

## Q20 Any comments about the current management of the fishery?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Older anglers comment that when the recreational minimum size was longer they caught many more bigger bass. All the people I know, both fly and spin and the occasional bait fisherman harvest very few fish. we release them regardless of size. So a longer minimum limit could mean we catch more fish longer than 28 inches and we would release them. this would seem to be a win /win scenario and more fish of breeding size/age would be in the population.	1/7/2017 11:24 AM
2	17 to 27" worked in NC on red drum why not on stripers	1/6/2017 10:48 PM
3	I would like to have a stamp or a fee to increase recreational harvest but would like to have it on a two year cycle so that it can be monitored and not as a yearly fee.	1/6/2017 6:16 PM
4	The current models don't work. Catch data and measurement data are not accurate	1/6/2017 1:08 PM
5	Being in the Chesapeake our stock is different from the coastal migratory stock. We see the large breeders in the spring and then somewhat during the fall. The need to protect the larger breeders is obvious yet, coastal states set their minimums to exploit this population. I would advocate strongly for a slot limit coastal wide (every state). The coastal states rarely see the fish we have in the Chesapeake Bay, the small 9-15" fish. This gives Maryland and Virginia some insight into the upcoming recruitment that the coastal stocks will see. The reason is they have yet to join the migratory stock. Until year 3 or 4 they are simply not big enough nor are they sexually mature. It is for this reason, I advocate for a slot in the CB. Our commercial fishermen already have a slot. We do have resident fish which in comparison to the migratory fish are typically smaller. These residents are males, allowing a harvest that does not make nearly as large of a dent in the SSBM. On a different front, I feel SF should push, educate and advocate for forage fish. As you know Omega Protein has well beyond the lion's share and the majority of their catch comes from Va and waters that feed the Chesapeake bay. The importance of menhaden coast wide as well as in the Chesapeake is obvious. We saw a reduction in menhaden harvest and coupled with a strong striped bass class joining the migratory stock most fishermen would say this year was one of the best they have had. However, the menhaden harvest is set to increase and is being scrutinized for more increases. No food, No fish. Just my early morning rambblings waiting for the coffee to kick in.	1/5/2017 8:57 AM
6	A FAILURE!	1/5/2017 2:06 AM
7	Slot of non-breeding stripers or NONE should be allowed for harvest	1/4/2017 5:47 PM
8	we need more and better enforcement of laws pertaining to illegal killing of bass of all sizes	1/4/2017 12:29 PM
9	Commercial fishing limits are way to large.They should pay a striper inhancement tax.	1/4/2017 12:29 AM
10	Lower commercial quotas, and reduce significantly 50% or more the quota on menhaden	1/3/2017 9:57 PM
11	Striped bass management in NC is a joke. Gill nets slaughter them by the thousands year round when most are to small to keep and are thrown back dead as by catch. The big breeders are poached illegally in the spring with illegal size nets. The NCDMF turns a blind eye to it. Essentially there is no enforcement of the few laws we have.	1/3/2017 9:27 PM
12	Thank You	1/3/2017 8:18 PM
13	No bonus tags for charter outfits in New Jersey. Absolutely ridiculous.	1/3/2017 7:35 PM
14	Dredgers kill entire ecosystems. It should not be allowed. Commercial boats netting fish should be the main focus. Nets don't care what they kill or how many. Recreational fisherman hardly keep fish. And if they do it's for consumption, which is why there are licenses required and so on so if they choose to keep a fish of legal size they can.	1/3/2017 7:04 PM
15	I fish the surf for over 45 years. 98% plugs only. Make the fish a game fish. I fish 2 to 5 times a week.	1/3/2017 6:54 PM
16	No possession of Striped bass.	1/3/2017 6:47 PM
17	The reason they are changing the fluke limit is evidence of the depleted striper fishery. More people are fishing for fluke because the striper fishing has been an absolute disappointment. This is my opinion and I'm an optimistic person but i cannot see the striper fishing getting any better	1/3/2017 6:11 PM
18	Not enough dec officers unfortunately, we, the people should be able to protect our stripers but how?	1/3/2017 3:59 PM

19	Stop the menhaden fishery	1/3/2017 2:52 PM
20	I think better management of the menhaden commercial fishery is at the core of managing the striper fishery.	1/3/2017 2:47 PM
21	Nope	1/3/2017 2:35 PM
22	I still favor the most, to just make Stripers a game fish with 100% catch & release.	1/3/2017 1:09 PM
23	I think striped should become a recreational game fish and make them onky catch amd realease and make it carry a big fine if caught with one	1/3/2017 1:04 PM
24	I want them to be around for my Kids to catch	1/3/2017 12:18 PM
25	I think forage fish regulations have improved but am still not impressed with the work of the AMFC.	1/3/2017 11:13 AM
26	Keep politics out of decision making.	1/3/2017 9:44 AM
27	It is too heavily weighted to the commercial side. We also have to stop killing the breed stock.	1/3/2017 8:57 AM
28	Morons! It sucks.	1/3/2017 12:47 AM
29	fix it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!1	1/2/2017 9:47 PM
30	If commercial fishing is banned DO NOT increase recreational harvest.	1/2/2017 9:13 PM
31	The limit should never be raised above one fish and the trophy fish exceptions in New Jersey should be ended.	1/2/2017 8:23 PM
32	The management of fisheries is a shit show. The commercial sector should not have much say as they are driven by making money for themselves. They don't give a rats butt about the future stock or about rec fishermen having fun on the water.	1/2/2017 7:44 PM
33	It seems like it keeps getting worse. There is only 1 school of stripers that follows bunker down the coast. Very few fish around except for the fish that follow the bunker.	1/2/2017 3:15 PM
34	All the Atlantic coast states should have the same regulations.laws and the court system should be much more stringent,fines should be substantial!Make it hurt like hell if your caught poaching,Fishing without a license,over the limit.problem is very few game wardens,states have no money to put officers out in the field.Ive called numerous times about illegal activity,no response,no wardens in the area..... one thing I do know I dont see it being a game fish only.The commercial value is to high.What fish will take its place?WE have just about killed every edible fish we have,COD,HADDOCK,TUNA,THE HERRING FAMILY,LOBSTERS in LONGISLAND SOUND the list goes on. YOU guys are doing a great job!more people are practicing catch and release,and making people aware of current events of our most prized stripedbass,thankyou!	1/2/2017 2:25 PM
35	leave well enough alone	1/2/2017 12:57 PM
36	A striped bass that I caught, tagged and released in Barnegat Inlet, NJ, 10/2013 was recaptured in Oyster Creek Nuclear power plant, NJ, 9/2016 and sent to a lab for radioactive testing.	1/2/2017 12:35 PM
37	Clearly these fish are in jeopardy. Probably the real answer is to have a moratorium for all striper fishing for a few years as was done before.	1/2/2017 12:18 PM
38	Too much pressure on breeder sized fish. Regulations similar to those for red drum/redfish should be utilized for striped bass which have proven very effective at restoring the population numbers and preventing harvest of the large breeders.	1/2/2017 10:17 AM
39	Keep slot limits intact where now mandated; impose slot limits where there are none.	1/2/2017 10:11 AM
40	Management of Bunker is critical to the health of the striped bass fishery. Also, NY State should regulate gill netters distance from shore. Currently there are no guidelines.	1/2/2017 12:38 AM
41	I rarely get to fish in Salt water. I fish mostly on Lake Lanier in GA, but want to support your efforts. I run a similar, but smaller effort here on Lake Lanier - Lanierstripedbasscoalition.org.	1/1/2017 11:25 PM
42	To me it is all Bureaucratic, ineffective BS with very little power or resources to develop and enforce effective, sound policy.	1/1/2017 10:21 PM
43	all states should have aligned regulations or else it is futile	1/1/2017 8:25 PM
44	I feel that complete catch and release should be required for striped bass for the next 5 years to allow the population to fully recover. It is important to consider the future generations, and the best interest of the stocks, rather than having a "right here, right now" mentality. It is painful to see the large breeders being harvested, as one breeder is capable of producing thousands of ova. I hope that the future is considered when changing the legislation regarding the harvest of striped bass.	1/1/2017 4:33 PM

45	way too many breeding size fish killed. the Hudson fish are keeping the Chesapeake tribe going .when the Hudson fish reach approx. 32 inches {females}they follow the bunker south and are getting slaughtered 23/7. this is headed for disaster.Catch and release for all size bass for 5 years until the stocks rebuild. . thank you . Greg	1/1/2017 4:15 PM
46	Malarkey	1/1/2017 3:45 PM
47	Still need to cut back on the commercial menhaden harvest	1/1/2017 3:44 PM
48	Prefer slot limit and leave the breeding stock to breed. Here in the NY bight we need better enforcement of fishing regs in general.	1/1/2017 1:37 PM
49	Commercial regs far too liberal for striped bass as well as other species	1/1/2017 12:58 PM
50	Don't allow charter boat dicks to continue to catch and release rockfish once their clients fish are in the box. These fish bite the dust in the summer months and can be seen floating by the bay bridge every weekend.	1/1/2017 12:46 PM
51	It is foolishly aimed to support the commercial fishing industry which economically makes no sense when the revenue from sports fishing and its ancillary revenue benefits are considered. Also until the stock of breeding fish is increased, it makes no sense for anyone to be taking the large breeding fish.	1/1/2017 11:49 AM
52	I am afraid SF has never understood the danger of a slot limit when the bottom end is under 28 inches. Young fish are far more vulnerable to fishing. When Maine implemented its slot limit striper mortality soared. A slot limit that starts as 28 inches and goes to 40 like NY used to have is better than a two-fish at 28-inch limit like MA used to have. But a slot limit that starts below 28 inches is a HUGE step backward.	1/1/2017 10:49 AM
53	Primary emphasis of effort should be elimination of commercial striped bass fishing.	1/1/2017 10:09 AM
54	Not done well.	1/1/2017 7:32 AM
55	I would like to see stripers become a game fish that has a slot limit. One fish per person per day is more than enough.	1/1/2017 4:24 AM
56	Rhode Island & Mass. have no management!	1/1/2017 12:48 AM
57	Save the bait fish!	1/1/2017 12:30 AM
58	Some sort of conservation/proper treatment of to be released fish information should be required to be read by license applicants before receiving permit to fish.	12/31/2016 7:27 PM
59	Stop commercial fishing. Promote farm-raised striped for consumption.	12/31/2016 6:37 PM
60	If conditions don't improve in the near term, reimposition of a moratorium should be considered.	12/31/2016 6:09 PM
61	The fishery is ok in my opinion,but more enforcement of the regulations are needed with stiffer violations for professional poachers and lawbreakers.Also fines should be paid in full,not knocked down to very little or nothing,with the monies going back into conservation and enforcement.	12/31/2016 6:06 PM
62	Much too liberal regarding commercial fishing and excess limits recreationally inCentral Atlantic regions	12/31/2016 5:48 PM
63	Mid season Bass fishing was great with large fish however late summer and fall were fair and much smaller fish.	12/31/2016 5:02 PM
64	Seams good but would like to see much more severe punishment for commercial cheaters	12/31/2016 3:55 PM
65	Strict conservation and size limit restrictions should be in effect until the fish recover completely. The fact that almost all recreational and commercial boats now have sonar is contributing to the decimation of the resource.	12/31/2016 2:13 PM
66	Raritan Bay area should be catch-and-release, or one bass per boat, in pre-spawning period to protect Hudson River stock that maintains the summer fishery.	12/31/2016 1:25 PM
67	Get rid of the Seals	12/31/2016 12:13 PM
68	stop ALL bunker seining period.	12/31/2016 11:34 AM
69	The Penobscot fishery fell off to near zero 10 to 12 years ago. It is only starting to come back now. Better control of the fishery in the Chesapeake, including pogies would be much appreciated.	12/31/2016 11:26 AM
70	New England States and NC are failing to protect the striped bass. The New England fishermen and the MD trophy season fail to protect the brood stock of large females. The strange thing is that these very fish are a danger to eat. Also failure to stop mercury pollution fro Midwest power plant emissions is a puzzling disgrace. Why do Midwestern economic interests have any right to keep my 3 year old grandson from eating Maryland's state fish? An absolute disgrace!!	12/31/2016 11:13 AM
71	commercial harvest should be eliminated. the ROI in the recreational arena far outweighs that of the commercial industry. Improve public awareness around conservation. Emulate snook and redfish management.	12/31/2016 11:03 AM
72	The growing seal population should be taken into consideration when regulations are established.	12/31/2016 11:01 AM

73	I am 64 years old and have bass fished since I was 10 years old following the rules laid out by the fishery managers. The fish finally started to make a come back and they decide to increase the commercial quota wiping out all of our gains. I can understand why no one fills out your questionnaire anymore. Fisherman are really looking at this like it is fighting a losing battle. I too am starting to lose faith in our fisheries management.	12/31/2016 10:57 AM
74	I think commercial Striper fishing should be decreased or eliminated all together. I think more education should be done to encourage guides to do mostly catch and release fishing. I think having anglers purchase stamps would also greatly help fund conservation and enforcement and decrease numbers of stripers that are taken and killed. Maine follows one fish >28" per day. I think if everyone followed that and required a stamp it would also greatly help. Must require circle hooks!	12/31/2016 10:42 AM
75	end commercial fishing, catch and release every fish	12/31/2016 10:38 AM
76	None, at this time!	12/31/2016 10:25 AM
77	Fishery management of all species is very poor. They refuse to accept information from some of the most knowledgeable people and rely too much on their people and computer models. We see the results of that every day.	12/31/2016 10:25 AM
78	We're never going to be able to save these fish with the commercial fishing practices in NC, Maryland & Virginia area.	12/31/2016 10:18 AM
79	We need more police, etc, checking boats & beaches. In ALL my years of fishing I have never been inspected, this sets a dangerous suggestion! Luckily myself & my friends take a lot of pictures & are STRICTLY catch & release only!	12/31/2016 10:07 AM
80	I am extremely disappointed in New Jersey and their management of the striped bass. The "bonus tag" is bogus, and allows up to 3 fish per person per trip. There is virtually no oversight of these by conservation officers so any fees paid to the state do not go to fund protection of the laws. The same is true in Pennsylvania where I live and fish regularly, so although I answered yes to paying for a stamp, I do not believe that these funds would not go into a "general fund" for other purposes.	12/31/2016 9:57 AM
81	Has anyone studied the effects of the seal population on the Striper fishery? Every fisherman I know lost more than one fish to a seal in 2016! It is getting out of hand.	12/31/2016 9:54 AM
82	Not a single fish should be killed!	12/31/2016 9:53 AM
83	1. Err on the side of preserving the fish, not maximizing the catch; 2. Limit the take of menhaden, spot, and other forage fish	12/31/2016 9:39 AM
84	Why can't each state hatchery raise stripers? ALONG THE COAST LINES and if they do start a stamp for stripers use some of that money to fund the programs.they do it for brown sea trout in new jersey	12/31/2016 9:33 AM
85	Still to many recreational fisherman keep too many fish Not enough enforcement around	12/31/2016 9:30 AM
86	Since I live in NJ I feel they dropped the ball by allowing two fish so that a guy can keep a table fish then also target a large breeder	12/31/2016 9:10 AM
87	Keep up the good work.	12/31/2016 9:05 AM
88	I doubt commercial fishing for stripers will end, but I think that Stripers Forever is important to continue fight for limits on fish takes.	12/31/2016 9:02 AM
89	In my opinion, your question on circle hooks is somewhat ambiguous.	12/31/2016 8:54 AM
90	In a recent discussion about poaching I had with a conservation officer, he advised me to call DEEP whenever I see, or suspect, an infraction. If the DEEP does not receive complaints, then the assumption is there are not enough infractions to warrant more funding and more law enforcement. SF should advocate, if you see something, say something!	12/31/2016 8:52 AM
91	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY DURING Portions of year during SPAWNING MONTHS ESPECIALLY	12/31/2016 8:06 AM
92	i would like to be able to use herring again as bait in pa	12/31/2016 8:01 AM
93	The ASMFC is a joke.	12/31/2016 7:47 AM
94	Keep up the good work	12/31/2016 7:41 AM
95	I'm in favor of 100% catch and release	12/31/2016 7:29 AM
96	commercial harvesting must be mostly eliminated with some sort of phase out plan. The size of today's stripers is pitifully small which is a direct result of commercial harvesting allowances. Rec. limits should allow one small fish per day p/p	12/31/2016 7:13 AM
97	I would like to see a slot fish implemented	12/31/2016 7:10 AM
98	Need more enforcement and an end to commercial bass fishing all over.	12/31/2016 6:57 AM

99	It a has not worked. Elvers,herring and pogies are being devastated. The whole fishery has been sold to the various industries that compete,for these stocks.the nmfs board should be jailed.	12/31/2016 6:54 AM
100	Ban umbrella rigs. Need a slot program.	12/31/2016 5:45 AM
101	There is no enforcement in CT for the rules and regs. I fished for 40yrs and have never been checked for catch.	12/31/2016 5:41 AM
102	Commercial Harvest needs to be limited to certain zones and not widespread through each state waters.	12/31/2016 2:14 AM
103	Regulations should NOT vary from state to state. that undermines all efforts of regulations.	12/31/2016 12:07 AM
104	There are a large number of boat owners who get commercial licenses, but have no interest in selling fish, rather they exploit their increased limits for themselves (and friends).	12/30/2016 11:48 PM
105	I strongly favor the adoption of a 1 fish within a slot limit, say 28"-38", as well as game fish status.	12/30/2016 11:16 PM
106	Game fish only; 1 fish daily rec. 20-26", greater law enforcement presence, conservation stamp	12/30/2016 11:13 PM
107	1 smaller fish would be great. I see a lot of illegal keeping of fish and think it's sad that more people aren't caught.	12/30/2016 10:19 PM
108	Make it a gamefish.	12/30/2016 9:45 PM
109	Need to protect the large bass much berrer than they are currently.	12/30/2016 9:44 PM
110	Need slot size	12/30/2016 9:28 PM
111	Snag and drop with treble hooks need to be banned! In addition, No individual needs more than one fish per day for consumption. Should be 1 fish per day 28 to 36. Fish larger than that are not very good to eatantway. Very large Bass need to be protected. They represent a superior gene pool, and represent the main reproductive resource. I cannot believe that the Federal and state governments as well as commercial and recreational interests will not recognize this??? Pretty much all about greed and political influence, discusting. I lived thru the pre moratorium days, when if u happened to actually catch a Bass it was like catching an extinct dinasaur!!!!	12/30/2016 9:19 PM
112	100% Catch and Release only!	12/30/2016 9:15 PM
113	Eliminate commercial harvest of striped bass Enact slot limits for striped bass. Restore herring population using scientific data to determine sustainable yield	12/30/2016 9:14 PM
114	I don't think they know what they are doing or else they're in the pockets of the commercial and for hire sectors.	12/30/2016 9:08 PM
115	Has anybody ever considered simply making the spring spawning run a catch & release fishery only? This would allow all the females to breed. Keepers in the Fall only!	12/30/2016 9:00 PM
116	All commercial fishing should be eliminated. Period. Pay them off	12/30/2016 8:45 PM
117	Slot limits. No kepping fish over 40"	12/30/2016 8:43 PM
118	This fall went striper fishing once based on poor fishing in southern nj.I DID NOT even see a striper in person this fall. I would prefer to harvest 1 or 2 smaller fish for a season. TY	12/30/2016 8:12 PM
119	Should not allow the big bass over 43" be kept unless by a special tag.	12/30/2016 8:11 PM
120	Close Block Island's S.W. Ledge where bass stage before moving into Long Island Sound. 4 states of charter and comm. fishing pounding on trophy breeders year after year.	12/30/2016 7:53 PM
121	I need to qualify my answers in that I chose that the Striper fishery is worse in the past 5 years but I'm also catching more fish. As a flats fishing guide I am seeing and catching many more small 2011 class fish. However, when I fish the Monomoy Rips I'm seeing far less large bass each year.	12/30/2016 7:53 PM
122	Reinstate the moratorium	12/30/2016 7:48 PM
123	Keep up the fight to end commercial striper fishing	12/30/2016 7:29 PM
124	Stop all killing of stripers until a complete recovery is accomplished	12/30/2016 7:24 PM
125	It is non existent The 'scientific data' is a best guess and law enforcement officials are few.	12/30/2016 7:16 PM
126	Make it a game fish. Build up critical bait (herring and menhaden) stocks.	12/30/2016 7:15 PM
127	I strongly believe there should be at least a 5 year moratorium on all bass, or go with catch and release.	12/30/2016 7:13 PM

128	I've been fishing striped bass since I was 8 years old. 21 years and this season has been the worst yet. Our environmental police are understaffed, we get assholes Asians and Spanish coming from out of state fishing without licenses in droves, upto 30 cars packed full of gear and people taking everything and anything they catch regardless of size and the moment they see you on the phone the fuckers scatter like cock roaches, they'll load truck fulls of fish in an hour and gone before DEM get to show up. My comment for the current management, your ineffective and need harsher laws on the books mandatory confiscation of all fishing gear and cars for assholes like the ones I've described.	12/30/2016 7:11 PM
129	I am a charter captain in southern New Jersey. We had very few fish within the three mile limit. And we had a short late season	12/30/2016 7:10 PM
130	What I think about the length and limits is irrelevant. What the biologists think is relevant. Stop asking these questions in the survey.	12/30/2016 7:09 PM
131	From what I have heard from many different fisherman, is that the current sanctions of one fish over 28" was instituted too late.	12/30/2016 7:08 PM
132	Thank you. Continue the good work !	12/30/2016 7:04 PM
133	Simply put. Horrible. Too many fish being killed recreationally. During the season significant amounts of fish are killed on charter and party boats, not to say that shorebound anglers are innocent either. Poor conservation of large breeders.	12/30/2016 7:02 PM
134	Enforcement seems non existent. I have seen poaching at river dams and sea shore, with impunity	12/30/2016 7:01 PM
135	THERE NEEDS TO BE PUNISHMENT FOR POACHING THAT IS SO SCARY THAT POACHERS WON'T DARE DO IT ... JAIL TIME, HUGE FINES, ETC.	12/30/2016 6:58 PM
136	Slot limit should be 32"-40". No fish over 40"(breeders) should be harvested on purpose...EVER Recreational boat anglers need to be managed better. Excessive multiple day trips out to block island SW ledge limiting on breeder sized bass is disgusting especially when most are beyond the Federal line.	12/30/2016 6:56 PM
137	There making us kill bigger breeding fish with regs at 28 - 43 in. And 2nd fish over 43 in it doesn't make sense I'd rather see 1 at 23in.-28in. and 1 at 28 and up	12/30/2016 6:50 PM
138	Keep up the the good work	12/30/2016 6:49 PM
139	Make Striped Bass a Catch & Release fish only. Protect like Tarpon in Florida.	12/30/2016 6:45 PM
140	The problem all lies with letting Omega Protein & their fleet of ships to continually take ALL there 400 million metric tons of menhaden fish out the Bay. In my opinion until that is that amount is drastically reduced the Bay has absolutely no chance of coming back to the levels of stripers we had just a few short years ago. They need to get most of their harvest or at least half outside the Bay across the 3 mile line. This was in all my years of striper fishing in the Bay the worst year by far I have ever seen. There not enough mehaden to keep a decent size school of fish alive. As far as I'm concerned striper fishing in the Bay is over & done with. I am 62 years old & I don't expect it to come back in my lifetime. Thanks for asking.	12/30/2016 6:45 PM
141	Make them a game fish.	12/30/2016 6:41 PM
142	I feel 1 fish per day for recreational fisherman between 18- 28" all others to be thrown back. Caveat- world record but I feel if that lady can be saved let her go too. Today's technology with cameras, tape measures, scales... we no longer need the fish for a mount.	12/30/2016 6:39 PM
143	Needs to be better	12/30/2016 6:37 PM
144	more enforcement of crooked commercial fishermen	12/30/2016 6:34 PM
145	Buy out commercial fishery. Since you can adequately farm raise Stripers, there is no sense to catch them wild. Make them a game fish species with single regs throughout the states they migrate to/from	12/30/2016 6:33 PM
146	If You do not have a Commercial Striper fishery in New Jersey Why have a quota???? Waters North of Salem Power house Closed January 1st Till May 1st up too Calhoun State bridge 2 fish limit 28 too 38 1 fish over 45 inches at a cost of 10.00 dollars	12/30/2016 6:33 PM
147	I appreciate your great work to protect a great fish that is very dear to my heart. Is there anything that can be done to stop all the charter boats that limit out more than once a day on the Cheseapeake? That has always bothered me!	12/30/2016 6:31 PM
148	Did not fish in 2016	12/30/2016 6:29 PM
149	Keep fighting to eliminate all commercial harvesting of Striped Bass. Same regs for all states.	12/30/2016 6:27 PM
150	I do believe the commercial fishing harvest should be reduced dramatically and that possibly the commercial fleet could be subsidized similar to paying farmers not plant crops at certain times	12/30/2016 6:26 PM

151	Here in Kansas, I fish more for Wipers. Not so much Striper	12/30/2016 6:25 PM
152	In New England the greatest threat to the Striped Bass fishery is not Striped Bass fishing (although Striped bass is not currently a viable commercial species), but the systematic stripping of bycatch species for fertilizer and bait. The Striped bass need the bycatch for feed and growth. The ecosystem is seriously out of balance!	12/30/2016 6:24 PM
153	It disheartens me to fly fish on Monomoy all day and throw back beautiful striped bass to the resource and then see the guy who was fishing next to me by himself unload his catch to a refrigerated wholesale fish truck at the boat ramp.	12/30/2016 6:21 PM
154	I think people have to learn that catch and release on every level and species is fun.	12/30/2016 6:21 PM
155	It sucks. No bass should be allowed to be taken for the next 5 years.	12/30/2016 6:19 PM
156	I fish predominantly in a closed fishery in SE North Carolina. I think it has gotten better, and additional measures should be taken to increase the fishery. Whether through a separate stamp or license which allows the take of a fish and the revenue goes towards funding striper reintroductions in the local area.	12/30/2016 6:16 PM
157	None at this time	12/30/2016 6:13 PM
158	More needs to be done and quickly...	12/26/2016 11:42 PM
159	Too much favoritism toward commercials. Make it a gamefish!	12/19/2016 10:32 PM
160	We could be doing much better.	12/19/2016 8:13 PM
161	Stripe Bass fishing should be "Catch & Release only!" Make it a game fish.	12/19/2016 12:37 PM
162	I don't know why the striper fishing has so been bad in the Cape May area for the past 5 years or why the bass don't show up until late December. Maybe because of the Bunker netting boats just out side of the 3 mile limit along the coast has something to do with it. thanks keep up the good work.	12/19/2016 10:38 AM
163	After all these years it would be nice to see some positive change in fisheries management. Hopefully we can get some protections before it's too late.	12/15/2016 5:21 PM
164	base it on greatest economic and social value return of what is a limited resource	12/15/2016 3:03 PM
165	People should NOT keep ANY striper over 40 inches	12/14/2016 11:25 AM
166	We are killing too many large hen fish!	12/13/2016 3:55 PM
167	I think current "management" is wrong headed and has had a detrimental effect on the fishery.	12/12/2016 4:24 PM
168	Would like to see game Fish status throughout the entire East Coast. Would also like to see a reduction in the commercial menhaden harvest.	12/12/2016 4:09 PM
169	I propose we eliminate all bonus tags.	12/12/2016 3:43 PM
170	I would like to see the commercial fishery bought out, and far fewer breeding fish killed. It's the big females that produce all the fish, stop the killing of large numbers	12/12/2016 10:28 AM
171	For once, can we get out ahead of this fishery before the bottom drops out again!	12/12/2016 10:02 AM
172	We need to stop so many small fish from being killed in the Chesapeake.	12/12/2016 9:30 AM
173	Corrupt.	12/12/2016 8:07 AM
174	This past season (2016) in the Cape Ann area we saw a huge amount of micro bass (8"-12" range). Along with the class of 2011 this give me some hope for the fishery. I agree the management can not be about an individual fish but about the whole. Protecting bait fish along with striped bass is key. Lastly, I also have some concern about the blue fish. Personally, I have some my catch numbers dwindle in the past 5 years.	12/12/2016 8:01 AM
175	It's a joke	12/11/2016 8:58 PM
176	Regulations should be for the entire east coast fishery, not just state by state.	12/11/2016 8:49 PM
177	Larger fish (28"plus) should not be taken by any means. Slot limit should be imposed. Barbless hooks only. No treble hooks under any circumstances. Better patrolling of three mile limit. More enforcement of all regulations, with heavy fines for violations.	12/11/2016 6:36 PM
178	Jersey regulations are terrible. Tom Fote is terrible. Commercial fishing on LI for Bass is killing way to many bass and blues that they do not keep. Minimum size should be 36". Limit 1, no bonus tag.	12/11/2016 4:28 PM
179	Still favors the commercial sector	12/11/2016 3:21 PM
180	Keeping large reproductive bass needs to be stopped by educational efforts to the non conservation fisherpersons.	12/11/2016 1:46 PM
181	We need more people out on the water forcing the laws.	12/11/2016 1:46 PM

182	Poaching by recreational and commercial fisherman is so often, it is very hard to combat these acts. Slot limit would be great for breeders to be released. It is too hard to answer the question about commercial fishing financial compensation, realistically if they agreed to take the incentive: it would not change much. They keep what they catch, always. Same goes for a strong number of the recreational fisherman. Keep up the good work. Ryan	12/11/2016 1:26 PM
183	Do not agree with current programs	12/11/2016 1:08 PM
184	In the Western LI Sound, we've had two very poor Spring bass runs but the two best Fall bass runs in 2 decades. The big fish are largely bypassing us in the Spring but loads of small bass showed up in the harbors this Spring and came back in mid Sound this Fall. Odd comings and goings. The Fall bass run in Montauk is a memory but great bassing of big bass occurs in mid Summer. Unfortunately, even with reduced limits, the charter guys are taking full limits of breeder fish. This is very bad. We need to go to slot limits.	12/11/2016 12:50 PM
185	MD's allocation gives half of the quota to approximately 400 commercial fishermen while the 200,000 or so licensed recreational fishermen get the other half. Correcting this inequity, without adjusting daily limits, provides more fish for conservation and recreational fishermen.	12/11/2016 11:09 AM
186	One fish limit made a big different. A slot limit is dangerous if the bottom end is lower than current 28 inches because younger fish are way more vulnerable to angling. When Maine imposed its slot limit striper mortality increased by a factor of 4. I don't think SF has ever grasped this fact.	12/11/2016 11:05 AM
187	Thanks for all you do	12/10/2016 2:39 PM
188	While the 2011 year class of bass has not developed as expected where I fish in MA and ME, it was very interesting to see the huge numbers of striped bass in the 10-14" range in 2016 in those same waters. Hudson or Chesapeake spawned is unknown, but it will be interesting to see if these fish remain a strong component of the population in the next 3-5 years.	12/10/2016 2:05 PM
189	not oriented enough to recreational fishing	12/10/2016 1:59 PM
190	Any increase in fish mortality commercial or recreational at this point in time is premature.	12/10/2016 1:58 PM
191	More law enforcement.	12/10/2016 12:53 PM
192	Enforcement of the regulations should be enhanced , paid for by increasing cost of salt water licenses .	12/10/2016 8:20 AM
193	The current management style for the fishery is not appropriate for the species. NYState allows people to take one fish over 40" (which are the breeders) or one fish in a 18-28 inch slot. If they want to have a slot as they do for the smaller fish fine. But leave the breeders alone!!	12/9/2016 1:24 PM
194	I tag Stripers: 2013-95, 2104-75, 2015-19. 2016-28.	12/9/2016 10:36 AM
195	Should be all catch and release.	12/8/2016 7:30 PM
196	Terrible!	12/8/2016 6:58 PM
197	The fish are under a lot of pressure from all sides.For me the fishing was good in my area.Not so good other places.The increase in moss bunker has definitely helped.We should have a closed season where we can't target them at all.I saw fish this fall from many year classes.LI sound was loaded with small fish.It gives me hope that some of the fish mortality reductions are bearing fruit.The fight has to continue.	12/8/2016 6:05 PM
198	we need enforcement of the our laws and far more serious fines. commercial season is a joke. There are no real comms out there.	12/8/2016 5:13 PM
199	One of the major problems that I see down here in Cape May, is the lack of baitfish and forage fish for stripers to eat. For what ever reason there seems to be less in the back bay, around the inlets and beach front. My feeling is the lack of food source the lack of fish. I feel in recent years migrating fish seem to cruise by and resident fish seem to be less and less. This trend of lack of food seems to be effecting all species, just not stripers. I believe the beach replenishment projects, the heavy amount of dredging, the heavy stress pollution wise and the increased summer water temps are taking their toll. This pas season we had fair striper fishing, until the first week in August when ocean water temps around the inlet and beach front were 82 degrees for a number of weeks and back bay waters were in the high 80's and low 90's, sucking all the disolved oxygen out of the water and forcing what fish that were around. I run back bay fly fishing charter service. The fishing got so poor that I canceled all charters from Mid August till the end of the year. With water temps so warm. Fall migrating fish do not come down till about the first week in December and most stay off shore near the 3 mile zone feeding on adult bunker as there is little to nothing to feed on inshore. The last few years, if I am honest with my clients I cancel more trips than I take. The demand is there for fishing it is just that the fishing is so poor. The last really great years were during the early 2000's and I have watched the steady decline since then.	12/8/2016 4:27 PM
200	I strongly support a "bass stamp" measure of some sort, or a tag procedure (like killing/keeping a deer), so that recreational harvest can be limited to 3-4 fish of a keeper slot size per season. Im happy to keep and eat a whole lot of other fish available to help develop a trophy striped bass fishery.	12/8/2016 11:21 AM

201	STOP COMMERCIAL FISHING!	12/8/2016 10:55 AM
202	keep up the good work	12/8/2016 8:10 AM
203	It appears to be short term \$-based rather than long term sustainable strategy based.	12/7/2016 11:20 PM
204	Provide more updates to the public then is done now. The more info given the smarter the fisherman becomes.	12/7/2016 10:35 PM
205	make 2 fish limit per day per man. no fish over 40 lbs.	12/7/2016 8:35 PM
206	there should be a limit of 1 fish per season tag limit per angler and have to way and check in at a tackle shop like in hunting. also need more law enforcement on the beaches. during thanks giving week saw many shorts taken. Nj needs to hire armed guys just to ride the beaches during this time to enforce these rules and issue a fine of a thousand per illegal fish. the enforcement should have same full legal power just like fish and game or coast guard would.	12/7/2016 5:54 PM
207	end commercial fishing. To watch the zillion of boats off of Chatham,ma jig up boat loads of breeding bass can only have negative future effects. Thank you R Crafts	12/7/2016 3:58 PM
208	You cannot have management when the data are inaccurate and agency members are not conservation oriented, namely the ASMFC! The proof is that none of the fisheries they manage has recovered to their historic highs, but in fact have gone lower due to their mismanagement!	12/7/2016 3:19 PM
209	Management decisions come too little and too late. We as anglers all along the East Coast saw the decline in the biomass 6 or 7 years ago. It took till 2016 to implement regulations to help stem overharvesting. This should have been put in place at least 5 years ago.	12/7/2016 3:16 PM
210	2016 was my best year in the last 20 years.	12/7/2016 1:15 PM
211	I AM NOT REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THE STRIPED BASS IS BEING MANAGED,MANAGEMENT SEEMS TO BE 2-3 YEARS BEHIND THE CURVE IN THEIR THINKING.	12/7/2016 1:12 PM
212	I think that commercial fishing methods should be changed to rod and reel to eliminate a large percentage of there bicatch. Also if Striped Bass does ever become a game fish the recreational sector should not get to absorb the commercial quota. It would still be taking fish out of the population. There should be no one a day it should be 1 a week or something along those lines. I watch so called recreational fishermen catch and keep bass everyday for weeks on end. They aren't eating all those fish. I'm a surfcaster from long island who works at Robert Moses State Park and the pure mistreatment by the surfcasters and party boats alike are disgusting. In my opinion these fish don't stand a chance.	12/7/2016 12:50 PM
213	I favor a no-kill rule for all striped bass. But I recognize that this goal is probably unobtainable. Short of that we need to stop the slaughter of large breeding fish. If fishermen must kill bass then let it be in a slot of 24-28" and no more than one person per day. End commercial fishing with a buyout funded by a striper stamp in all states where the fish migrates. Finally, end or very severely restrict large-scale menhaden fisheries (such as Omega's spotter-plane large school destruction).	12/7/2016 12:27 PM
214	make them a game fish	12/7/2016 12:09 PM
215	When I was on the beach this fall surf fishing noticed that too many fisherman were keeping undersized fish. Not enough enforcement! Large cows should be released also. This is going to kill the fishery.	12/7/2016 12:00 PM
216	Enforcement and conservation needs to be number 1!! So many fisherman keep fish that are not keepers and it is detrimental to the fishery	12/7/2016 11:52 AM
217	decrease the allowable harvesting of forage fish.	12/7/2016 11:50 AM
218	I would like to see a closed season in the spring that allows the fish to safely migrate to their spring time spawning areas. Here in NJ fish are targeted in Raritan Bay prior to moving up the Hudson and many large breeder fish are taken. This should be stopped.	12/7/2016 10:56 AM
219	These current commercial quotas have got to stop, this fishery can't maintain	12/7/2016 10:47 AM
220	Fly fisherman fished Montauk (from boat inshore) about 75-100 hrs this fall. Bite sucked. Every year seems to get worse been fishing fall run ten years.	12/7/2016 10:35 AM
221	Making stripped bass a game is our top priority	12/7/2016 10:04 AM
222	no	12/7/2016 9:32 AM
223	I believe that the additional charge to buy out commercial fishery should eventually be reduced and the reduced funds be used for management of the fishery.	12/7/2016 8:46 AM
224	It is silly- we only keep females when the reach breeding size	12/7/2016 8:31 AM

225	Every state should have the same keep limit with a focus on protecting the 2011 year class. In other words, annual changes in the keep size. Likely impossibule, but what I would like to see.	12/7/2016 7:22 AM
226	Years ago, stripers were able to be caught throughout the bay areas. I find that they now only congregate in a few areas. If you find them, there's plenty of excitement.	12/6/2016 9:18 PM
227	Lack of schoolie bass in Raritan bay for fall run, more larger fish than usual but overall inconsistent fall fishing from past years	12/6/2016 9:05 PM
228	We need more enforcement on the water and shoreline.	12/6/2016 8:59 PM
229	What can I say; it is a joke.....	12/6/2016 8:56 PM
230	stay with one fish limit forever	12/6/2016 8:54 PM
231	Still not working!	12/6/2016 5:51 PM
232	Seems that conservation measures by ASMFC are always too late!	12/6/2016 5:42 PM
233	Close commercial striper fishing along the entire East coast until documented recovery is in place. Also manage menhaden stocks and other herring species to support the striper recovery.	12/6/2016 5:21 PM
234	The recreational limit should be returned to 2 fish per angler in order to reduce the negative economic impact on the recreational fleet, which has been large since the limit was reduced to one fish.	12/6/2016 5:14 PM
235	More research and attention needs to be focused on breeding habitat preservation and not just the main breeding areas in the Chesapeake and Hudson	12/6/2016 5:02 PM
236	This is the first year in at least five years that I saw an increase in smaller fish. Ten years ago catching 100 fish a day was not unusual with most being 10-20 inches. The last five years or so we would catch 3-8 fish a day, most over 24 inches. This is the first year that we saw an increase in young fish, most in the 12-22 inch range. Had several 50 fish days. That being said, the fishery is still a far cry from what it was and we are seeing fewer big fish over 30 inches.	12/6/2016 4:59 PM
237	Better enforcement needed by DEEP. Too many "fishermen" taking undersized fish without penalty. Perhaps warning signs at popular spots.	12/6/2016 4:18 PM
238	Need better regulations for fishery	12/6/2016 3:31 PM
239	The State of Maryland has essentially turned over the running of the Department of Natural Resources to the Commercial fishermen. This spell "bad news" for any logical conservation for the striped bass. Changes need to be made as quickly as possible.	12/6/2016 3:09 PM
240	Sucks	12/6/2016 3:01 PM
241	We should have a moratorium on keeping any bass for recreational fisherman for two years.	12/6/2016 2:12 PM
242	National Marine Fisheries as an organization is so corrupt and terribly ran. The Quota decisions placed on commercial fisherman are dictated by lobbieists, not the fishery nor the environment. These guys are a joke	12/6/2016 1:39 PM
243	Should be ecosystem based, covering forage as well as striped bass.	12/6/2016 1:12 PM
244	Beach replenishment is the biggest threat to surf angling in New Jersey. Ocean and Monmouth counties look like the southern counties now. No fish come close to shore unless in blitz situations because the beaches are structure-less. We need a voice in this process.	12/6/2016 1:11 PM
245	THE TROPHY SEASON FOR STRIPED BASS IN THE CHESAPEEKE BAY SHOULD BE ENDED!!!!!!!	12/6/2016 12:15 PM
246	Still poor at best	12/6/2016 12:04 PM
247	need more balance, less industry and required responses to public comments	12/6/2016 11:55 AM
248	1. Stop killing breeders. 2. EEZ enforcement in NJ is a joke. Hundreds of boats out there killing fish and no one does anything.	12/6/2016 11:34 AM
249	na	12/6/2016 10:43 AM
250	I would like to see a decrease in commercial. I strictly fly fish for stripers.	12/6/2016 10:34 AM
251	It's hard for me to believe that we even "manage" the fishery! It took us nearly 40 years to bring the striped bass back from the brink of extinction and in just 15 years we've decimated the stocks yet again....not to mention what "managers" have done to the forage foods these fish rely on to survive!	12/6/2016 10:31 AM
252	Charter boats need to have weekly limits on fish they can take. If they can have 6 people on board per trip, an two trips a day times 7 days a week, that's 84 stripers a week they are able to harvest. That is way to many.	12/6/2016 10:23 AM

253	the solution how to increase the bass population is too complex but stopping the harvest of smaller fish is a good beginning.	12/6/2016 9:55 AM
254	The management of the fishery is more active and positive than it has seemed to be in a long time. However with the rise in conservation efforts such as catch and release, there seems to be a need in educating people who practice catch and release in proper practices, as those who are improperly releasing a fish or not allowing it to recover seem to be more prevalent.	12/6/2016 9:49 AM
255	As I view the efforts from a perspective of 40 years of striper fishing, it is heavily canted toward the interests of commercial and recreational concerns at this point. Very disturbing and short-sighted despite what may be an intent to do good.	12/6/2016 9:42 AM
256	1.Stop all commercial catching. 2.Only get to keep one in 20 to 28 inches -no breeders!	12/6/2016 9:38 AM
257	I think fish over 40 inches should be catch and release unless world record or fish dies during fight. One can weigh, measure, and photo and release!	12/6/2016 9:37 AM
258	The vast numbers of micro bass this year indicate a bright future for the species. Management will have to adapt to this optimistic prognosis.	12/6/2016 9:29 AM
259	The recreational fishery has a major impact on the striped bass population as well. If we want to eliminate the commercial bass fishery, we should also be willing to have a zero catch rate for recreational fishermen.	12/6/2016 9:24 AM
260	Every state on the east coast has to get on board. the regulations need to be the same. The commercial sale of bass and bunker has to stop.	12/6/2016 9:13 AM
261	I'm not a fisheries scientist but it seems like a bad idea to keep the breeding age fish. A slot with smaller size seems more rational.	12/6/2016 9:09 AM
262	Not pleased, especially with the bogus "commercial" license in MA.	12/6/2016 9:07 AM
263	I'm amazed and greatly saddened that in a few short decades, humans have once again managed to crash the Striper Stocks having done that in the 70's and early 80's, and then brought the stock back to a healthy state. Too bad that we have such short memories.	12/6/2016 8:59 AM
264	The eastern US states should have consistent laws regulating the fishery.	12/6/2016 8:56 AM
265	I think, where I fish, I saw the 2011 class in 2015- for example in a few nights in May in 15 I landed 100+ fish in the 24-28" class. I saw very very few of these same fish in 2016, with a couple nights in September I ran into them and landed 50-100 of them over a couple weeks. I have no idea what happened to them the rest of the season, as in 2015 I would catch a few of them just about every time I went out it seemed, from the NH line to RI. 2016 I did catch more large bass, but that is due to my increased focus, commitment and skill. I had TONS of skunk nights which was terrible- this was a new thing for me. From early June to August was the worst I've ever seen, ever. I believe 2016, where I fished, was the worst season I've had in a long time, despite landing more fish over 40" than I have in any year previous. Look, as long as the boats, guide and amateur, can go out and hammer the big bass with seemingly little effort then we have no hope. The bass needs to become a C&R "Sport" fish only. Period. And where is enforcement? I see NONE, and I've tripped on dead schoolies on the shore from folks keeping them and then throwing them back when they catch keepers. Even found a bag of them one night on a very popular beach. NEVER seen a DEP officer checking surf fisherman. Never.	12/6/2016 8:32 AM
266	We need a size limit of 35"-36". 1 fish per day. Way to many breeders are being kept.	12/6/2016 8:11 AM
267	Make striped bass a game species	12/6/2016 8:05 AM
268	I believe current commercial regulations are far too liberal. They are allowing depletion of brood stock.	12/6/2016 8:03 AM
269	Keeps going downhill. Many more anglers on water and better communication/technology ( the internet,better sonar ,etc) makes these anglers much more efficient . Considering the increase in bait in our waters there should be more predator fish. I think if a large fish swims into our waters it now gets picked off and kept. Many members of stripers forever but I don't see this conservation ethic happening on the water. I now believe that this fishery and unfortunately ALL fisheries will be doomed in the coming years . Too many people on the planet not enough to go around . As long as there is a dime to be made off these fish they will continue to be wiped out . And with our current government gearing up to ease regulations of well, EVERYTHING , the future looks pretty bleak	12/6/2016 7:18 AM
270	Current management is ignoring the fact that total population is on downward slide and bass are not migrating as far north and south as a result... As a striped bass tagger for ALS tagging in NJ after getting returns from every State from Maine to NC previously I have not had a return north of Long Is or south of Maryland in 5 years. Clear indication to me the population is significantly down	12/6/2016 7:17 AM
271	It needs tighter regulations no fish should be allowed to be kept	12/6/2016 6:57 AM

272	A tag should be required for breeders, 1 per season max of 40" and larger fish. Too many of the breeders are taken every year	12/6/2016 6:51 AM
273	We need more protection for squid, menhaden, herring,etc. Bass have very little to feed on in Nantucket waters.	12/6/2016 5:48 AM
274	Regs are in error. Killing breeders. Need slot fish reg. Need closed season in spring breeding season for all back and river estuaries.	12/6/2016 4:07 AM
275	I think the current size limit of 28" or larger risks depleting the population of breeding size females. I would much prefer a slot limit of one fish between 20 and 26 inches. I do not think that recreational fisherman need to keep more than one legal fish per day. My catch numbers have increased over the last five years from 4 fish to this season catching 223, all on a fly rod, with hours spent fishing about equal. I have not caught a legal fish since the limit went to 28".	12/6/2016 3:13 AM
276	I think that there should be a total moratorium on killing wild striped bass until the fishery recovers to its healthy state that prevailed during the late 1990s, and that moratorium should be strictly enforced!!! It should be made totally catch-&-release until it starts to recover its full health.	12/5/2016 10:42 PM
277	Regulate the menhaden fishing	12/5/2016 10:38 PM
278	The various tournaments emphasize fish size there by killing the best breeder fish. This should be discontinued. Ways could be found to photo and tape a big catch, release it and publicize winners on social media and the web.	12/5/2016 10:18 PM
279	ban all netting of bass and no by-catch. ban the sale of bass, if there must be commercial fishing as in NY make it hook and line only and enforce.	12/5/2016 10:16 PM
280	Disgraceful....	12/5/2016 10:15 PM
281	Much too aggressive on the harvest side.	12/5/2016 9:55 PM
282	The enforcement of current regulations vis-à-vis recreational fishing, is poor at best. I personally witness many violations, especially by back water boat anglers, who feel that with the de-funding of the NJ State Marine Police and Ocean County based Coast Guard, they are unlikely to encounter enforcement efforts, especially at night, since there is only one F&G agent in Ocean County. Given the huge uptick in inshore boat and Kayak fisherman here in Ocean County, NJ, change in current regulations is effectively only a political pacifier to those of us who fish for stripers and actually do care about preserving the fishery. Don't even get me started on the subject of commercial fishing in NJ adherence to the Sport Fish categorization of Striper's, after all, it's not their fault that the Striper's are mixed in with the Bunker and "accidentally" become bycatch, now is it. You haven't lived until you've seen a netter coming into the Manasquan inlet and symbolically thumb his/her nose at the sea wall fisherman by dumping their Striper By-Catch right into the inlet.	12/5/2016 9:22 PM
283	Make striped bass a game-fish.	12/5/2016 9:19 PM
284	Stinks	12/5/2016 9:18 PM
285	The commercial taking of striped bass should end all up and down the Atlantic coast. The taking of small, immature, undersized (whatever you call them) fish by recreational fishing should be severely restricted.	12/5/2016 8:55 PM
286	The rod and reel commercial fishery in New England ( Mass and RI ) has in the past and the present focused on large fish resulting in "high grading" the smaller fish that are discarded dead. Night fishing in closed areas is common practice and basically goes unchecked with fines and penalties that are considered "the cost of doing business" by those that poach.	12/5/2016 8:51 PM
287	hard to believe how little is actually known our professional biologists are only guessing much as any guide would do.	12/5/2016 8:38 PM
288	NJ allows three fish with their current regulations. I think one would suffice. Our current regulations allow for the large breeders to be kept, similar to our flounder regs, and the practice isn't helping the current biomass sustain itself.	12/5/2016 8:38 PM
289	Yes it's all for the commercials	12/5/2016 8:20 PM
290	I put in many hours fishing tube and worm, fly fishing and spin fishing and never caught a single fish of legal size to keep. Maine waters just don't have that many large fish. taking away the Maine slot was a bail out.	12/5/2016 8:19 PM
291	I believe the limit needs to go back to 36" and commercial fishing needs to end. I can't believe how much the fishing has dropped off. Many small fish and not a lot of them.	12/5/2016 8:13 PM
292	Fishery keep declining severely each year. The management of this fishery is laughable at best and the current regs and 1 fish limit in many states has done absolutely nothing to help these fish thrive. My son is 3, and unfortunately I do not see these fish being around for him to pursue as he gets older.	12/5/2016 8:10 PM
293	Still not protecting the larger fish and too high a quota.	12/5/2016 8:04 PM

294	I fish the Long Island Sound & along Dune Road (Atlantic Ocean) from the Shinnecock Inlet to the Moriches Inlet. This year has been the best I've seen since the 1970s. Keep up the good work!!!!	12/5/2016 8:02 PM
295	None	12/5/2016 7:57 PM
296	I believe that the regulations on the Chesapeake Bay striped fishery are not adequately protective and are a major cause in the decline. The bay and the ocean fisheries should have the same regulations. I would like to see a one fish daily limit, with that fish having to exceed at least 28" in length, preferably more. I do not agree with a special permit. That favors people who can fish more often. I only get to fish for stripers about 6 days per year. I would favor requiring tags that would have to be purchased in advance for \$5 each. There should be a limit on the number of tags a person could purchase. Ten tags seems reasonable. Who needs more than 10 stripers over 28" in one season? I would like to see the revenue from the tags go to buying out the commercial fishing.	12/5/2016 7:51 PM
297	It is self defeating to try to preserve a fishery while encouraging people to keep the fish that will sustain it	12/5/2016 7:30 PM
298	menhaden have greatly increased in the western end of long island sound. the number and size of bass has increased in the last two years	12/5/2016 7:26 PM
299	Things are going well. Poaching is a problem.	12/5/2016 7:18 PM
300	Need better enforcement of current regulations	12/5/2016 7:17 PM
301	Why are keeping the larger fish they are the breeder give more small fish on a daily base	12/5/2016 7:17 PM
302	Rather than a buy out of commercial fishers , they just need to be regulated better in all states should be equal.	12/5/2016 7:11 PM
303	In September 2016 an Environmental Consulting Company caught a striped bass in the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant in NJ that I tagged in October 2013 for my 241th fish tag return. The fish was sent to a lab for radiological testing as mandated by the NRC.	12/5/2016 6:59 PM
304	lots of small 10-12" fish early in the season	12/5/2016 6:58 PM
305	Something needs to change. Bait fishing seems to target the larger breeding size fish.	12/5/2016 6:47 PM
306	Stop the poaching the commercial guy are killing the fishery	12/5/2016 6:46 PM
307	No enforcement persons ignore rules reg all the time	12/5/2016 6:41 PM
308	That is the Problem! The Fishery is not Managed properly at all. Not enough Law enforcement. to many Bait fisherman just killing fish, to many people stocking up on fish and putting them in a freezer and going back the same day to catch more and put more in the Freezer! It is time to make regulations that really Penalize any one fishing for Stripers or other Anadromous fish species, that are being irradicated from mis management of all Stock, being eliminated By Over fishing pressure in Commercial fisheries, and plain old ABUSE and Non Compliance of any Fishing Laws.	12/5/2016 6:38 PM
309	The BS deals being made in Jersey and Delaware are sickening.... the 1 fish per person per day is bad enough but should be informed for all with a 28" limit...	12/5/2016 6:33 PM
310	I hold a commercial permit for 20 years and I want it shut down. I want to catch fish from the beaches again. I am almost 60 so I do not have enough time to wait for 10 inch fish to grow to trophy size.	12/5/2016 6:31 PM
311	Must manage the bait.	12/5/2016 6:30 PM
312	I've never seen so many 12" stripers. I often catch bigger freshwater bass.	12/5/2016 6:24 PM
313	Stop commercial fishing of stripers - forever!!!	12/5/2016 6:11 PM
314	Disappointing	12/5/2016 6:08 PM
315	Typical short sighted lunacy.	12/5/2016 6:07 PM
316	Gamefish status is still needed. But the by-catch is the major problem. i big squid boat or a bunch of herrin boats all kill loads of stripers feeding on what their netting.	12/5/2016 6:04 PM
317	Would like to see Striped Bass changed to a game fish	12/5/2016 5:47 PM
318	We should have a trophy tag you purchase for one fish over 43" allowed one fish 28/42 and one slot fish the bonus tag is one per season save the breaders and this should be coast wide also let's get a reasonably priced salt water license so we can put co s on the water to check boats more often	12/5/2016 5:39 PM
319	Its sucks	12/5/2016 5:36 PM
320	Stop killing the breeders. Give a trophy tag to keep one per year say over 48"	12/5/2016 5:35 PM

321	I think current management is primarily concerned with short term commercial interests. It doesn't take the longer view.	12/5/2016 5:28 PM
322	In MD the minimum size for recs is 20" while the comms can keep 18" fish. It won't be long before 20s will be scarce. We should all have the same size regs.	12/5/2016 5:20 PM
323	Commercial guys are killing it for all of us. Enforcement is a joke.	12/5/2016 5:18 PM
324	I just wish they would bring back the 20 to 26 inch slot and let the breeders live on to make more stripers	12/5/2016 5:18 PM
325	Party boats do some serious damage. I know it is the only means for some folks to catch quality fish, but seeing photos of 100 bass from a single trip makes one wonder, which side are they on	12/5/2016 5:16 PM
326	I hope they do something fast the last three or four years Cape May New Jersey has hardly seen any striped bass.	12/5/2016 5:11 PM
327	I have no faith in fisheries management, I don't think they really know how bad it is.	12/5/2016 5:10 PM
328	Any reasonable, neutral party would conclude that catching our most productive breeders ( fish in the commercial class ) is counterproductive.	12/5/2016 5:06 PM
329	One fish per person 28"-36" all others released one trophy tag per person per year. I am against the slot to protect the local back bay population which is mainly 23"-28" fish	12/5/2016 5:01 PM
330	Too many big breeders are being taken.	12/5/2016 4:57 PM
331	Need to reduce menhaden catch to improve striper fishery. Need to expand recreational striper locations from 3 miles and in to 12 miles and in.	12/5/2016 4:48 PM
332	Killing way too many breeders	12/5/2016 4:48 PM
333	Circle hooks should be used but snag and drop is effective and necessary and rebels are needed	12/5/2016 4:45 PM
334	Commercial harvest should be banned the length of the coast. Make it a game fish only.	12/5/2016 4:44 PM
335	All commercial fishing should end as soon as possible and all recreational fishing should be catch and release only.	12/5/2016 4:42 PM
336	It is much better then previous years.	12/5/2016 4:40 PM
337	Thanks for the survey	12/5/2016 4:40 PM
338	It has not worked for the past 15 years. I feel that the fishery should close for at least five years to enable the fishery recover from the overfishing that has occurred. Just take into account what happened to the cod fishery.	12/5/2016 4:39 PM
339	The fishery is still being managed towards a goal of allowing anglers to catch and keep a "keeper" bass on a regular basis with little thought spent on how valuable a recreational fishery we could have if the species was managed towards a goal of abn abundant stock with a good distribution of fish across all size classes.	12/5/2016 4:34 PM
340	Took 141 bass on my boat and for the third straight year, lots of 24-26 fish, few larger, no pogies or blues in Southern Maine, not many fishermen either. Mandatory circle hooks for some baiting situations makes hard fishing harder and injures more fish.	12/5/2016 4:33 PM
341	This was THE WORST SEASON I HAD IN 25 years. More has to be done to save this fishery. And ABSOLUTELY REGULATIONS HAVE TO BE THE SAME COAST WIDE.	12/5/2016 4:30 PM
342	Although the fall run was much better in 2016 than 2015, 14 and 13 the numbers from Apr to September were very bad. The fishery continues to decline. My point to everyone is if the fishery is in good shape, than why are so many fishermen reporting less and less fish? 2 relevant data points from MTK: The June locals tourney in Montauk saw no fish posted until June 20th. September Nor Easter in Montauk this fall. High hook in Montauk was a 27#. Most people caught nothing. There were hundreds in the water fishing. The resident fish population in Montauk is getting steadily worse every year.	12/5/2016 4:29 PM
343	save the large breeders	12/5/2016 4:27 PM
344	I KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCES THAT MANY UNDERSIZED BASS ARE BEING TAKEN BY FOREIGNERS. THEY ARE USUALLY LET GO WITH WARNINGS BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. I WOULD ENCOURAGE STRIPERS FOREVER TO RECOMMEND TO FINE THESE VIOLATERS. IT WILL GET AROUND THEIR COMMUNITY.	12/5/2016 4:23 PM

345	I fish the Chesapeake around Baltimore and Annapolis 45 years. The size of fish in the Chesapeake after the spawners head out this year 2016l has increased. The rec harvest in and around Baltimore and Annapolis is basically a commerical fleet day in and day out weather permitting. The combination of spring trophy season in the Chesapeake and the out right slaughter afterwards of the 20 in plus fish is insane. Then after all that ends the netters start up in the December for the ocean fish returning for the winter. Its just a matter of time before the whole thing crashes again like in the 70s. The good thing is I do see massive schools at times of under 20 inch fish. Probably from the 2015 class? 2016 spawn in Chesapeake was dismal. Maryland will never end the spring trophy season which wipes out the spawning biomass and gives waterman/charters some money before crab season starts up. Its almost impossible to time the spawn so many fish get caught and eaten full of eggs. As a 59 year old who lived thru the moratorium and saw what catch and relase can and did do its very sad that we as humans are still destroying this fish for table food.	12/5/2016 4:22 PM
346	What Management? Just let every striper go . do not keep or kill. If ya get hungry buy a jar of peanut butter.	12/5/2016 4:20 PM
347	run too much for commercial interests	12/5/2016 4:17 PM
348	I feel that the recreational take is more to blame for the downturn than anything else. Especially when the limit was 2 or 3 fish over 2	12/5/2016 4:17 PM
349	The fly fishing in the Damariscotta and St John's bay area remains terrible. Has been this way for the last 10 years. I have mostly given up. This year, went out first day in early July, hooked 5 fish, landed three, all about 12-14 inches, and never saw another fish and quit looking. I think the bait guys were catching them and some guys who are more knowledgeable than me, but I used to catch about 500 fish over a 6 week summer. So that says everything. Total fish last 10 years: 7-10 Maybe. Kennebec and South has fish, this year little ones per my two guide friend who went out a few times. Otherwise nothing wirth fishing, nothing predictable. I don't think anyone should be able to keep any fish, period. MJ	12/5/2016 4:16 PM
350	Its crazy the way n.o.o.a. uses non sceintific data to make fishing laws.	12/5/2016 4:15 PM
351	Keep it up	12/5/2016 4:14 PM
352	Need to work harder and buying out gill net rights and stop unrestricted dragnet fishing	12/5/2016 4:14 PM
353	Commercial rod and reel fishing especially in Massachussetts takes huge numbers of breeder sized fish out of the population	12/5/2016 4:12 PM
354	We need more law-enforcement on the beaches	12/5/2016 4:12 PM
355	I would like to see the rules changed so that if you hire a captain only the paying customers count as the amount of fish allowed to be killed for consumption.	12/5/2016 4:12 PM
356	ASMFC should require all coastal states to have the same creel/size limit for the SSB. Coastal bays etc should have Conservation Eqiv's.	12/5/2016 4:11 PM
357	It'll never work unless commercial fishing is ended, and stripers are made a game fish up and down the entire east coast.	12/5/2016 4:09 PM
358	too many large fish killed	12/4/2016 4:24 PM