

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

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#	Responses	Date
1	Client's expectations based on previous years' charters are higher than realistic.	1/11/2016 8:06 AM
2	I am a licensed fishing guide here in upstate NY, but not in salt water fishing.	1/8/2016 8:04 PM
3	The lack of bass is negatively effecting my business.	1/8/2016 3:37 PM
4	I used to have a commercial lic, when you put a price tag on a fish, your not thinking long term, your thinking how much money can I make now! How can I sneak in a few more fish. Most guys turn into pirates....	1/8/2016 11:48 AM
5	I'm a flats flyfishing guide. 5-10 years ago there was plenty of small to mid-sized bass for my clients to catch throughout the season on the flats of Cape Cod. Now I'm seeing large schools of mid to large sized bass on the flats in June, with very few small bass. By July the big bass have moved to deeper water off Billingsgate and later Chatham. The smaller bass that used to stay in the harbors and on the flats aren't there in July and August. The commercial fleet is decimating the population of larger bass that hangs off Chatham in the Summer. When I fish the Rips of Monomoy in July, I'm finding less bass in the rips each year. This past season was the worst in 20 years. The great Fall Striper fishing that we used to have on Cape Cod is gone. Between the commercial fishing and the seal population, I'm really worried about our once great Striped Bass fishery.	1/8/2016 10:34 AM
6	Trips are down in large portions of our Chesapeake Bay. Summer fish have been moving to the upper reaches of bay only in summer. An 18 inch fish as opposed to 20 inch would give our parties opportunities to keep some fish during summer months. Spring time we will be ok with current regulations	1/3/2016 11:00 AM
7	I am a part-time light tackle and fly fishing guide. I only run about 20 charters a year. My guiding business has remained constant over the past 5+ years but in each ensuing year I have had to work harder and harder in recent years to catch fish, both in quantity and size. My full-time guide friends have lost business for sure because of the declining striped bass stock.	12/29/2015 10:30 AM
8	Less emphasis on trophy bass. 1 bass a day. 24 to 32 inches.	12/29/2015 9:27 AM
9	I'm not a guide but First Mate for one.	12/29/2015 12:38 AM
10	Refer to pervious comment	12/28/2015 11:03 PM
11	The decline of the bass is affecting myself . tackle stores hotels. restaurants. 10 to 15 years ago you couldnt get a room on the cape during may and june, The cape was packed with anglers for all around the world. May and june are off season months . The hotels and restaurant benifited greatly from this.	12/28/2015 3:22 PM
12	A slot would help, live bait fishing has ruined the fishing from Montauk to many big fish being killed. this my 47 year a full time fisherman and its starting to look like the mid 80s very few fish from 24 to 32 inchs for us now there are party boats fishing live bait these boats can carry up 100 clients when fishing is good its a mess Captain Mike Charter boat Montauk	12/28/2015 11:28 AM
13	You can only take people to fish for what is there. Lower numbers of fish mean opportunities are less. If it's just small fish around you play with them to keep the client happy with the hope you run into larger fish. Many chum -n- chunk killing a larger number of released fish. The sad part is Maine is affected by every fish landed or killed commercially south of us to the point that we really are at the end of a very long tail being swung by a very large commercial animal that's greedy as hell supported by the ASMFC filled with commercial talking heads.	12/18/2015 8:45 AM
14	This is my first year as a professional guide but I would like to protect the local population of resident fish that are between 20-30" that populate the backwaters. I also fish the ocean and enjoy catch and release of large fish and try and pass this on to my clients. Still waiting for my release a breeder sticker never got a response, very disappointing	12/17/2015 4:17 PM
15	Untill there is "true" management, the stocks will not self sustain, so my guide business will dry up!	12/17/2015 3:25 PM
16	I encourage catch and release with my anglers. Most would like to take one medium sized fish for the table.	12/17/2015 1:43 PM
17	Devastated my guiding business. Difficult to get customers at all.	12/15/2015 10:20 PM
18	People in the business have to stop advertising with pictures of dead fish and promising bags of fillets. That is never coming back. A striper is a gamefish!	12/15/2015 4:28 PM

19	I fish Delaware Bay which has seen its Striper fishing decline drastically over the last 4 years. The decline actually started about 7 years ago but was still good enough that no one really had a issue. I started talking about it in 2010 when in the spring we had almost all legal fish. Most fisherman thought that was great and told me I was nuts when I asked "whats for next year?" Prior to that we had great fishing for many short fish and some keepers mixed in in the spring starting in mid March. Now there is no reason to fish until late April in the lower bay.	12/15/2015 10:13 AM
20	With all of the theories out there it is hard to say much of anything. There seems to be a general decline in most species these days. Striper fishing was poor in the Spring and Fall, especially in the surf. Flounder was really slow. Sea Bass and Tog were off. Even surf clams. We need better management across the board.	12/15/2015 8:42 AM
21	Not running Charters in 2015....selling my Charter boat.	12/15/2015 4:59 AM
22	I've pretty much given up guiding, other than giving trips to conservation organizations to help them with their fundraising.	12/14/2015 10:57 PM
23	Preserve the larger fish with a slot limit	12/14/2015 10:27 PM
24	The decline in fish stocks has ruined my business	12/14/2015 6:52 PM
25	Gamefish status, baby	12/14/2015 6:01 PM
26	My passengers dont want to just catch dinks all day. They do want action but they also want the opportunity to target bigger fish. As long as the creels remain low, we need to continue the opportunity to take large fish.	12/14/2015 5:31 PM
27	The abundance of a few years ago is missing	12/14/2015 5:28 PM
28	I currently have given up on my guiding business due to many reasons, but number 1 on the list is the lack of proper striped bass management leading to the second collapse of the fishery in my lifetime.	12/14/2015 5:18 PM
29	The socio economics of today regulations in Maryland are hurting the entire Chesapeake bay Charter fleet. It makes no sense recreational anglers have to release fish up to 19.999" so those same fish can be kept by the commercial sector. We should all be fishing the same reg's.	12/14/2015 5:01 PM