

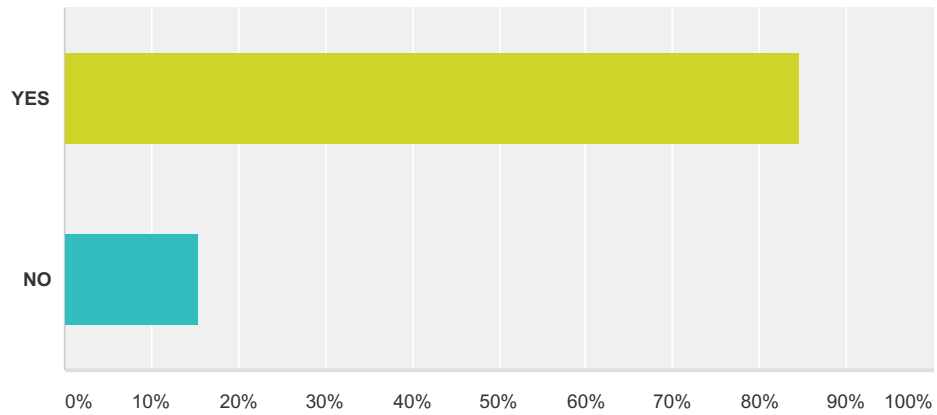
### Q1 Please provide the following information.

Answered: 685 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Name:	100.00% 685
City/Town:	100.00% 685
State:	100.00% 685
Email Address:	100.00% 685

**Q2 Are you currently a member of Stripers Forever? (If you receive periodic emails from us you are a member.)**

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Answer Choices	Responses
YES	84.53% 579
NO	15.47% 106
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>

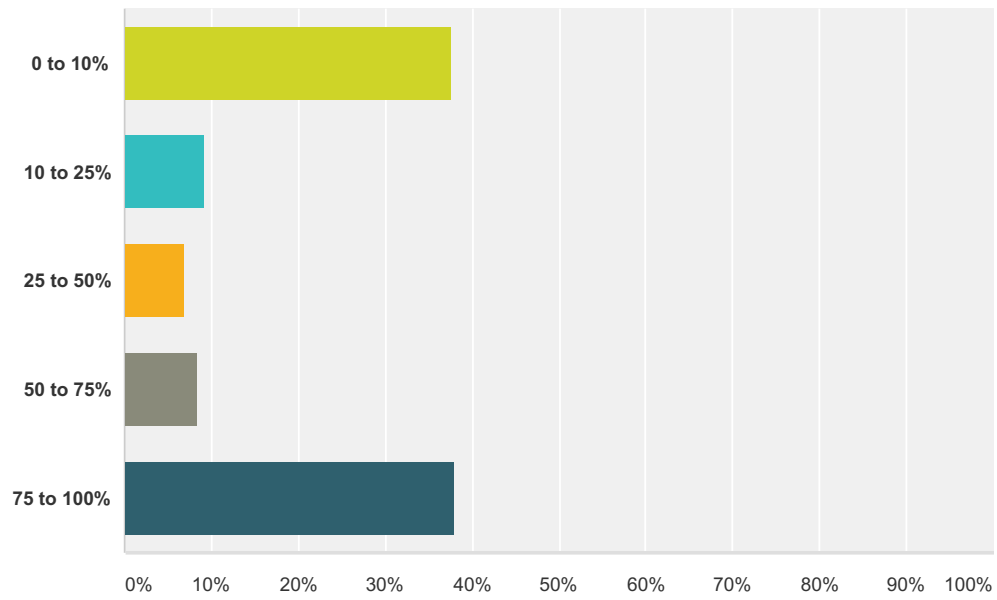
### Q3 I fish mostly in the following town & state:

Answered: 655 Skipped: 30

Answer Choices	Responses	
City/Town:	92.98%	609
State:	99.39%	651

### Q4 2. I fish from a boat what percentage of the time?

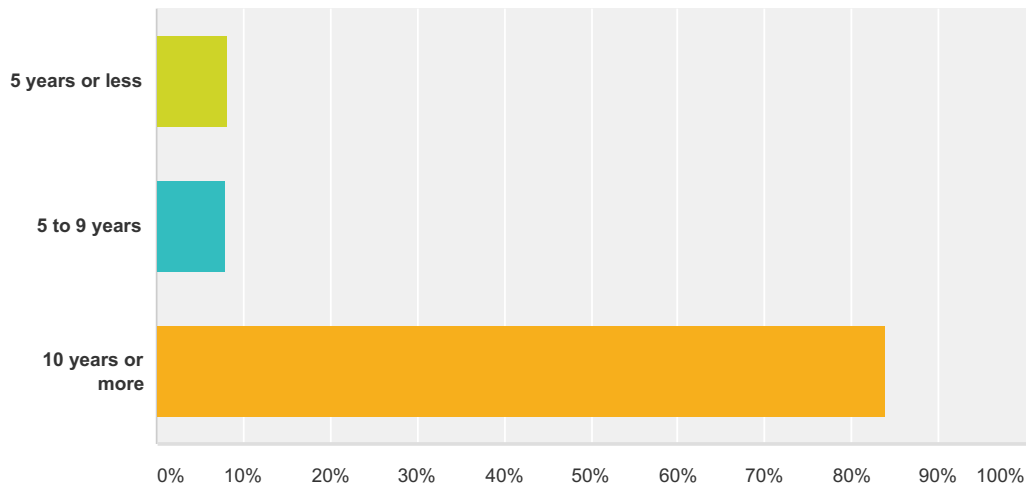
Answered: 664 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Responses
0 to 10%	37.65% 250
10 to 25%	9.19% 61
25 to 50%	6.93% 46
50 to 75%	8.28% 55
75 to 100%	37.95% 252
<b>Total</b>	<b>664</b>

### Q5 3. I have fished regularly for stripers for this many years.

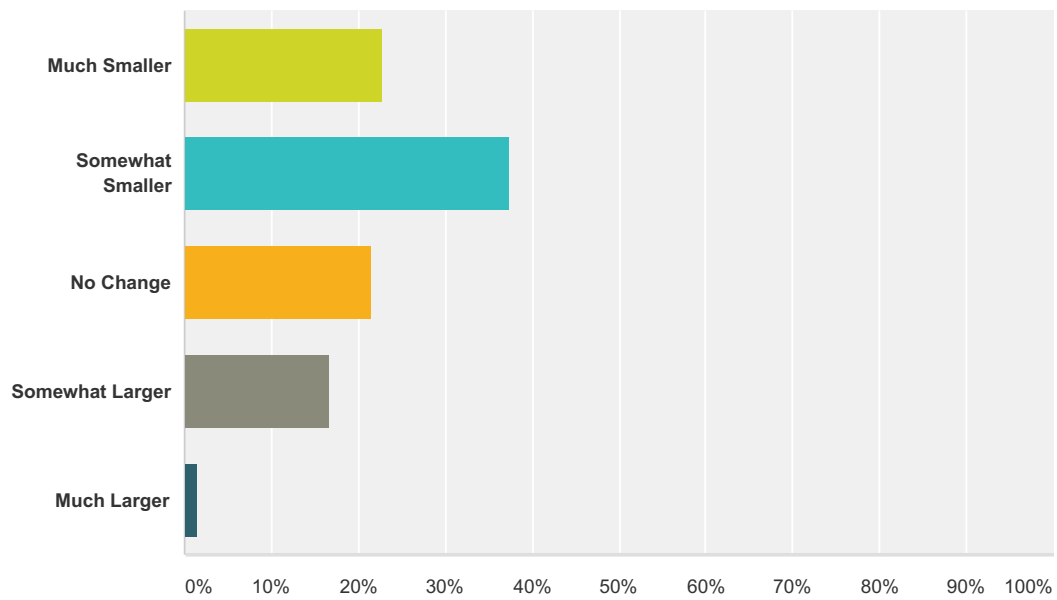
Answered: 663 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses
5 years or less	8.14% 54
5 to 9 years	7.99% 53
10 years or more	83.86% 556
<b>Total</b>	<b>663</b>

### Q6 The average size of the stripers that I catch now has changed as follows:

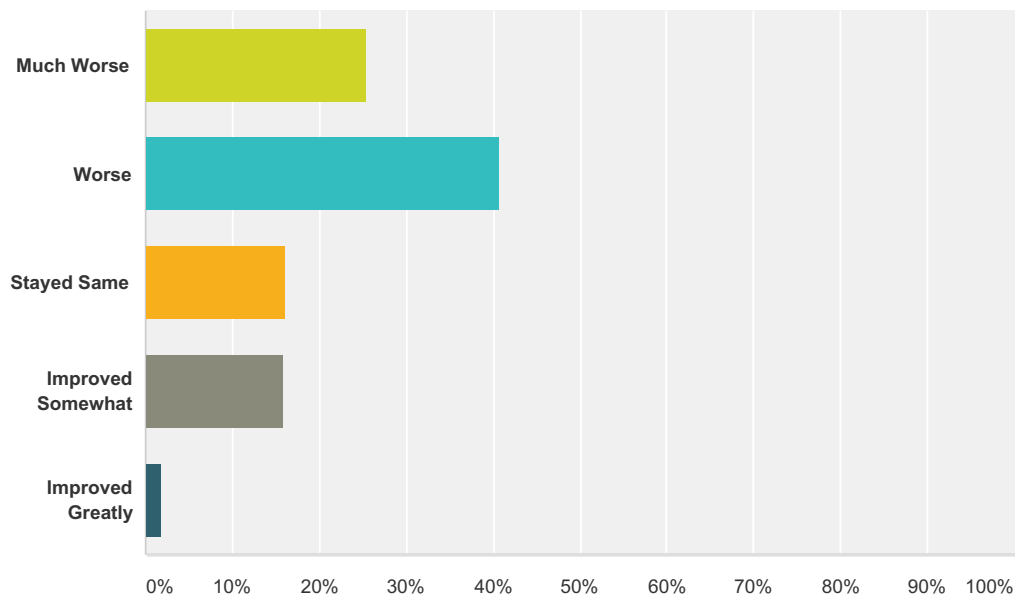
Answered: 662 Skipped: 23



Answer Choices	Responses
Much Smaller	22.81% 151
Somewhat Smaller	37.46% 248
No Change	21.60% 143
Somewhat Larger	16.77% 111
Much Larger	1.36% 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>662</b>

### Q7 In my opinion, striper fishing in the past five years has changed as follows:

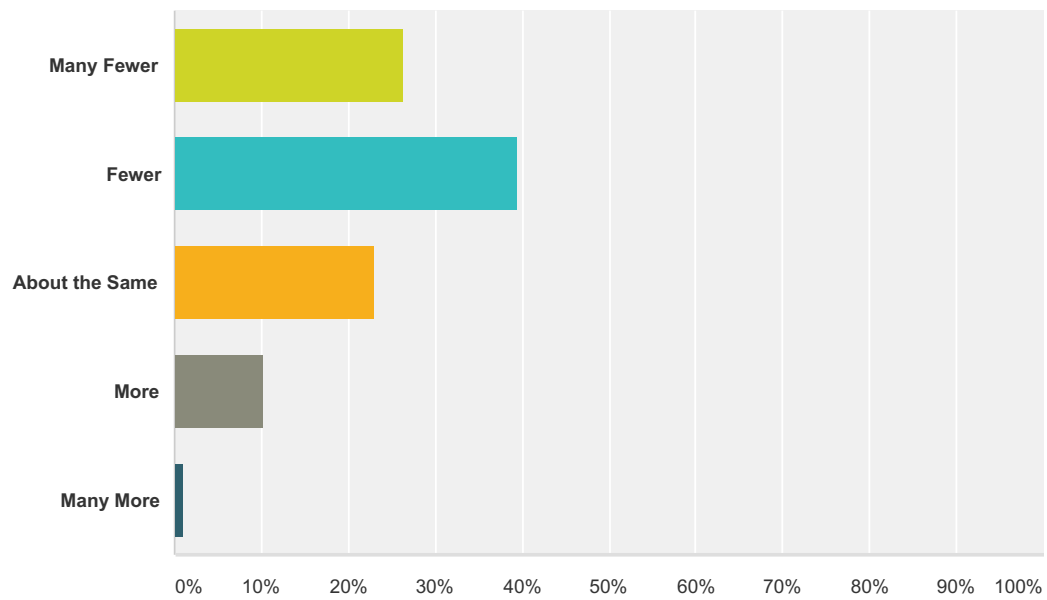
Answered: 657 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses
Much Worse	25.42% 167
Worse	40.64% 267
Stayed Same	16.13% 106
Improved Somewhat	15.83% 104
Improved Greatly	1.98% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>657</b>

### Q8 The number of stripers I catch per hour of fishing time on the water is:

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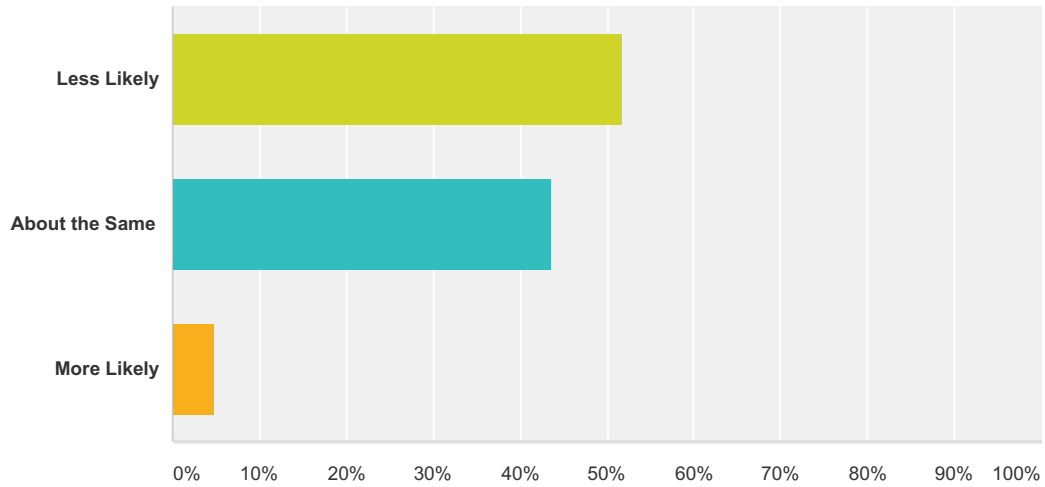


Answer Choices	Responses
Many Fewer	26.36% 174
Fewer	39.39% 260
About the Same	23.03% 152
More	10.15% 67
Many More	1.06% 7
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>



**Q9 Because of the changes in the striped bass fishery, my inclination to take a professionally guided striped bass trip has changed as follows:**

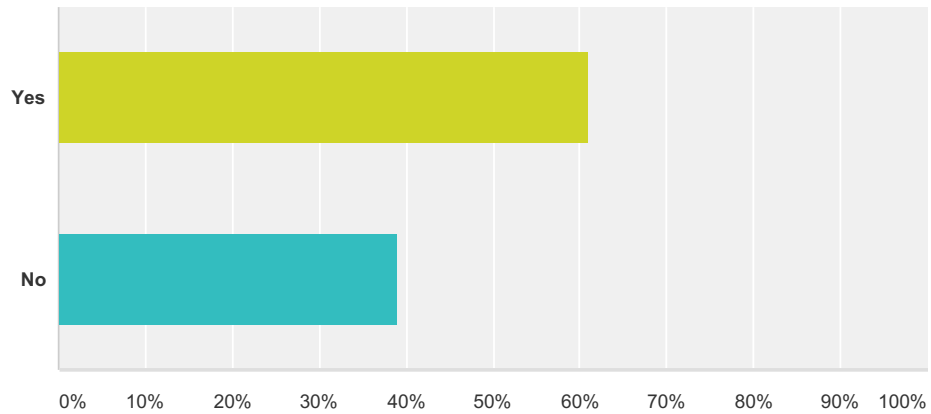
Answered: 659 Skipped: 26



Answer Choices	Responses
Less Likely	51.75% 341
About the Same	43.55% 287
More Likely	4.70% 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>659</b>

**Q10 Forgetting for a moment current striped bass regulations, and starting with a clean sheet, I think that recreational anglers should be able to keep at least one school striper (possibly different from state to state, but probably between 18 and 28 inches in length) per day for personal consumption.**

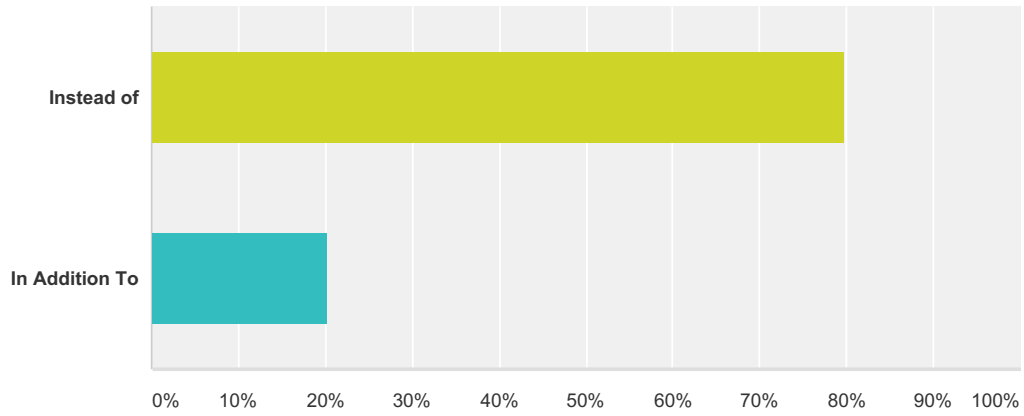
Answered: 641 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	61.00% 391
No	39.00% 250
<b>Total</b>	<b>641</b>

**Q11 If you answered yes to the previous question, should this smaller fish be allowed instead of, or in addition to, a bass of some larger size?**

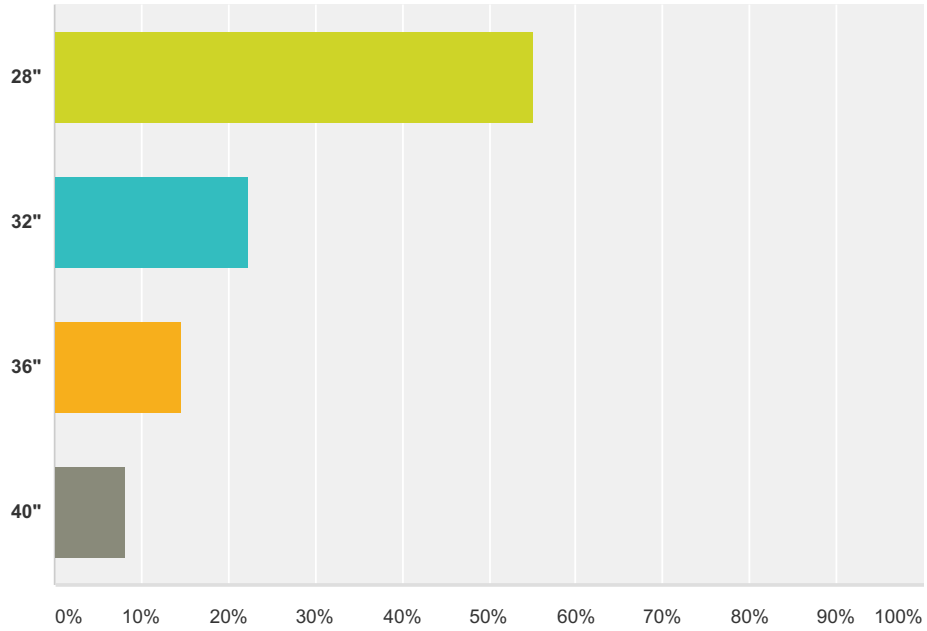
Answered: 415 Skipped: 270



Answer Choices	Responses
Instead of	79.76% 331
In Addition To	20.24% 84
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>

**Q12 If you answered no question 1 above, what do you think the minimum size should be?**

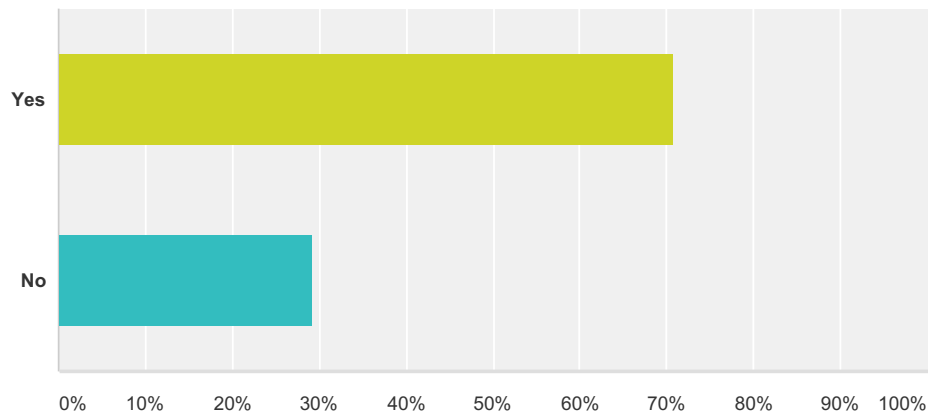
Answered: 310 Skipped: 375



Answer Choices	Responses
28"	55.16% 171
32"	22.26% 69
36"	14.52% 45
40"	8.06% 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>

### Q13 Do you think we should have a slot limit for recreationally caught stripers?

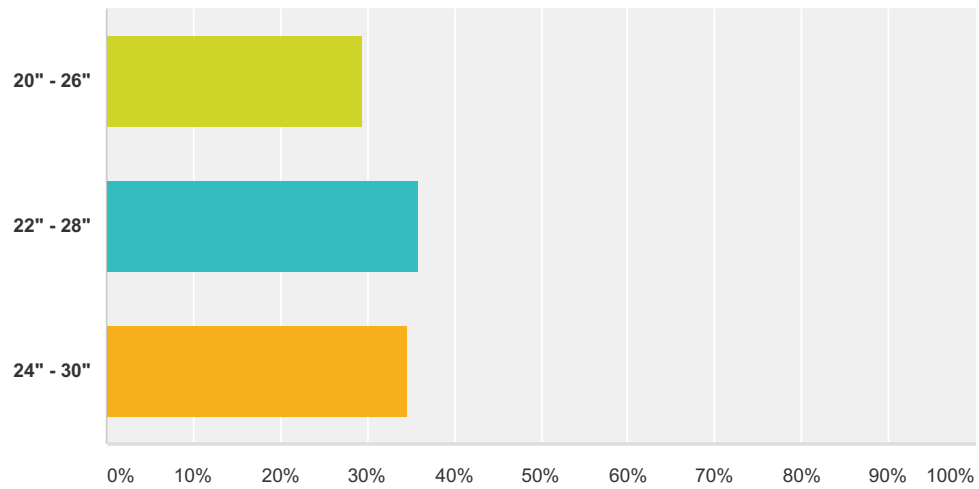
Answered: 632 Skipped: 53



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	70.73%	447
No	29.27%	185
<b>Total</b>		<b>632</b>

### Q14 If you said yes, indicate the slot size that is closest to your preference?

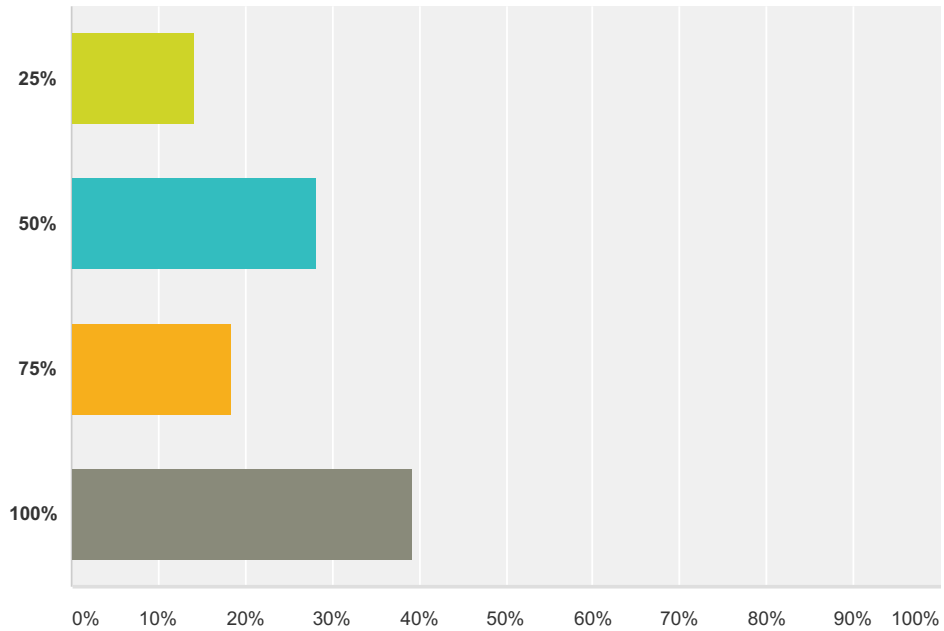
Answered: 454 Skipped: 231



Answer Choices	Responses
20" - 26"	29.52% 134
22" - 28"	35.90% 163
24" - 30"	34.58% 157
<b>Total</b>	<b>454</b>

**Q15 When commercial fishing is ended, what percentage of the current commercial quota should be saved from harvest as a conservation measure? The rest would be available to liberalize the recreational harvest.**

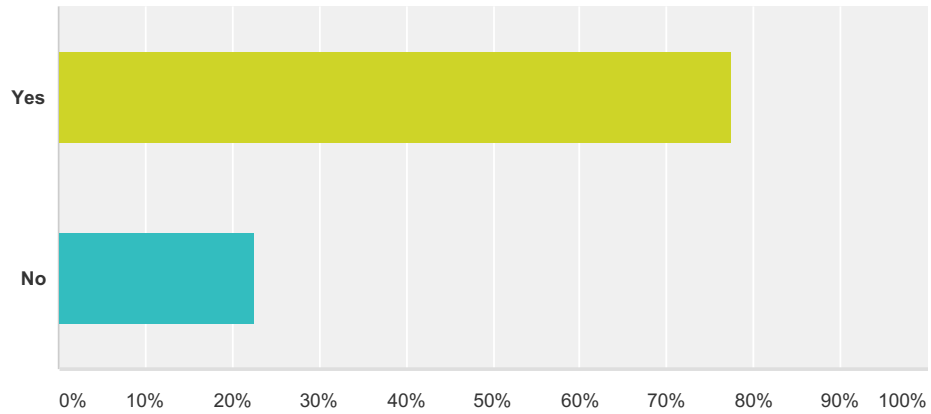
Answered: 623 Skipped: 62



Answer Choices	Responses
25%	14.29% 89
50%	28.25% 176
75%	18.30% 114
100%	39.17% 244
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>

**Q16 Would you favor legislation that creates a striped bass stamp costing between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per year with the funds earmarked to buy out the current commercial fishery?**

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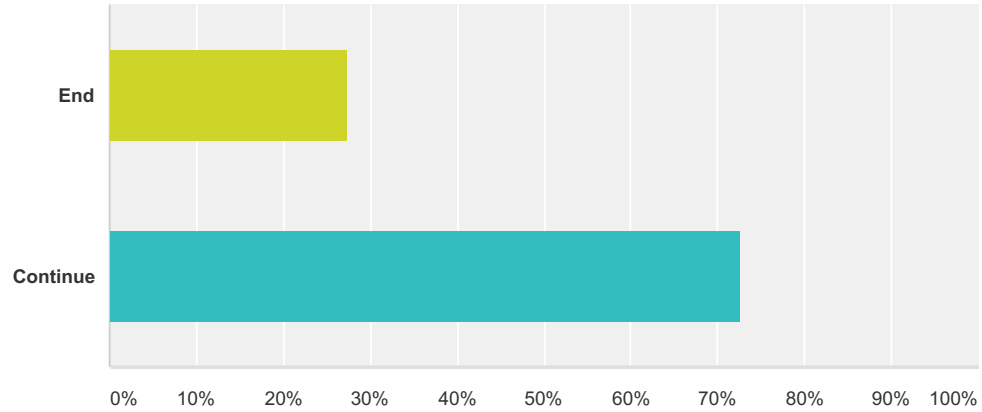


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	77.39% 493
No	22.61% 144
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>



**Q17 If you answered yes to the previous question, should this stamp program end after a fixed number of years, or should the fee continue to fund enforcement and striped bass enhancement programs?**

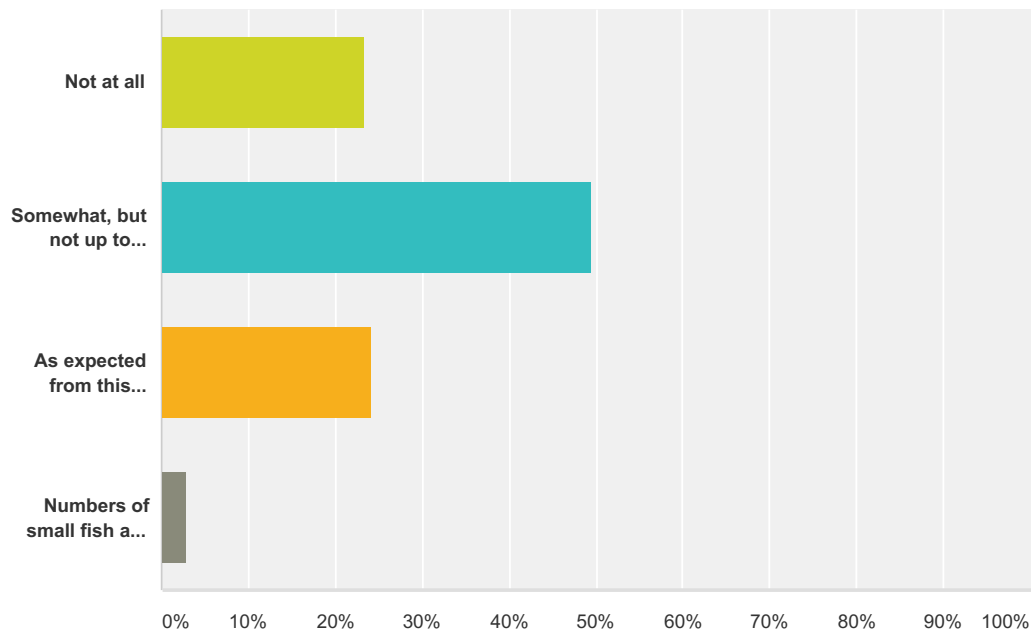
Answered: 508 Skipped: 177



Answer Choices	Responses
End	27.36% 139
Continue	72.64% 369
<b>Total</b>	<b>508</b>

**Q18 Much of the hope for a striped bass recovery lies in the 2011 year class which was estimated to be very large. An unusually large year class would be expected to have sent great numbers of small (10"-11") fish to the coast in 2013, widespread schools of 16" fish in 2014, very strong numbers of 18" to 20" stripers in 2015, and in 2016, the season just past, all coastal jurisdictions should have seen many fish in the 23 to 25 inch size range. In your opinion how well has the 2011 year class lived up to these expectations?**

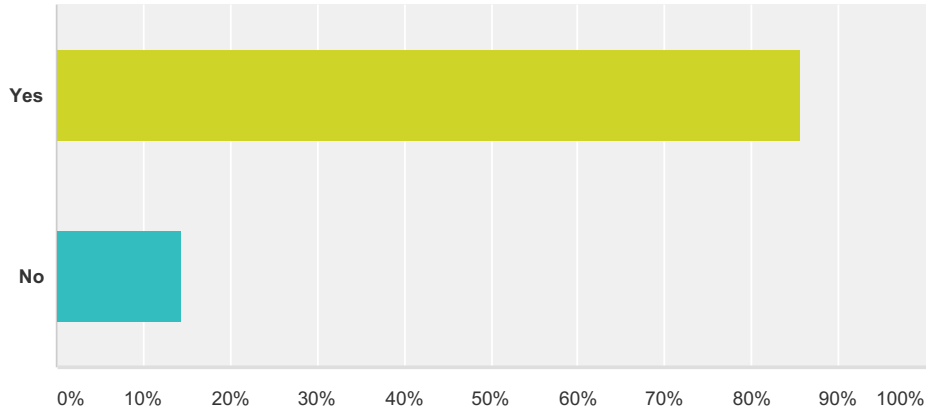
Answered: 631 Skipped: 54



Answer Choices	Responses
Not at all	23.30% 147
Somewhat, but not up to expectations	49.45% 312
As expected from this near-record year class	24.25% 153
Numbers of small fish are comparable to the best years of the 90s and early 2000s.	3.01% 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>631</b>

### Q19 Should Stripers Forever advocate that circle hooks be required, where practical, when bait fishing for striped bass?

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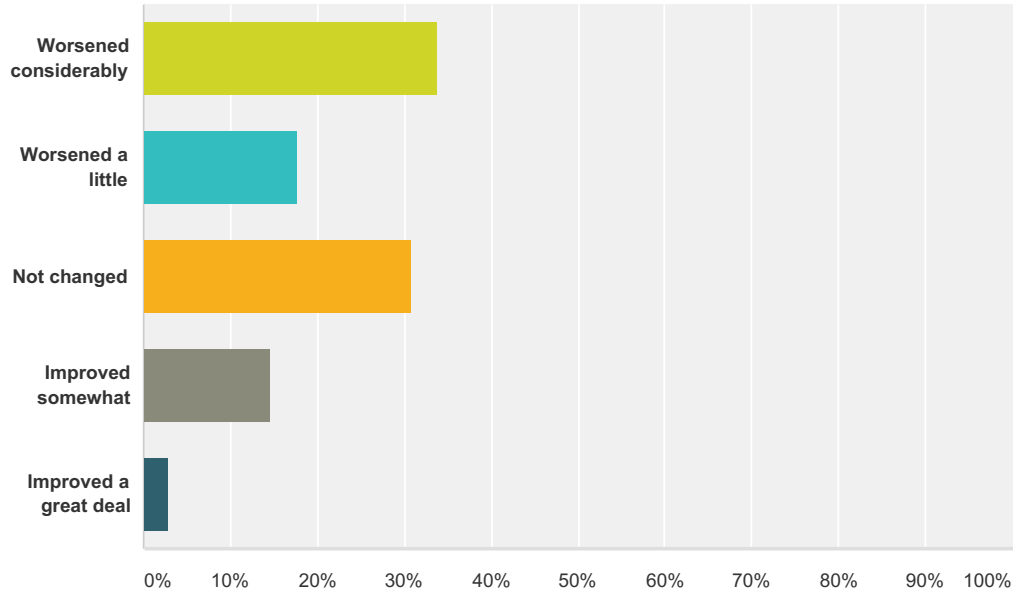
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	85.58% 546
No	14.42% 92
<b>Total Respondents: 638</b>	

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

Answered: 358 Skipped: 327

### Q21 How has your guiding business for striped bass changed because of the fishery in the last five years?

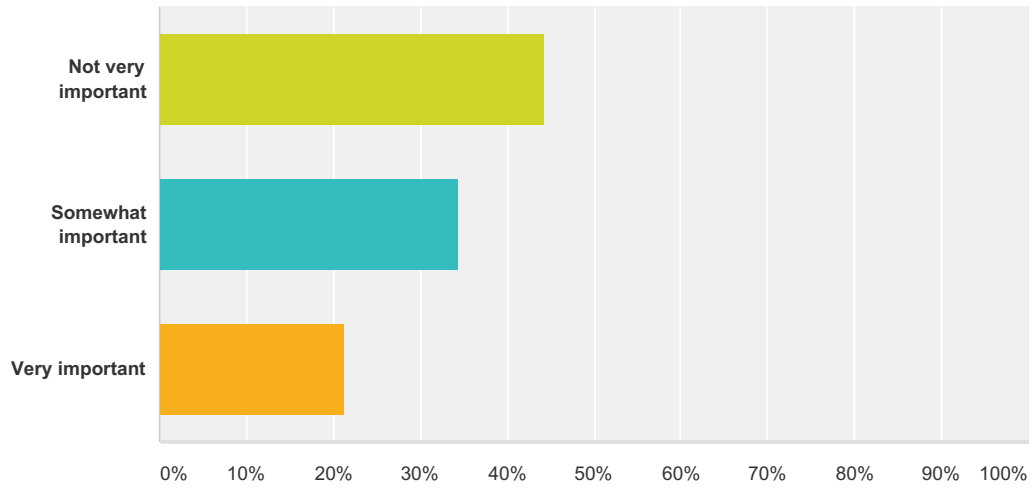
Answered: 68 Skipped: 617



Answer Choices	Responses
Worsened considerably	33.82% 23
Worsened a little	17.65% 12
Not changed	30.88% 21
Improved somewhat	14.71% 10
Improved a great deal	2.94% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

### Q22 How important is keeping a striped bass to your clients?

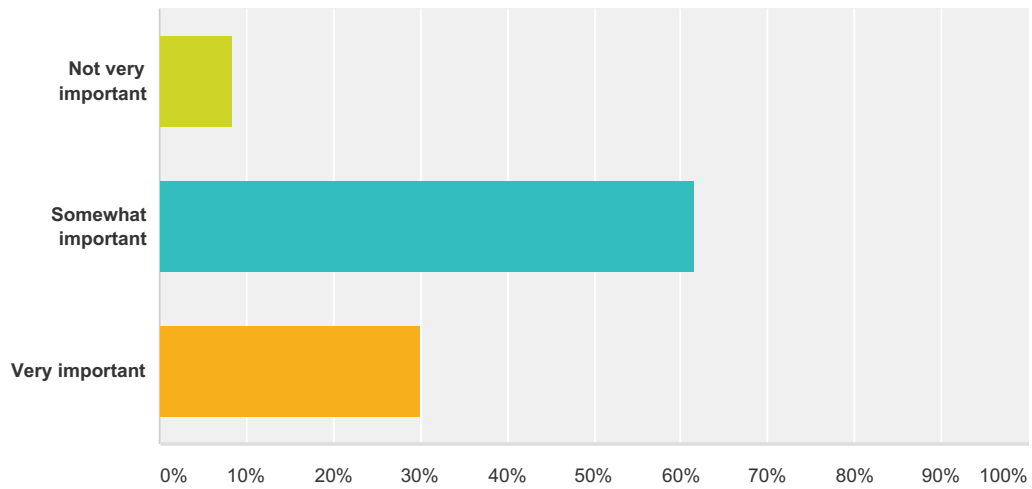
Answered: 61 Skipped: 624



Answer Choices	Responses
Not very important	44.26% 27
Somewhat important	34.43% 21
Very important	21.31% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

### Q23 How important to your clients is catching a lot of stripers per trip?

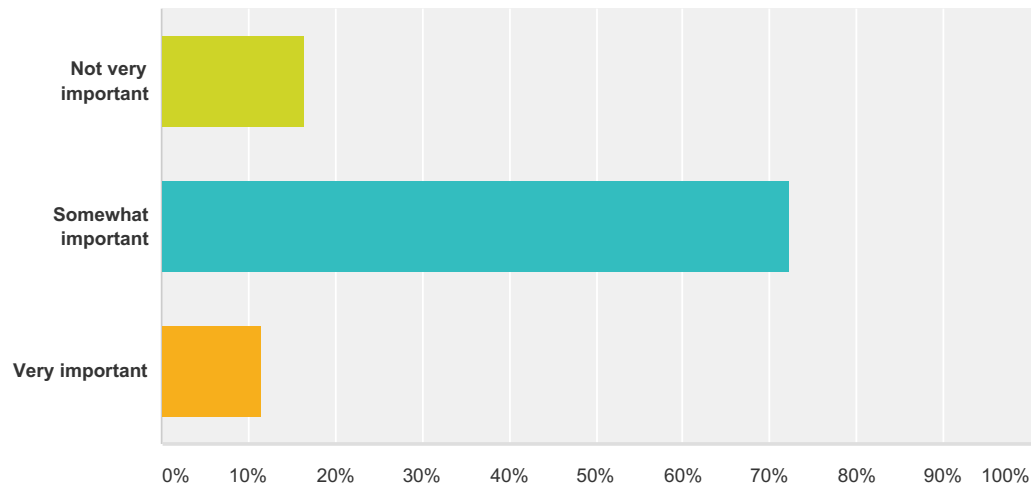
Answered: 60 Skipped: 625



Answer Choices	Responses
Not very important	8.33% 5
Somewhat important	61.67% 37
Very important	30.00% 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

### Q24 How important is catching a really large striper to your clients?

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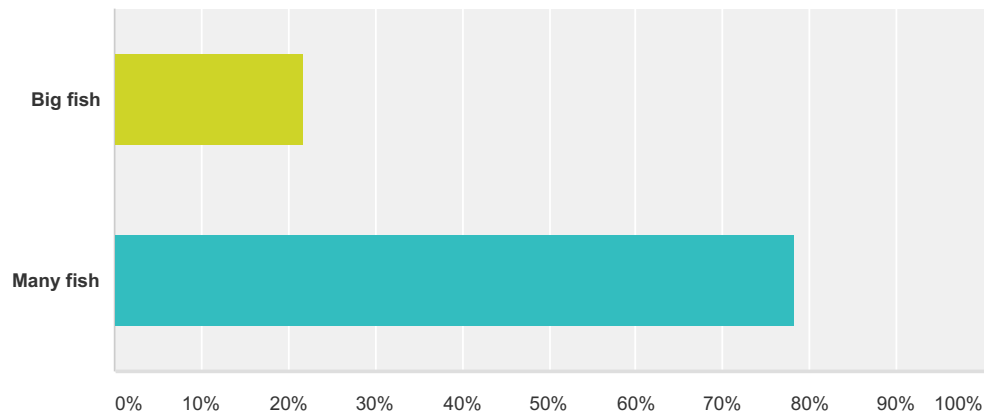


Answer Choices	Responses	
Not very important	16.39%	10
Somewhat important	72.13%	44
Very important	11.48%	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>



### Q25 Which is more important to my clients, catching big fish or catching a lot of fish?

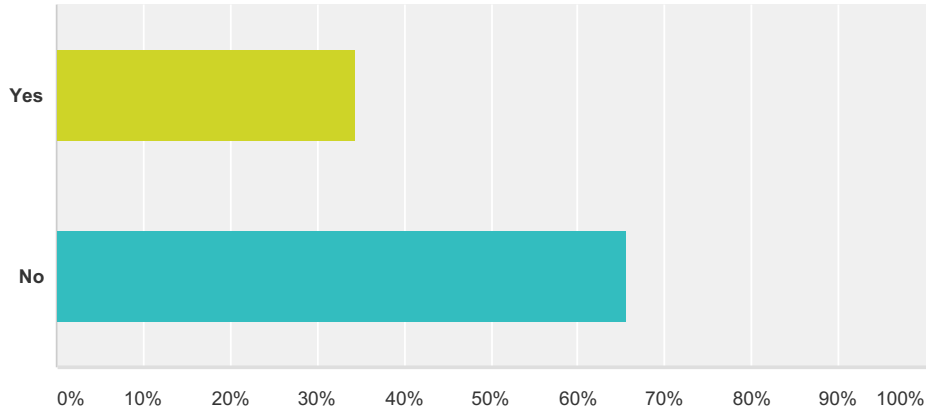
Answered: 60 Skipped: 625



Answer Choices	Responses
Big fish	21.67% 13
Many fish	78.33% 47
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

**Q26 I am more likely than I was 5 years ago to make new investments in equipment for my striped bass guiding business?**

Answered: 61 Skipped: 624



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	34.43%	21
No	65.57%	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>

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

Answered: 35 Skipped: 650