



<b>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.</b>															
yes	42	6	85	23	23	45	109	0	3	23	11	4	1	375	61.0%
no	21	3	82	19	23	54	36	2	0	2	1	0	1	244	39.0%
<b>11. If you answered yes to #8, should this smaller fish be allowed instead of, or in addition to, a bass of some larger size?</b>															
instead of	42	6	80	21	21	40	86	0	0	15	4	3	1	319	80.0%
in addition to	2	0	11	4	4	8	32	0	3	8	7	1	0	80	20.0%
<b>12. If you answered no to #8 what should the minimum size be?</b>															
28	17	0	38	12	17	34	38	0		5	4	1	1	167	55.0%
32	4	1	18	4	7	19	13	1		1	0	0	0	68	23.0%
36	3	1	18	3	3	11	3	0		0	0	0	0	42	14.0%
40	2	0	15	2	2	1	2	1		0	0	0	0	25	8.0%
<b>13. Do you think we should have a slot limit for recreationally caught stripers?</b>															
yes	51	6	111	25	30	61	110	1	2	20	8	4	2	431	71.0%
no	12	3	52	16	17	36	32	1	1	5	4	0	0	179	29.0%
<b>14. Slot preference</b>															
20-26	29	2	40	7	7	6	20	0	1	13	2	3	1	131	30.0%
22-28	17	2	30	10	6	23	56	1	1	4	4	0	1	155	35.0%
24-30	5	2	45	9	18	32	36	0	0	3	2	1	0	153	35.0%
<b>15. When commercial fishing is ended, what percentage of the current commercial quota should be saved from harvest as a conservation buffer? The rest would be used to liberalize the recreational harvest. 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%</b>															
25%	10	0	14	6	6	18	24	0	0	4	2	0	0	84	14.0%
50	14	1	34	11	14	27	46	1	3	10	6	2	1	170	27.0%
75	12	1	32	10	6	18	25	0	0	5	0	1	0	110	18.0%
100%	24	7	83	12	18	32	48	1	0	6	4	1	1	237	41.0%
<b>16. Would you favor legislation that creates a striped bass stamp costing between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per year with the funds earmarked to buyout the current commercial fishery?</b>															
yes	53	7	132	28	40	76	98	1	3	20	10	4	2	474	77.0%
no	10	2	33	14	7	21	47	1	0	5	2	0	0	142	23.0%
<b>17. If you answered yes to #15, should this stamp program end after a fixed number of years, or should the fee continue to fund enforcement and striped bass enhancement programs?</b>															
end	19	1	35	8	9	17	36	0	1	6	2	0	1	135	28.0%
continue	34	6	102	21	31	60	71	1	2	14	8	4	1	355	72.0%
<b>18. Much of the hope for a striped bass recovery lies in the 2011 year class which was said to be larger than all but three ever recorded. If these fish survived to join the coastal migratory stock, we should have seen unusual numbers of small (10"-11") fish in 2013, widespread schools of 16" fish in 2014, and during the season just ended in 2015 very strong numbers of 18" to 20" stripers in the coastal fishery. How well is the 2011 year class living up to these expectations?</b>															
not at all	12	1	35	10	5	18	46	0	2	6	3	2	0	140	24.0%
somewhat, but not up to expectations	38	8	86	20	20	48	62	1	0	13	6	0	0	302	54.0%
as expected from this near-record year class	11	0	40	8	18		32	1	1	6	3	2	0	122	21.0%
Numbers of small fish comparable to best years	1	0	0	3	3		3	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	1.0%
<b>19. Should Stripers Forever advocate that circle hooks be required, where practical, when bait fishing for striped bass?</b>															

yes	56	8	151	37	45	78	111	2	3	23	12	3	2	531	86.0%
no	7	1	18	5	2	17	33	0	0	1	0	1	0	85	14.0%
<b>20. My personal comments on striped bass management that you have not covered are? See separate PDF file.</b>															
<b>Guides Section</b>															
<b>21. How has your guiding business for striped bass changed because of the fishery in the last five years?</b>															
worsened considerably	1	0	5	1	1	4	7			2	1	0	0	22	34.0%
worsened a little	1		2	1	2	2	2			1	0	0	0	11	17.0%
not changed	4		7		2	3	4			0	0	0	0	20	31.0%
imporved somewhat	1		1			2	2			1	1	1	0	9	15.0%
improved a great deal	0		0				2			0	0	0	0	2	3.0%
<b>22. How important is keeping a striped bass to your clients?</b>															
not very important	3		10	1	3	5	1			0	0	0	0	23	40.0%
somewhat important	3		4	1	2	2	7			1	0	1	0	21	37.0%
very important	0		0			3	5			3	2	0	0	13	23.0%
<b>23. How important to your clients is catching a lot of stripers per trip?</b>															
not very important	1		1			1	1			0	0	0	0	4	7.0%
somewhat important	5		7		5	6	6			3	0	1	0	33	57.0%
very important	0		5	2		3	6			3	2	0	0	21	36.0%
<b>24. How important is catching a really large striper to your clients?</b>															
not very important	1		3			1	2			1	0	0	0	8	14.0%
somewhat important	5		10	1	5	7	9			3	1	1	0	42	74.0%
very important	0		1	1		2	2			0	1	0	0	7	12.0%
<b>25. Which is more important to my clients, catching big fish or catching a lot of fish?</b>															
big fish	2		3		2	2	3			0	1	0	0	13	23.0%
many fish	4		11	2	3	8	10			4	0	1	0	43	77.0%
<b>26. I am more likely than I was 5 years ago to make new investments in equipment for my striped bass guiding business?</b>															
yes	2		5	2		4	4			1	1	1	0	20	35.0%
no	4		9		5	6	9			3	1	0	0	37	65.0%

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