Question # and answer	<u>ME</u>	<u>NH</u>	MA	<u>RI</u>	<u>CT</u>	NY	NJ	PA	<u>DE</u>	MD	<u>VA</u>	<u>NC</u>	SC	totals	% response
Personal use angler's section										_					
State of the Fishery 2015	65	9	174	43	48	107	149	2	3	25	12	4	2	643	100%
1. What state															
2. Are you currently a member of Stripers Forever															
yes	59	8	153	37	42	76	132	2	3	21	7	3	1	544	85.0%
no	6	1	21	6	6	31	17	0	0	4	5	1	1	99	15.0%
3. Town and State (see top line for state)															
4. I fish from a boat what percentage of the time.															
0 to 10%	21	5	64	19	10	57	62	1	1	0	2	1	0	243	38.0%
10 to 25%	4	0	19	7	3	7	13	1	0	2	2	0	1	59	9.0%
25 to 50%	4	0	13	4	4	5	9	0	0	1	0	2	1	43	7.0%
50 to 75%	5	1	19	1	8	6	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	54	8.0%
75 to 100%	30	3	59	12	23	31	55	0	1	21	6	1	0	242	38.0%
5. I have fished regularly for stripers for this many	years.														
<5 years	6	2	14	1	5	14	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	53	8.0%
5-9 years	2	1	18	5	5	5	11	1	0	2	0	0	1	51	8.0%
>10	57	6	140	37	37	88	129	1	3	22	11	4	1	536	84.0%
6. The average size of the stripers that I catch now	v has ch	anged	as fol	lows:											
much smaller	16	4	52	12	5	14	26	0	1	8	2	2	0	142	22.0%
somewhat smaller	32	2	63	17	17	46	47	2	0	8	6	0	1	241	38.0%
no change	8	2	33	6	15	20	43	0	2	5	2	0	1	137	21.0%
somewhat larger	9	1	24	8	9	26	26	0	0	4	1	2	0	110	17.0%
much larger	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	2.0%
7. In my opinion striper fishing in the past five year	rs has	change	ed as f	ollows	s:										
much worse	15	3	42	10	7	26	47	0	1	6	3	1	0	161	25.0%
worse	20	3	75	20	24	39	57	1	0	12	6	1	1	259	41.0%
same	13	1	28	7	6	16	23	1	1	3	1	0	0	100	16.0%
improved somewhat	16	1	27	6	10	22	15	0	1	3	1	1	0	103	16.0%
improved greatly	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	13	2.0%
8. The number of stripers I catch per hour of fishing	ig time o	on the	water i	is:											
many fewer	20	3	35	10	6	24	57	1	1	8	3	2	0	170	27.0%
fewer	18	4	74	18	22	41	56	1	0	11	4	0	1	250	39.0%
about the same	12	2	43	10	14	29	24	0	2	7	3	1	0	147	23.0%
more	14	0	19	4	5	12	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	10.0%
many more	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	1.0%
9. Because of the changes in the striped bass fisher	y my inc	clinatio	on to ta	ke a p	rofess	ionally	guide	d strij	ped ba	SS					
trip has changed as follows:															
less likely	42	5	86	25	23	58	78	2	1	9	4	2	0	335	53.0%
about the same	22	3	77	17	23	45	62	0	2	13	5	2	2	273	43.0%
more likely	1	1	9	1	2	3	6	0	0	3	3	0	0	29	4.0%
Bag and size limit															
10. Forgetting for a moment current striped bass r	egulatio	ns, and	d starti	ng wi	th a cle	ean she	et, I th	nink tl	hat rec	reation	ıal				

Detween 18 and 28 inches in length) per day for personal consumption.	anglers should be able to keep at least one school s	triper (p	ossibly	differ	ent fr	om sta	te to st	ate, bu	t prok	ably					Ι	
Yes									Ι΄							
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12. If you answered no to #8 what should the minimum size be?	instead of							86	0	0		4		1	319	80.0%
17	in addition to	2	0	11	4	4	8	32	0	3	8	7	1	0	80	20.0%
32	12. If you answered no to #8 what should the minir	num siz	e be?													
3	28	17	0		12	17			0		5	4	1	1		
13. Do you think we should have a slot limit for recreationally caught stripers?   15	32		1		4			13	1		1	0	0	0		23.0%
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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%	20-26				7	7			0	1		2		1		
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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?  yes			1			_			0	0		-	1	0		
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<sup>27.</sup> My comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business: See separate PDF file.