AM
229	The trophy season in the spring should be discontinued.	12/15/2015 9:49 AM
230	Striper fishing should be limited to one fish over 32 inches per boat. No commercial fishing should be allowed until stocks recover	12/15/2015 9:49 AM
231	Stripers generate more recreational revenue than commercial revenue we must get the commercials shut down!!	12/15/2015 9:46 AM
232	The slot limit is important. Breeders get thrown back	12/15/2015 9:34 AM
233	I quit coming because the fishing got poor	12/15/2015 9:33 AM
234	New Jersey should have never allowed a 2 bass limit this year plus the bonus tag. 1 at 28" to 43", 2nd one 43" or larger. 1 Bonus tag for a 24" to 28".	12/15/2015 9:25 AM
235	Close fishery for 3 years	12/15/2015 9:20 AM
236	Prefer slot system.	12/15/2015 9:18 AM
237	I've noted a change. I've not connected with any schools or boils in the past few years but have been consistently been catching single larger cruising fish. Less volume, better fish.	12/15/2015 9:07 AM
238	They need to pull their heads from their rectums!	12/15/2015 9:04 AM
239	the asmfc has done a terrible job of conservation. Not just on striped bass but other species such as mackerel.	12/15/2015 8:54 AM
240	no commercial of stripe bass. No fish over 45". Let them breed.	12/15/2015 8:53 AM
241	I hope SF keeps up their good work and is successful in ending the (striper) commercial fishery soon,	12/15/2015 8:50 AM

242	My hope is all bass over 28" MUST be released and one fish kept for consumption per day between 24 and 28". I have witnessed on way too many occasions this season where these big breeders 30lb and up are being killed, for no reason. There should be fines and they should be strictly enforced.	12/15/2015 8:48 AM
243	Plenty. I wrote a letter to the Governor in August, as you know.	12/15/2015 8:47 AM
244	did not fish for them this year	12/15/2015 8:43 AM
245	It's not working. We just had a huge run of big stripers off southern NJ and there were hundreds of boats daily out there crushing them. Now they are in the Delaware Bay chunking for them as they head up the river to spawn and hold over for the winter. Nobody seems all that concerned. We need better science, better management (across the board) and better ways of getting the information out there. Florida set the example on how to manage fisheries. The rest of the east coast needs to follow their example.	12/15/2015 8:39 AM
246	Catch and Release should be advocated and utilized for part of year. Limit number of fish taken per year to 5 or some reasonable number. Advocate for 1 eastcoast saltwater fishing license. Limit stripers taken per day to 1 for east coast states.. Advocate for striped embryo fertilization programs for each state.	12/15/2015 8:36 AM
247	Must continue an eco-system management approach, managing baitfish as well as stripers.	12/15/2015 8:31 AM
248	Terrible management here in NJ. The head boat recreational fishery is slaughtering the fish in the spring and fall. There should be an absolute maximum of one fish per day instead of 3 as it stands now. This was the worst year I have ever fished for Striped Bass in the surf, a large part of that I attribute to the beach replenishment programs we have here in NJ. I haven't decided yet if I will even bother fishing next year or not.	12/15/2015 8:26 AM
249	Continue to protect broader size fish	12/15/2015 8:17 AM
250	I really advocate a slot limit to save the large breeder fish. Allowing commercial hook and line fishermen in states like Massachusetts to take large numbers of breeders per day is insane	12/15/2015 8:01 AM
251	thanks	12/15/2015 7:59 AM
252	We need to further reduce commercial fishing for stripers and foraging fish such as bunkers	12/15/2015 7:58 AM
253	I fish strictly in the back water and the bass have not been there in any numbers since around 2010	12/15/2015 7:51 AM
254	Any monies collected on a stamp would eventually be turned over to the general legislature which always happens so I am against a stamp because of the current dealings of the political scene.	12/15/2015 7:51 AM
255	Stop harvesting the Menhaden and Herring!!!	12/15/2015 7:40 AM
256	Recreational Salt water license should be regional.	12/15/2015 7:37 AM
257	One fish over 28 inches. No bonus, no over 43.	12/15/2015 7:25 AM
258	The commercial fishery is not the bad guys.. but the head boats are with their insistence on two fish and greater population efforts.	12/15/2015 7:19 AM
259	Stop commercial fishing all together!!!!	12/15/2015 7:16 AM
260	in 2015 I have seen a large number of 10 to 16 inch range	12/15/2015 7:16 AM
261	Terrible	12/15/2015 7:11 AM
262	I was disappointed in the decision of coastal states to adopt a one or two fish limit for fish of breeding size rather than a smaller slot size with a one fish limit.	12/15/2015 6:58 AM
263	We need to stop commercial fishing!	12/15/2015 6:56 AM
264	The fishery is hurting, I fish hard, the amount of bass was way off this season, please let me know if I can help further. Thank you Rich Marchisotto	12/15/2015 6:43 AM
265	I would like to see the trophy rockfish season be put on hold for a few years. This would allow them to spawn without being harassed. I would love to see a slot fish so when they get to say 28" they would be able to keep spawning and help this great resource.	12/15/2015 6:25 AM
266	Still far to many big fish being caught for bragging rights at the dock.	12/15/2015 6:12 AM
267	Fishing the Southern Maine coast, I caught 2 fish over 28". Many of the others were in the old slot, with very few small fish.	12/15/2015 6:08 AM
268	Overall I think they are doing a good job.	12/15/2015 5:12 AM
269	I own a Charter boat but decided not to run charters in 2015 because of the lack of fish for my customers. No one wants to pay for a boat ride.....	12/15/2015 4:56 AM

270	Ideally I would prefer a slot limit and a ban on keeping any Striper over 36 inches, but I would also like to see a gut hooked clause that allows for one gut hooked fish to be kept instead of your slot fish. Mandatory circle hooks when bait fishing should also be enforced.	12/15/2015 2:18 AM
271	We need to preserve the breeders. There appears to be adequate numbers of fish in the 25-27 inch length. 90% of my catch this past season were this size.	12/15/2015 12:23 AM
272	It stinks! This was my worst year in 40 years as a recreational saltwater angler. I budget \$500.00 - \$600.00 Annually for terminal tackle, repairs, meals, membership dues, gas, etc. I spent \$40.00 of that budget! Next season, my budget is \$0.00. There are a lot of mom & pop business's on the NorthShore that have lost me as a customer. I'm one voice and one wallet among tens of thousands of recreational anglers. These fools that make the laws need to do the math. My money is going west to the Trout Streams of the Catskills.	12/15/2015 12:02 AM
273	Let King Neptune manage his kingdom. Not the Feds.	12/14/2015 11:34 PM
274	Stop commercial harvest of any kind with a moratorium until the stock is plentiful. I also think warming of the Gulf of Maine due to climate change is affecting migration of stripers into Maine waters.	12/14/2015 11:31 PM
275	snag and drop should be banned or illegal NJ should have 1 fish and eliminate bonus tag which is wiping out the 2011 stock.all head boats use sytem and few report a catch the tag is a get out of jail free card if they are boarded a toal BS program	12/14/2015 11:02 PM
276	Throw the bums out! The management of this species is destroying this fishery. We need to manage it for recreational purposes, i.e., to promote the abundance of fish and not the overharvest thereof. This was a great fishery 15 years ago. It's a terrible tragedy that the ASMFC has managed it back into oblivion. Throw the bums out!	12/14/2015 10:56 PM
277	Inadequate	12/14/2015 10:49 PM
278	Stop killing the big breeders Commercial striper fishing hook and line only	12/14/2015 10:26 PM
279	Without question the striped bass should be managed as a sport fish only! No commercialism!	12/14/2015 10:24 PM
280	I think the reg allowing one fish over 43" is a mistake. By all accounts these are breeder fish and should be released. I would rather see a one fish limit of a spot between 22-28". This was my first year of tagging bass. I tagged a bunch. I also released many keeper size fish. In fact I just released a 45" bass yesterday which was the largest bass I have ever caught. I think the fishery should be managed similar to the red drum but instead of 18" minimum it should be 22" for bass. One fish daily and a special tag for another fish MAYBE but no greater than 34".	12/14/2015 10:10 PM
281	none	12/14/2015 10:10 PM
282	Why hasn't a tag program been presented? Or the national management of this migratory species? I fish in 4 different states and am being managed by 4 separate governments. This is the core of the management issue. Striped bass are akin to migratory ducks. This needs attention.	12/14/2015 9:59 PM
283	The regulators are biased in favor of commercial. Much more enforcement and elimination of by catch needs to occur	12/14/2015 9:59 PM
284	There should be a 5 year moratorium on the commercial and recreational harvest of bass !	12/14/2015 9:58 PM
285	keeping/killing too many fish	12/14/2015 9:56 PM
286	Put a moratorium on the spawning months.	12/14/2015 9:38 PM
287	Go Class of 2011!!! I don't have time to research and understand all of the science. Thank you for your patience and explanations year-over-year.	12/14/2015 9:21 PM
288	In my opinion the big breeders need to be released and not targeted for anything other than catch and release.	12/14/2015 9:21 PM
289	Too much concentration on commercial fishery	12/14/2015 9:19 PM
290	Striped bass should be declared a game fish	12/14/2015 9:18 PM
291	It's poorly managed	12/14/2015 9:18 PM
292	Not working	12/14/2015 9:14 PM
293	NO comment	12/14/2015 9:06 PM
294	I never liked it. The new people in office might change things, It's a wait and see game now.	12/14/2015 9:00 PM
295	they need more protection 1 fish per day no bonus tags stiffer penalties for poaching	12/14/2015 8:41 PM
296	need uniform regulations for all states	12/14/2015 8:34 PM
297	I have pretty much given up fishing for striped bass. There simply are not enough fish around.	12/14/2015 8:32 PM

298	Artificial lures only, Single hooks only, no treble hooks, no trolling, no umbrella rigs, release of all breeders except for two fish per year, one fish 24-40" per week. Catch and release only on party boats.	12/14/2015 8:31 PM
299	Limit the number of trophy tags pay to fish captins may buy or do away with the program	12/14/2015 8:02 PM
300	I would propose that we go to all catch and release for 5 consecutive years and then go to a slot limit of 1 fish 20-24 inches with no commercial harvest.	12/14/2015 7:57 PM
301	I think the sale of bass should be banned for food.	12/14/2015 7:56 PM
302	Menhaden/Bunker should be aggressively managed just like the River Herring management. Having these bait fish around in large numbers will increase the numbers and size of the striped bass population.	12/14/2015 7:47 PM
303	ASMFC should be accountable for there actions	12/14/2015 7:44 PM
304	Too many problems with the wording of many of your questions. If I filled out the questionnaire it would be giving you misinfo.	12/14/2015 7:41 PM
305	not enough enforcement	12/14/2015 7:41 PM
306	no	12/14/2015 7:38 PM
307	Current management is horrible. It seems there is no proactive measure to preserve the fishery. Instead we allow the commercial sector to hurt the population and not allow what is best for the overall fishery.	12/14/2015 7:36 PM
308	No	12/14/2015 7:35 PM
309	The people who manage striped bass are in the pockets of the commercial sector. They represent the wishes of a much smaller group as compared to the recreational sector. They continue to ignore the fact commercial fishing for game fish is an anachronism. You cant just walk out of the house and shoot a deer and sell it can you? You cant market hunt for ducks or freshwater fish can you? Because the dept. of commerce rather than the dept. of the interior manages bass we are left with one sided management by a counsel and the states. Furthermore if the fisheries managers knew what they were doing why have they let the bass population diminish after the great recovery after the moratorium? At best I don't think they know what they are doing at worst they support the commercial sector while ignoring the desires of the recreational sector. I am nearing sixty years of age and I have lost hope that the bass can be saved. I go to the fisheries meetings in Rhode Island, I wrote letters that were published by the Sakonnet times, fall river herald and providence journal when the for hire industry (many of who are additionally commercials) demanded to be able to take an additional fish. I have no faith in the management of Striped Bass what so ever! Nonetheless I will continue to support stripers for ever.	12/14/2015 7:34 PM
310	It's rediculous in NJ to be able to catch a 28 inch + fish a 43 inch + fish and need a tag to catch a 24 to 28 inch slot fish. The tag should be for the 43 + inch breeding fish	12/14/2015 7:32 PM
311	Even though I am a catch and release angler, I would not have a problem paying for a Striped bass license/permit, as long as the money went to enforcement purposes.	12/14/2015 7:31 PM
312	save the large cows/ no fish over 43 inches	12/14/2015 7:30 PM
313	One fish recreational limit	12/14/2015 7:28 PM
314	Very little is being done enforcing unreported commercial sales in our state, CT. Overall a federal game fish status is the only way to take a pressure off striped bass stocks.	12/14/2015 7:22 PM
315	given the fact that it encourages people to keep the fish that are capable of breeding it is moronic.	12/14/2015 7:22 PM
316	It Sucks!!	12/14/2015 7:21 PM
317	Need to make it a game fish so its protected. Regulations need to be the same throughout the states they migrate.	12/14/2015 7:18 PM
318	Little enforcement,people selling bass to restaurants,all big fish	12/14/2015 7:17 PM
319	I don't believe those who manage the fishery have any idea just how sad of a state it is in.	12/14/2015 7:17 PM
320	We need to make it a game fish	12/14/2015 7:16 PM
321	I favor a complete catch and release fishery.	12/14/2015 7:15 PM
322	Worse year yet bass fishing for me and friends also,I fish three to four days a week.	12/14/2015 7:10 PM
323	Additional conservation mesures need to be put in place!	12/14/2015 7:09 PM
324	Current commercial fishery destroys any significant schools of stripers that appear inshore.	12/14/2015 7:06 PM

325	Atrocious. Big victory I feel For the implementing of reduced bag limits but it should not have taken this long or have been such a hard fight. Also the ASFMC is supposed to be a management body listening to everyone not advocating for the harvest of stripers in response to conservation campaigns or commercial sector lobbying	12/14/2015 7:05 PM
326	Thank you.	12/14/2015 7:05 PM
327	The usual short sighted stupidity	12/14/2015 7:03 PM
328	It stinks. There should be one regulation for the length of the east coast.	12/14/2015 6:52 PM
329	striped bass should be designated as game and a ban on keeping fish of any size for at least five years	12/14/2015 6:50 PM
330	Commercial fishing for Striped bass should be limited or elimated	12/14/2015 6:50 PM
331	I believe that it is time again for a complete moratorium on all Striped Bass fishing, before it's too late.	12/14/2015 6:43 PM
332	I feel our emphasis should be conservation not allocation	12/14/2015 6:37 PM
333	Trophy Fish Status. No commercial harvest. No recreational harvest. All C&R	12/14/2015 6:36 PM
334	If it "was managed" we would not be in the dire straights we are in now. I repeat, It is not that the fishery was mismanaged there was no management at all in my mind.	12/14/2015 6:35 PM
335	We need to lower the limit to one fish per day allow catch and release after your fish is harvested and no trophy tag one fish 24 inch min that's it until the stock is back to where it was we had a great fall but don't forget the non existent spring it used to be good spring and fall	12/14/2015 6:29 PM
336	It's all about commercial exploitation - conservation and recreational fishing are way down on the priority lists.	12/14/2015 6:27 PM
337	Did nothing to protect the large female breeder fish. Best source of reproduct in both quantity, and quality, i.e. A superior gene pool. These fish survived that long for a reason. The greed has got to stop. Just take a pic and release...	12/14/2015 6:21 PM
338	I did not fish for stripers this year/	12/14/2015 6:16 PM
339	These fish need to be protected. Limit the commercial and recreational catch that is kept. Make it a catchy and release fishery for several years.	12/14/2015 6:15 PM
340	Yes the bonus tag should be for a fish over 43in. Not a smaller fish give us 2fish 28 to 43in.	12/14/2015 6:09 PM
341	It sucks. I want a ban on commercial striper fishing and a low slot limit of one fish- per- angler per day	12/14/2015 6:09 PM
342	We need to get common regulations coast wide to be consistent and fair ...State by State brings out too much greed and NJ may be the greediest State on the coast by allowing a bass over 43" to be kept	12/14/2015 6:03 PM
343	All state regs should be the same.	12/14/2015 6:01 PM
344	Cut down on commercial fishing season	12/14/2015 6:01 PM
345	Gamefish status, baby!	12/14/2015 6:00 PM
346	Curent regs are letting us kill to many large fish it has to end up hurting all of us down the road	12/14/2015 5:59 PM
347	It stinks. Should have moritorium for at least the next 5 years and outlaw catch a keeping fish in the 32 to 48 inch range	12/14/2015 5:52 PM
348	Maryland stinks. Particularly the "Trophy Rockfish Season" that is anything but trophy. One fish per day per person over 30" is hardly trophy fishing. I would think a "trophy" would be one fish per season....with a paid for tag. I believe many fish caught and killed have not spawned as well. This is a money making scheme for the state.	12/14/2015 5:51 PM
349	Yes, allow one schoolie slot fish and then one over 40 inches. Stop all commercial fishing for stripers; I've witness to much "high-grading" occurring in MA. I fish circle hooks with macks and from my experience an awful lot of stripers get gut hooked with circle hooks; about 50/50 vs j-hooks.	12/14/2015 5:51 PM
350	It sucks! We spent a week this year on Cape Cod with our boats and we only caught two schoolie Stripers and these were caught wade fishing when the water was too rough to take the boats out. This was the first week of June; very disappointing!	12/14/2015 5:49 PM
351	The current regs are rediculous. Killing only breeders is insanity. We need a slot regulation. Fish are spawned in the numbers that they are for one reason, that is to be eaten while they are smaller. It's a natural selection. Killing all of and "only" breeders is absolutely flawed from a conservation standpoint.	12/14/2015 5:39 PM
352	A fish of up to 24in should be taken and fish over 36in should be returned	12/14/2015 5:38 PM
353	All money and politically motivated!	12/14/2015 5:38 PM
354	Enforce existing laws is a must.	12/14/2015 5:38 PM

355	Get a moratorium as we had in the 80's	12/14/2015 5:36 PM
356	The NJ limit of one under 43" and over 28" and one over 43" has resulted in my experience the release of many many fish. We had days where the 4 of us, the crew we fish with, released many fish that last year would have been kept and that would have been four more killed per trip. We released those fish and applied for and received your "Release a breeder " certificate, which placated the fish mongers of the crew. By the way, because of the epic fishing n our area, everyone was satisfied and we have plenty of fillets in the freezer. In all of our trips we kept only 3 fish over 43 inches. Please keep up the good work and Merry Christmas Stripers Forever.	12/14/2015 5:35 PM
357	end commercial fishing in all states, limit the number of quota fish. Thanks for your efforts.	12/14/2015 5:35 PM
358	Completely out of control, run by people with no common sense and to much time behind a computer.	12/14/2015 5:33 PM
359	The recreational limit per angler should once again be 2 fish.	12/14/2015 5:31 PM
360	Prohibit the use of gill nets in estuaries like the Chesapeake Bay! The use on no-take slots up and down the coast can be used to protect the most vital year classes	12/14/2015 5:30 PM
361	Stop all killing of bass now	12/14/2015 5:29 PM
362	Not enough political clout for recreational fishermen.	12/14/2015 5:28 PM
363	Lack of enforcement of the gill net fishery along the Long Island south shore beaches/waters	12/14/2015 5:27 PM
364	Poor	12/14/2015 5:27 PM
365	I favor limiting the commercial take and catch & release for recreational angling artificial lure only to bring back the species. Only once all season did I see a major surface blitz and most of my trips were 2 -3 hours with at best 2 - 5 fish per session. ANd I fish a lot! The numbers are still WAY down from 5 years ago. And I did not catch one fish over 28 in this season. Most in the 19-27 in range fishing in Haprswell Sound, Maine.	12/14/2015 5:25 PM
366	Slot limits, the Red Fish is a prime example.Breeders NEED TO BE PROTECTED PERIOD.Throughout its range	12/14/2015 5:23 PM
367	What about the bait issue? Where did all the PBs go? Lowest tally in 20 years of keeping a log. Only 14 fish (all small) landed in Maine waters! Unreal!!	12/14/2015 5:19 PM
368	end commercial fishing, or at very least make it a hook and line industry. ban netting of bass totally ,	12/14/2015 5:18 PM
369	We should end commercial fishing because it targets the best breeders. Our future lies in the breeders and we must protect the breeding fish and the breeding grounds.	12/14/2015 5:17 PM
370	poor fishing	12/14/2015 5:16 PM
371	In my opinion commercial fishing of stripped bass should be banned. The fishery is in trouble. Historically, strippers spawned in all the major waterways on the East Coast. What can be done to restore some of the prior habitats for spawning? Could eggs be rasied in hatcheries situated in former spawning areas to higher probability survival levels, then released to increase the biomass of the species along with tight restrictions on commercial fishing?	12/14/2015 5:14 PM
372	It should be uniform up & down the coast, New Jersey needs to go to a one fish possession like the rest of us.	12/14/2015 5:13 PM
373	I've Montauk from May to December. I started to fish it more than 100 times a year 5 years ago. In my opinion, each year, the fishery declines. I have to work harder and harder for fewer and fewer fish. This fall for example, there were no fisherman from November on. I mean nobody. Everyone has the same story. Even the commercial boats are frustrated. They cannot air that in public but they are. I see the numbers form the scientists. A great class here. A big young of the year index there. I don't believe the numbers. You spend thousands of hours on the water and you begin to obtain a natural feel of the fishery. That intuitive feel tells me the fishery is spent. Sure guys still catch. I heard of many major bass caught in the cape cod canal this year and some boat guys doing well in the rips of MTK this summer. I still catch bass. But looking back ay my logs it is much less than in years past. Case in point: This fall, we had a strong blow 50 knot NE winds in MTK in early October. I go out with the best guide and a friend of mine in MTK, Bill Wetzel. We fish hard for 7 hours. The best part of the tide. Between us, we catch 1 bass. 1 Bass! I have many stories like this from many very experienced fisherman. There is a feeling in my corner of the fishing world that the facts are being distorted. There are many less bass in the water then there used to be. Does this mean that the fish are going extinct? No, but from a recreational resource for fishermen, the resource is in major trouble. Thanks for all you do, Jason DeLand Montauk NY	12/14/2015 5:12 PM
374	head boats are commerical fishing must stop	12/14/2015 5:12 PM
375	All states on the east coast should have the same rules. Striped bass should be a game fish for all states that have striped bass. The slaughter of Menhaden and herring should cease. Thanks	12/14/2015 5:11 PM
376	Eliminate the commercial fishing and enforce catch and release only for recreational	12/14/2015 5:10 PM
377	MA and MD legislatures are":owned" by the commercial striper fishermen.	12/14/2015 5:09 PM

378	Save the cows. All rec and charter should keep only one bass a day. Charter boats should be banned from using bait and treble hooks to catch bass. Any charter boats that carry more than 4 passengers should only be allowed to fish for bass one day a week. Follow the noreast.com fishing reports and look at the photos of 8-10 guys holding up breeder fish. Sometimes several reports a day and for several weeks. You do the math.	12/14/2015 5:08 PM
379	Both the commercial and recreational fisheries should not be managed on an MSY basis; rather, we should adopt a conservative "buffer" in each year's harvest to account for overfishing, poor data, and natural/man made phenomena that can have long term effects on the stock.	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
380	Fishing way off from the early 2000's, but this summer it stopped getting worse. Has it hit the bottom?	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
381	It costs a lot to fish and with the limits it just isn't worth fishing. That's for all fish. Hurting the fish supporting economy. Also I would like to know the death rate of fish returned.	12/14/2015 5:03 PM
382	This was the most lame survey I've seen. Your questions and available answers led the user to the conclusion you wanted. It's no wonder stripers are in trouble with this mindset. Make stripers a gamefish.	12/14/2015 5:03 PM
383	The Mass. State Dept of Fisheries is loaded with commercial fishing supporters. They will not listen unless more recreational fishing VOTERS contact their legislators and demand a change and those legislators put pressure on the State Fisheries Board	12/14/2015 5:02 PM
384	Didn't fish this year. Boycotting MA marine fishing license.	12/14/2015 5:01 PM
385	Not working.	12/14/2015 5:00 PM
386	would really like to see the end to harvesting trophy fish, over 36"	12/14/2015 5:00 PM
387	SAME OLD CONFLICT COMMERCIAL VS. RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN	12/14/2015 4:59 PM
388	Needs to be far more aware of the needs of the recreational users.	12/14/2015 4:59 PM
389	Buy out all comms. no sale, and gamefish status is the only way to recover this fishery.	12/14/2015 4:58 PM
390	Make the coastal reg the same for every state within ASMFC. 1 per person @ 28" => would work.	12/14/2015 4:58 PM
391	I would love to see Stripers Forever establish a presence in Virginia!	12/14/2015 4:57 PM
392	Overharvesting by all forms of commercial fishing as evidenced by informal dock surveys.	12/14/2015 4:57 PM
393	Personally. I am more C&R but like a few for the table. It's the few not the many ruining the Striped Bass fishing. Pouching is the biggest problem. What about C&R for Stripers for 3 to 5 years and NO commercial fish during that time. My 2 cents,	12/14/2015 4:56 PM
394	How can it be called management?	12/14/2015 4:56 PM
395	we should go back to the old one fish at 36 inches rule	12/14/2015 4:53 PM
396	i would also like to see more regulations on commercial gill netters. there should be a limit to the number of gill nets (it does not seem like there is now). on the east end in the fall it seems like there is one every 20 yards which kills fish runs. i would also like to see a limit to how close the gill nets can be set to the beach. there have been time when fish are running and beach anglers are catching and a gill netter will set his net right up to the beach killing the bite. nets should not be withing say 1/4 to 1/2 mile of the beach.	12/14/2015 4:53 PM
397	prefer that stripe bass should be all catch and release and end commercial fishing all together	12/14/2015 4:52 PM
398	need more places to fish from land	12/14/2015 4:51 PM
399	Fishing was so bad I quit in July. Wasn't worth the \$200 for gas to catch one or no fish.	12/14/2015 4:49 PM
400	Striped Bass should become a sport fish only. Catch & Release. That's the only way to save this fishery from extinction.	12/14/2015 4:49 PM
401	It is a joke, and we are doomed.	12/14/2015 4:49 PM
402	It needs to change and fast!	12/14/2015 4:41 PM
403	the ASMFC is oblivious to the desires of the recreational fishing public	12/14/2015 3:01 PM