

## Q19 Any comments about the current management of the fishery?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	letting so many big fish be killed is just ridiculous. all fish over 40" must be released!!!!	1/9/2018 5:56 AM
2	MAKE STRIPERS A "GAME FISH"!!!	1/8/2018 11:09 PM
3	We need ecosystem based management which includes forage fish like menhaden.	1/7/2018 6:19 AM
4	Thanks for all your hard work!	1/6/2018 6:18 PM
5	Protect the menhaden! We need to have the bait fish to feed and support the recreational fishing industry.	1/4/2018 3:01 PM
6	Blown by scientific agendas. I have been fishing these waters since before I was able to walk, 1980 and never saw stripers. At that time the keeper limit was 36". This limit OBVIOUSLY worked. Because now over 20 yes later there are stripers all over. But by keeping ALOT of the large breeders we r going to start losing the population again. I'm in NY. Smarten up from the on hand experience like from myself. Increase DEC patrol. PLEASE!!	1/4/2018 2:41 PM
7	2017 was the best year for striper fishing in several years. I was able to catch a keeper on almost every outing. There were however more small scoolies than I have ever seen and it was extremely rare to catch a fish over 34".	1/4/2018 12:53 PM
8	Not enoughbenforcement to catch the lowlife poachers,especially in the NYC bight	1/4/2018 12:13 PM
9	Hey my name is Thomas Brown I'm 25 years old I've been fishing for striped bass along as I can remember, and in that time I've seen good times and now the beginning of a very bad time if we continue to go down the road we are currently on. I think that there should be a slot limit and even a catch and release only season or something like that as well. Look at the Florida situation with snook and redfish they do that and the stocks are way back up, total success story. All people do is bitch and complain about how bad the fishing has got but they throw a "keeper" in the box as soon as they catch one. We know what has to be done and it is about time we start doing something about it!	1/4/2018 11:56 AM
10	Enforcement of current regulations is minimal! Poaching and spearfishing are a real problem.	1/4/2018 10:31 AM
11	Larger minimum size than the current 28". A tag system similar to hunting. Ten tags per season is reasonable for Striped Bass. More law enforcement for poachers and harsher penalties.	1/4/2018 8:48 AM
12	Ridiculous	1/4/2018 7:49 AM
13	commercial fishing for striped bass should be cut way back or stopped altogether.	1/3/2018 2:37 PM
14	Only been fishing a few years, so my perspective is narrow. But, what a great fish. I think we should have a 36 inch to 40 or 42 slot for a number of years. No big fish taken. Let abundance take hold. Additionally, let the angler take a voluntary pledge to take NO fish for a period of time. Then, slot limits for most years, but every few years, allow people to take a cow or two. Maybe use tags for big fish. Much stronger conservation law enforcement. Or at least educate! There is a lot of poaching going on all over the place.	1/3/2018 9:19 AM
15	The current and future management of the striped bass fishery should be in the hands of biologists. It should not be in the hands of fishermen as several of the above questions imply. Leave management to the professionals.	1/3/2018 8:44 AM
16	In regard to fishery management, what upsets me most is the way their data is collected. This is an estimate, and does not provide enough information to dictate the population. I believe striped bass needs to be a game fish only, for all states (except hybrid species). Without all states united in management, we cannot strengthen the herd.	1/3/2018 5:03 AM
17	we need a longer term approach	1/2/2018 5:39 PM

18	The survey doesn't address the most recent season's results. To be honest, while the overall trend in the fishery has been trending downward over the past 5+ years, this past summer (2017) saw a consistent increase in the number of stripers caught per trip. Discussions with other anglers indicated similar results. Average size was still much smaller than in previous years though.	1/2/2018 4:33 PM
19	It needs help. The government has done too little, too late!	1/2/2018 4:12 PM
20	Current management should restrict the current number of commercial licenses and quotas	1/2/2018 3:19 PM
21	More law enforcement?	1/2/2018 12:50 PM
22	There is no reason for any commercial fishing of wild striped bass!	1/2/2018 9:59 AM
23	I fish the Cape Cod canal and what I saw down there last year was horrible. The rampant poaching, upsizing of fish and the ignorant handling of fish turned my stomach. I think one of the biggest threats to the fishery is the recreational fisherman himself. The ignorance and blatant disregard for the fishery was the worst I've ever seen. I think some of the focus should be on education and enforcement. Stiffer fines and seizure of all gear should be the rule not the exception. Something needs to be done. Just my opinion.	1/2/2018 9:40 AM
24	Commercial fishing for striped bass should end, and limits for recreational anglers should be set at one fish per outing. Circle hooks look like a good idea. Stripers Forever is a worthy organization	1/2/2018 8:35 AM
25	Yes. I fish in ME and MA at different times of the season and take about 4 guided trips per year. I also think we should purchase a striper stamp to keep fish (like the Northwest) where each stamp allows the angler to keep up to ten fish at which point they buy another stamp. This pays for enforcement and provides catch data. I do NOT believe anglers should be allowed to keep a fish a day unless they pay for a stamp. I also think you could allow the stamp to provide keeping smaller fish like a slot limit but again anglers pay for the privilege.	1/2/2018 7:34 AM
26	Regs should be the entire east coast and no more commercial fishing. Needs game fish classification.No bonus tag, a one fish limit with a total seasonal bag limit.	1/2/2018 12:53 AM
27	Snag and drop is bad recreational fishing. Snag, retrieve your bait, and put on a circle hook would not cost any captains fish.	1/1/2018 7:57 PM
28	End the trophy regulations. As a fishing guide and angler it would be more beneficial to not only allow them to breed but also be nice to catch big bass in a mire regular basis bc noones killing them. Aside from this we need to protect our 2011 year. Class before its too late we may already be too late after seeing what i saw this year off nj and what us still going on especially outside of 3 mile	1/1/2018 6:26 PM
29	Circle hook requirement would be a big plus.	1/1/2018 6:15 PM
30	Commercial regulations should be made much stricter and more enforced than currently.	1/1/2018 5:02 PM
31	What management? I never see any fisheries officers to enforce the regulations and I don't believe that the people in charge of creating the regulations are doing anything to create sustainability.	1/1/2018 3:39 PM
32	I have fished the bay since the 1950s and this has been a terrible year. Caught several 19 and 3/4 inch fish and smaller. few fish over 20 inches.	1/1/2018 2:41 PM
33	What management?	1/1/2018 1:48 PM
34	Should be a moriturium until the population recovers.	1/1/2018 12:49 PM
35	No sale, this would stop back door illegal sale and no fish would be on any menu unless farm raised. One fish limit at 28" but not per day. Sell tags with a 10 fish per angler limit. Allowing two fish per day per angler is to much. Not many anglers reach their quota and it sends the wrong message. No fish grabs! Encourage charter boats to catch and release. No fish for captains or crew.	1/1/2018 12:39 PM
36	I thought I experienced a small uptick in the number of legal (28") fish caught and released this season.	1/1/2018 11:54 AM
37	Loss of menhaden equals less stripers and other fish	1/1/2018 11:51 AM
38	I saw bigger schools this year with bigger fish in them. Not as many schools as 10 years ago, but the population was better than the previous year.	1/1/2018 11:39 AM
39	The last 5 years I have noticed a change in the migration timing of SB , about a month late arriving in the Spring and heading South much later . Water temps , Global Warming ?	1/1/2018 11:31 AM

40	Federal moratorium, zero possession 2 yrs and go from there.	1/1/2018 10:56 AM
41	It seems we have a good crop of small fish. We need to be more conservative with these fish with the hope we can rebuild the fishery with broodstock to ensure the potential of the fishery down the road	1/1/2018 10:29 AM
42	We are killing too many large fish.	1/1/2018 10:24 AM
43	ONE fishing pole per.angler	1/1/2018 9:51 AM
44	The ASMFC is a joke.	1/1/2018 9:49 AM
45	The western end of long island sound has attracted large schools of small menhaden and subsequently large schools of bass. The fishing was good in both spring and fall, but the average size of the fish ranged from 18 to 24 inch. As a note, there were very few bluefish this fall- a major concern.	1/1/2018 9:18 AM
46	It stinks	1/1/2018 9:00 AM
47	Current regulations favor commercial interests far too much. Also, enforcement practices fail to restrict significant illegal harvest of striped bass	1/1/2018 8:54 AM
48	Commercial fishing for Striped Bass must be eliminated 100 percent as the Federal Government stipulates.	1/1/2018 8:39 AM
49	2017 was the worst year I had fishing for Striped Bass since I was a kid in the 80s.	1/1/2018 8:35 AM
50	It stinks	1/1/2018 8:31 AM
51	Can't keep killing all the breeders and expect to have fish, simple as that. Can't have southern inlets ( Carolinas) choked with dead breeder stripers as a result of commercial fishermen. I have not had a decent fall behind Avalon for about five years. The rats are there all summer but the migrating fish have not been coming in the back waters in the fall.	1/1/2018 8:13 AM
52	Party and Charter boats should be more strictly regulated and do away with New Jerseys trophy tag program.	1/1/2018 7:11 AM
53	No	1/1/2018 6:52 AM
54	Strong classes of small schoolies this fall in the Western Sound and South Shore are encouraging	1/1/2018 12:15 AM
55	Commercial fishing for striped bass should not be allowed.	12/31/2017 11:32 PM
56	Ridiculous that charter for profit businesses slaughter thousands upon thousands of breeding Bass for the pure purpose of profit	12/31/2017 10:49 PM
57	Lower commercial harvest numbers	12/31/2017 10:16 PM
58	No comment	12/31/2017 8:16 PM
59	Do not agree with the current New Jersey regulations.	12/31/2017 7:58 PM
60	Should be based on science, not political expedience	12/31/2017 7:14 PM
61	More small fish in 2017	12/31/2017 7:01 PM
62	We should have a slot between 18 to 28" We have to stop taking the big fish.	12/31/2017 6:42 PM
63	Should aim for not maximum catch but maximum recovery of the fishery	12/31/2017 6:01 PM
64	Maryland and Virginia cannot agree on size of striped bass within the Chesapeake Bay, and give commercial fishermen the ability to keep smaller size bass than the recreational fishermen.	12/31/2017 6:01 PM
65	We need to end all commercial fishing for stripers and reduce the bunker reduction quota.	12/31/2017 5:55 PM
66	I think we should have a slot limit for striped bass and it should be a game fish.	12/31/2017 5:45 PM
67	stop the harvest of all the inshore bait stocks as well	12/31/2017 5:43 PM
68	WE NEED MORE SEINTIFIC DATA IN MAKING THE RULES	12/31/2017 5:40 PM
69	Needs more enforcement. Too many shorts being kept.	12/31/2017 5:19 PM
70	Killing 43" fish is insane	12/31/2017 5:16 PM
71	Recreational as well as commercial should be greatly reduced. There is no reason to keep 1 bass per day.	12/31/2017 5:15 PM

72	I am a recreational surf caster on eastern Long Island and it seems like all the commercial gill nets and draggers right off the ocean beaches have curtailed the numbers of keeper-sized striped bass that we used to catch right from the beach. Controlling the baitfish populations is huge as well; and not just bunker (menhaden) - we have not seen a good run of late season herring in several years! However, commercial fishing is not a crime - it's a living and it's a great part of our history; so I think we're obligated to "buy out" or help the commercial fishing industry transition away from striped bass if we want the best numbers for the recreational side of the industry.	12/31/2017 4:56 PM
73	reasonable quotas now will hopefully lead to an improved fishery	12/31/2017 4:45 PM
74	Way to many large fish are being killed I am for a trophy tag one per angler for a fish over 42 inches then a slot fish 22 to 28 and one over 28 to 42 the trophy tag is one per calendar year	12/31/2017 4:36 PM
75	Eliminate keeping the breeders release all fish over 36 inch	12/31/2017 4:32 PM
76	End commercial fishing and end recreational fishing from head boats.	12/31/2017 4:31 PM
77	Coming from New Jersey with no commercial industry, I even think the recreational limit is too large, a single fish slot limit should be in affect and I strongly agree with the idea of a "striped bass stamp" to help with research and conservation the same way federal duck stamps work for migratory waterfowl	12/31/2017 4:23 PM
78	Clearly biased towards commercial fishing.	12/31/2017 4:16 PM
79	Eliminate trolling with umbrella rigs	12/31/2017 4:05 PM
80	Open the EEZ to recreational fishing. Manage the fishery by season closures, fish size and bag limits.	12/31/2017 3:52 PM
81	Too many Bunker are taken with in the 3 mile limit by commercial fisherman, leaving no food for Striped Bass. Then the bass go beyond the 3 miles looking for food.	12/31/2017 3:34 PM
82	In NJ the 28-43" is crazy, 43" is way too large to keep. Go with a 20"-26" slot and 1 fish bag.	12/31/2017 3:23 PM
83	Sucks	12/31/2017 3:22 PM
84	The past few years I have moved away from using bait and this has caused me to catch fewer large bass but more smaller fish	12/31/2017 3:11 PM
85	It doesn't do any good to protect the bass if we don't also protect/manage their food source!	12/31/2017 3:10 PM
86	There should be no liberalization of the current regulations and/or no decrease in the current size regulations for harvest.	12/31/2017 3:07 PM
87	There is too much difference in fish regulations and laws pertaining to size and quota it needs to be standardized for all states and we need to end the commercial harvesting of striped bass	12/31/2017 3:05 PM
88	I don't 100 agree with the smaller keeper size fish. A keeper should go back to 36 inches for five years to get the biomass of females back up to a level where the numbers of young of year are as high as the early 2000's and 2011.	12/31/2017 2:57 PM
89	Been fishing S & N shores of Suffolk Co. for 30+ years. Caught more shorts than past yrs. Only 1 keeper (put back). More bait than I have ever seen with no big bass. Cycle's turning with 2-4 yr. (school ) class on the increase. Next 2 yrs. should tell. If resurgence in adult bass doesn't occur than restrictions should be enforced. Till then : Tight lines and Happy New Year !	12/31/2017 2:45 PM
90	I believe the current management of striped bass is work9ng, but there is always room for improvement.	12/31/2017 2:44 PM
91	Keep working to eliminate the commercial fishery and limit all recreational limits to one fish max per dsy	12/31/2017 2:14 PM
92	Rules should be same state to state	12/31/2017 2:13 PM
93	Regs r forcing recreational fishing to kill bigger fish that doesn't make sense for the good of the stock	12/31/2017 2:09 PM
94	The striped bass fishery is so grossly mismanaged! The folks making decisions on how to protect these fish are either completely ignorant, misinformed, or can be bought_ unfortunately it's probably a combination of the three. I believe we are too far gone and these fish will be history in the near future.	12/31/2017 2:05 PM
95	No, I frankly dont know enough h about how the fishery is managed	12/31/2017 2:03 PM

96	limit commercial fishing, including for menhaden.	12/31/2017 2:00 PM
97	Only one fish harvested, per person, per day, across the entire eastern sea board would be good.	12/31/2017 1:56 PM
98	THE PEOPLE INCHARGE ARE ABOUT THREE YEARS BEHIND IN HOW THEY ARE MANAGING THINGS. THEY NEED TO REACT TO CURRENT INFO AND ERROR ON THE SIDE OF CONSERVATION.	12/31/2017 1:55 PM
99	Allows too many large fish to be kept.	12/31/2017 1:50 PM
100	terrible	12/31/2017 1:49 PM
101	End commercial fishing for striped bass.	12/31/2017 1:45 PM
102	It seems like the last two years have shown a large number of bass 15-18"	12/31/2017 1:39 PM
103	Yes. It should be managed for recreational purposes without a commercial component, so that managers work toward a stable population of maximum size with an even age distribution.	12/31/2017 1:36 PM
104	I am disappointed that SF does not ask more if its members in terms of conservation. The recreational take is significant. We need to move to a mostly catch and release fishery.	12/31/2017 1:35 PM
105	We need to better educat more of the fishing community on the poor condition of the bass fishery. More law enforcement and higher fines. And no more mr.nice guy. Everyone gets a summons. It's only money to us but the fait of a whole spices.	12/31/2017 1:35 PM
106	It is so bad that i've Put up my surf gear and returned to fly fishing for trout within the state of Mass. I had a tremendous season focusing on native Brook Trout. In 2018 I will spend \$0.00 and time on Stripers and surf fishing. I will invest my time and money on guided trips, new tackle and restaurants as I spend more and more time chasing Trout. I will not vote for any politicians that side exclusively with commercial interests.	12/31/2017 1:35 PM
107	I caught, tagged and released 5 striped bass on the Manasquan Inlet, NJ, north jetty in 40 trips this year. Longest was 20".	12/31/2017 1:29 PM
108	We need to have much more limited commercial fishing of squid off of nantucket/martha's vineyard. The "bait" of the predatory species (bass) needs to be conserved much more aggressively through laws and regulation.	12/31/2017 1:29 PM
109	In New Jersey the current regulations are hurting the large breeder population of bass. By making the second keeper fish 43" or larger puts a target on large fish that would ordinarily be released. The large fish should be protected. The regulations should be one fish 28" or greater per person per day. The charter boats and the rec boats are hammering the large fish daily keeping to many fish. There should be no slot so the local fish in the back bay are protected. Also there should be a restriction on keeping bass over say 38". Maybe offer a bonus tag for one large fish per angler per year. We need to protect the fishery it is getting beat up by too many anglers trolling and catching large fish on mojos.	12/31/2017 1:28 PM
110	Stock is dropping rapidly over past 5 years primarily due to removing too many prime spawners between 32-50"	12/31/2017 1:25 PM
111	Slot limit, look how it helped the Reds.	12/31/2017 1:19 PM
112	It's improving but fishing has become more popular and people(rec) are taking more undersized fish. Gill nets are the biggest commercial problem. They kill tons of bass each fall even when bass aren't the target species.	12/31/2017 1:15 PM
113	Smallest fish ever seen happened season 8"-13"? Are they now breeding around here?	12/31/2017 1:10 PM
114	fished 3 days this year for bass, got zero. fished a lot of trout instead.	12/31/2017 1:06 PM
115	I Think that a 1 fish recreational limit per day is the max. (0 would be better). I would like to see commercial quotas dropped by 50%+.	12/31/2017 1:05 PM
116	no	12/31/2017 1:04 PM
117	would like to see stripers as a catch and release recreational fishery only	12/31/2017 1:02 PM
118	just more enforcement	12/27/2017 7:02 AM
119	Without ending the commercial fishery on the entire eastern seaboard, no additional recreational policies will matter. They kill more breeding fish in a week than most of us could catch in a lifetime.	12/24/2017 10:39 AM
120	I would like to see gill nets illegal within at least a mile off the beach in New York.	12/23/2017 3:30 PM

121	poorly managed	12/16/2017 2:28 PM
122	Not being managed well at all. Not enough enforcement on regulations, at least in my state. To many breeders being killed.	12/16/2017 9:38 AM
123	There are too many fish being taken by recreational and commercial fisherman. Poaching is a problem up and down the coast. We need to limit harvest to a greater degree.	12/14/2017 8:10 PM
124	I would also favor a 1 or 2 year moratorium on the species. Overall I believe the Oceans around the world have been depleted and restoration is needed.	12/14/2017 12:43 PM
125	NJF&W is grossly underfunded. Hard to study the fishery and enforce the regs when you don't have the resources to do so.	12/14/2017 12:30 PM
126	Not very effective- too much cheating	12/14/2017 11:31 AM
127	All states should have the same regulations	12/12/2017 9:28 AM
128	The Atlantic states marine fisheries management commission is obviously over-influenced by the commercial fishing interests.	12/10/2017 8:12 AM
129	The fact that fisheries managers cannot or will not see that the current downward Striper population trend mirrors that which occurred in the late 70's is, to me, as one who fished thru those disastrous years, appalling beyond belief.	12/10/2017 3:48 AM
130	THE TROPHY SEASON IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SHOULD BE ENDED!	12/9/2017 7:59 PM
131	As usual, commercial interests overrule common sense management practices.	12/9/2017 7:44 PM
132	We need to have more enforcement for those poaching in the EEZ.	12/9/2017 4:13 PM
133	Poor enforcement!	12/9/2017 3:09 PM
134	Caught many 14 16 inch fish in delaware bay creeks non in surf at Stone Harbor	12/9/2017 11:59 AM
135	NJ regulations encourage anglers to kill 43" and larger breeders...IT"S REDICULOUS!!! Knowing what we know now NO BASS OVER #^' should be allowed to be harvested!!!	12/8/2017 7:40 PM
136	none	12/8/2017 1:37 PM
137	At present in NY state you are allowed to keep one fish in the slot or one fish over 40". I maintain that the over 40" fish should be eliminated, this seems to be a political move to satisfy those that want a trophy. These are breeder fish and should not be taken, it is more important they bred.	12/8/2017 9:18 AM
138	Beach replenishment has destroyed surf fishing in NJ and made our beaches deserts devoid of any marine life. That coupled with what appears to be the general decline in the striped bass population has made catching very difficult in my area (Monmouth County).	12/7/2017 12:19 PM
139	In two years, we have gone from NO stripers to about half as many as 15 years ago. NO commercial fishing in any state!!!!	12/7/2017 11:48 AM
140	We need to escalate this battle not only in Mass. , but in NY, NJ to end net fishing and push to hook and line fishery, at the very least.	12/7/2017 10:31 AM
141	Catch and release of all stripers should go into affect immediately until stocks rebound by 1000%. All commercial fishing for stripers should end now.	12/7/2017 8:03 AM
142	I don't have enough experience, beyond anecdotal 10 years of stripped bass fishing, to make a comment. However, I do feel strongly that the size or slot limit changes do have to be made soon (Coast wide!) to prop the fishery up,... I favor 36" as keeper, with a slot size of around 40"... everything else smaller or bigger goes back. Way too many big bass are being killed on the 6 pack charters and party boats.	12/7/2017 7:28 AM
143	I think Striped Bass should have a 2 year moritorium from both commercial and recreational fishing. If there impose a strip bass stamp my concern is the state will keep it going after paying off the commercial allotment and use the money for other funds. Circle hooks for bait fishing is a fantastic idea. As you probably can tell I think the bass have not only been over fished but have had difficult spawning the past years. The state of Ma has done a great job by lowering the keeper numbers from 2 to 1, but all of the mid-Atlantic to northern New England coast line states need to follow suit. Please continue this important battle!!	12/6/2017 9:46 PM

144	It is hard to understand how party boats with 4 fisherman and two crew are allowed to take one fish for each person (6) over 28 inches on a morning run and return tot he dock to pick up 4 more fisherman to kill another six breeders in the afternoon. I also do not understand how the gill netters are allowed right up to the shore where they kill hundreds of undersized fish with no penalty while if we gill hook one fish and kill it we have to dump it back for the crabs to eat.	12/6/2017 8:07 PM
145	I would like to see a protection measure for the large breeders via a maximum size limit	12/6/2017 7:25 PM
146	Pro commercial which makes no economic sense	12/6/2017 4:55 PM
147	All changes seem to be heavily slanted towards the commercial fishermen...Stripers should be designated a "Sportfish" and commercial Striper harvesting be should ended.	12/6/2017 4:36 PM
148	Increase the size limit and keep at 1 per day.	12/6/2017 1:04 PM
149	Seal birth control is possible and should be considered!	12/6/2017 11:18 AM
150	Catch to trip ratio was approx. 50% and as with recent history down considerably from where it was less than 10 years ago. There were pockets of fish around and a fair number of fish in the 25-28" range and although the average size of Derby caught bass was approx. 17%, I found a dearth of fish in the mid teen range. Keeper to catch ratio was approx. 28%, about where it's been the last few years but down considerably from 40% ten years ago, .	12/6/2017 10:30 AM
151	Management needs to be more conservative in protecting against overharvest. Eliminate striped bass bonus fish in NJ.	12/6/2017 10:14 AM
152	Strongly support elimination of regulations allowing killing of larger stripers, the breeding fish.	12/6/2017 6:17 AM
153	Limit taking of larger hen fish to four per season per recreational angler.	12/6/2017 5:14 AM
154	Trolling should be kept further of the coast during migrations .	12/5/2017 9:45 PM
155	Too many poaching	12/5/2017 9:13 PM
156	no	12/5/2017 7:55 PM
157	Stripers should be gamefish only, with a slot limit from the upper 20s to mid-30s for recreational anglers. I would begin by withholding 75% of commercial quota to allow for population growth, to be monitored for a minimum of 5 years before considering recreational quota increases/2 fish. Of course, this won't make much difference without a better forage species policy.	12/5/2017 7:55 PM
158	Management today favors a commercially biased maximum sustainable yield approach with high risks of overfishing.	12/5/2017 6:21 PM
159	eliminate the striped bass commercial fishery is the most important factor in preserving the species.	12/5/2017 5:24 PM
160	There does not seem to be an understanding that recreational fishing brings in significantly more dollars than commercial fishing.	12/5/2017 3:41 PM
161	Absolutely out or control and horrendous. I caught my first striped bass over 70 years ago as a young teenager. The fishing has gotten progressively worse, as a result of commercial and even private exploitation of the fishery. Striped bass should be made a recreational species on the Atlantic coast and their commercial sale and exploitation be prohibited.	12/5/2017 3:24 PM
162	We should not be able to keep the big fish.	12/5/2017 3:20 PM
163	Great to see Stripers in Old Town Maine and above the damn again, looking froward to more and bigger fish in the future.	12/5/2017 3:18 PM
164	WHAT MANAGEMENT ? THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKINK THE POLICY DECISIONS ARE ABOUT THREE OR FOUR YEARS BEHIND THE CURVE	12/5/2017 3:08 PM
165	Keep up the good work!	12/5/2017 2:50 PM
166	I'm catching much smaller fish. We landed 160 fish last year. Our biggest was 27"	12/5/2017 2:40 PM

167	I am 73 years old and have fished for Striped Bass for 60 years. There are more Stripers now then ever. It is the first week of December and this week alone I have caught over 40 bass between 17 & 20 inches just walking the beach and casting. When I first started bass fishing most of these fish would have been keepers at 18 inches. I never caught bass in those amounts back then. The numbers of bass are not the problem. It's beach and shoreline access which gets more limited each year to the fisherman. It's the disruption of the shoreline with the beach replenishment program and constant shifting of the sands. It's the destruction of shoreline habitat that replenishment causes by burying structure such as jetties and groins. The surf is so shallow now you can wade out 40-50 yards and still not be able to reach any depth of water. The bigger bass are all being caught from boats as the adult bunker tend to stay in deeper water. Only smaller bass are venturing into the shallow surf. I have caught over 150 stripers this year with ONE keeper. Also beach replenishment has created many more dangerous rip currents which has resulted in a dramatic increase in drownings. We need to end beach replenishment and let the ocean return to normal.	12/5/2017 2:36 PM
168	Too many fish are being kept. Must limit the large keepers, so that productive females are not kept.	12/5/2017 1:12 PM
169	To little to late	12/5/2017 12:35 PM
170	Better Numbers the last 3 years but mostly schoolies. I fly fish for them and release everything. Numbers are up.though.	12/5/2017 12:29 PM
171	Sorry to see the pogies thrown under the bus. Lots of small bass in southern Maine this summer, but not a pogie seen in two dozen trips out of York Harbor.	12/5/2017 11:38 AM
172	regulations should be same for all North East states	12/5/2017 10:48 AM
173	Fishing in the Kennebec this year, especially in June, was amazing. The amount of bait fish in the river was more than I ever remember seeing. And - the bass were there as well. Nothing big, but lots of fish. I'm hoping this is a positive sign for things to come.	12/5/2017 10:42 AM
174	The commercial fishery puts our best fishermen in place to kill our best breeders. Why target our most productive breeders ?	12/5/2017 10:07 AM
175	It is a total failure, no species has been returned to historical levels.. I use to catch and release 300 striped bass a year from 1997 to 2010. Now I am lucky if I catch 10 and they are less than 20 inches in length. Technical committee be damned! Where are the bass? Make it illegal to keep a bass over 40 inches in length or bring back the moratorium for 3 years!!!!	12/5/2017 10:01 AM
176	Killing cows is crazy. We need an education program for charter captains and their customers.	12/5/2017 9:57 AM
177	I believe the management of the striper fishery should be integrated with menhaden management.	12/5/2017 9:54 AM
178	Not at this time	12/5/2017 9:48 AM
179	I know boaters are catching but the Surf has been dead for several years.	12/5/2017 9:46 AM
180	Keep focus on elimination of commercial fishery, that will have the greatest potential impact on fishery.	12/5/2017 9:29 AM
181	My reply to question 17 was "end" however I do believe that a smaller \$2- \$4 dollar fee would OK for policing efforts!	12/5/2017 9:15 AM
182	don't extend commercial fishing if they haven't reached their quota	12/5/2017 8:35 AM
183	(1) A close entry for commercial fishing. (2) 3 different stamps , with different costs. 1 for rec. fishing that catch and release . 1 for rec fishing where you can keep one fish. 1 for comm fishing . prices for stamp goes up accordingly .	12/5/2017 8:34 AM
184	WE had no real beach migration in NYS. Lots of schoolies but few over 28". Boats did well . DEC is undermanned. See way too many poachers/cheaters, especially at night.	12/5/2017 8:32 AM
185	We must stop the killing of breeders and striper forage such as menhaden. We must also provide a healthy environment for stripers	12/5/2017 8:30 AM
186	Limits! 2 fish 28" to 44"non over	12/5/2017 8:12 AM
187	after catching poachers, stop slapping their hands with minimal penalties	12/5/2017 8:12 AM
188	Needs to be another ban, both commercial and recreational! More important, ACTUALLY enforce rules!	12/5/2017 8:11 AM



189	It seems during the peak of the season, poaching is out of control. Fines and penalties need to be increased and enforced. Confiscation of all gear, boats, trailers, etc would be a good start for increasing the penalty for poaching. Auctioning this confiscated gear would help fund additional conservation & enforcement of regulations.	12/5/2017 7:51 AM
190	Needs better enforcement of current regulations for recreational fisherman	12/5/2017 7:40 AM
191	Amount of fish caught in my area of the Chesapeake Bay is dependent on finding the fish. Nothing new, but in the height of the best fishing the stripers were almost everywhere. Local anglers conflate finding pockets of good fish with fishing for stripe bass being to as good as ever. Also new and young anglers see it as great fishing too, not understanding what it could be. That is troublesome to me. Also, I think awareness of the destructive Menhaden reduction industry and how it effects the predatory fish in the Chesapeake Bay should be increased.	12/5/2017 7:32 AM
192	Striped Bass population is down considerably and going down fast similar to what led to complete shutdown. Too many prime producers being removed from population. There needs to a slot similar to Redfish of 18- 27" anything over goes back	12/5/2017 7:30 AM
193	I believe the Chesapeake Bay is being well managed. Must keep an eye on the catch.	12/5/2017 7:22 AM
194	less schoolies around this year - not a good sign	12/5/2017 7:08 AM
195	The Management of the Fishery is Deplorable! I'm 66 and I'm a Fly Fishing Guide! My first Striper was 68 LBS. and it was released from the beach after being weighed on a hang scale there. I was 9 years old. Have caught in the thousands of Fish since then and there were actual Enforcement officers that patrolled the heavily fished areas. Today, You are lucky if you see someone checking anything, at all even after fishing for years. I even see people take fish from the beach or the Flats, bring them back to there car in a cooler and go back out to fill the cooler again. Yet, We let the commercial Fisheries go ahead and RAPE the waters of all the fish that can Spawn and keep the fishery alive. We better fix this soon before there are NO FISH to be Caught, even for catch and release.	12/5/2017 5:36 AM
196	I'm 100% in favor of game fish status, worst season ever for me. Been living on Block since 1983. Last year I released 2 fish over 50 lbs. This year nothing over 24", and very few. Over in September, sending money	12/5/2017 5:28 AM
197	Lots of small stripers this year, but still too few larger fish.	12/4/2017 11:05 PM
198	Current regulations are not being enforced aggressively The commercial harvest should immediately be abandoned	12/4/2017 11:02 PM
199	Killing too many large (likely female) fish	12/4/2017 10:56 PM
200	Allowing too many big fish to be killed. Those 6 pack boats that take two trips per day and may kill over 20 big stripers should be regulated much stricter, like 6 fish per boat per trip	12/4/2017 10:36 PM
201	I did see more numbers of smaller fish this year making me think that the conservation efforts might actually be paying off	12/4/2017 10:31 PM
202	Fines are to liberal for poachers taking Stripers and other fish. The penalties need to be made harsher up to and including confiscation of property used to commit this crime. Also if they hold a commercial fishing license take that away from them and don't let them get it back.	12/4/2017 10:26 PM
203	Too skewed toward commercial fishing	12/4/2017 10:06 PM
204	Slot limits and reduced Menhaden commercial harvest - get to work.	12/4/2017 9:59 PM
205	More enforcement.	12/4/2017 9:45 PM
206	Appears to change State to State	12/4/2017 9:37 PM
207	There is no enforcement in our area. I have fished for 40 yrs and never seen enforcement.	12/4/2017 9:27 PM
208	Thank you for what you do!	12/4/2017 9:23 PM
209	It is terrible. To many fish are killed.	12/4/2017 9:19 PM
210	Eliminate bonus fish.	12/4/2017 9:18 PM
211	Believe regs should be the same from state to state.	12/4/2017 9:15 PM

212	This fishery is abysmal and it's management illustrates the darkest flaws in our culture- that is the wholesale slaughter that occurred at cape cod canal the summer of 2017 and management that treats wild animals as an like source of revenue. The fact the fishery is managed to maintain stocks at the lowest number that would sustain the species is utterly despicable. Please keep fighting to make striped bass a gamefish and stop treating this fishery like it's a cornfield.	12/4/2017 9:15 PM
213	The last few years we have caught more stripers up to about 30", but almost no fish 40" or longer. After thinking about it , it makes sense. Six to nine years ago we went through several years without seeing any small fish (20" or smaller). I've got to believe that these missing fish are the ones that would have been large today. Hopefully, the fish that we've been catching the last few years will remain in the system and not be decimated by the commercial fishers.	12/4/2017 9:13 PM
214	I am a charter boat operator in southern New Jersey and the season becomes later and later each year. Most of our bass are more than 3 miles off the beach in the EEZ. With the coast guard training facility in cape may New Jersey we are continually monitored on the three mile line.	12/4/2017 9:06 PM
215	I see too many cows being caught and keep with excuse that they are not doing anything illegal. Smaller fish have far less contaminates and I believe they have less contaminates in them	12/4/2017 9:03 PM
216	This past season 2017 has been the worst fishing season for stripped bass in the last 15 years.	12/4/2017 8:59 PM
217	I think the wanton killing of large Stripers - breeders - is a terrible mistake. And I think people are ignoring the minimum sizefor keeping Stripers.	12/4/2017 8:59 PM
218	There should be stamps purchased with a maximum per year. One fish per angler is way too many with the way some of the party boats fish, commercial fishing, and the amount of poaching that is occurring. It doesn't seem to be sustainable and too many breeding fish are being killed each year. Seeing fewer large fish in Maine each year. To be honest I would like to see it become a catch and release only gamefish but I realize that won't happen.	12/4/2017 8:55 PM
219	Charter boats from VA to Maine are destroying this fishery. The amount of breeder fish they kill is nauseating. There needs to be a per boat limit of 2 fish over 40" max. They can keep smaller fish. The are dock glory hounds who do nothing to preserve the fishery they rely on.	12/4/2017 8:39 PM
220	Eliminate ALL trebel hooks!!!!	12/4/2017 8:14 PM
221	I used to fish almost everyday throughout the season. I hardly fish for bass in the summer anymore . I wait for the fall months. Even the fall is not the same. The first couple years I thought it was just off years. But it's changed so drastically for so many years now. It's bad!!	12/4/2017 8:08 PM
222	Seasons should not commence before breeding,for example,most of the fish i catch in the spring are large females that stage and feed in the NY bight just prior to making there way up the Hudson to spawn...fishing that early should be strictly catch and release,give those fish a chance to spawn before being taken.Also i am in favor of a tagging system,non-transferable,non-reusable color coded seasonal tags,where upon kill a tag must me affixed to the fish,the amount of tags given out should be between 3 and 6 per season based on the current stock assessment for that year,size of the fish should be 36" or greater,give those smaller fish a chance to breed several times.	12/4/2017 8:07 PM
223	Stripers should be a game fish Nationally	12/4/2017 8:05 PM
224	poorly managed	12/4/2017 7:58 PM
225	Need to advocate for less bycatch, it should all count towards tonages	12/4/2017 7:58 PM
226	Since 2005 the Striped Bass fishing has been horrible most of the year. I fished Montauk surf from Sept 15 to Oct 31 and had my worst year in the surf. I heard the same thing from other surf casters. There are so many less striped bass and the blitzes are very far and few between only lasting for a minute or two. I think the ASMFC has done a terrible job in managing the striped bass.	12/4/2017 7:57 PM
227	No commercial stripped bass fish	12/4/2017 7:55 PM
228	Yes, current management practices allow too many fish to be taken by boat fisherman during the fall migration and the winter schooling offshore. This is destroying the species and must be stopped.	12/4/2017 7:53 PM
229	Sadly the fishing has become over the top on the canal. I would love to see the government move to make this area catch and release only or sportfishing status for striped bass....	12/4/2017 7:51 PM
230	The taking 43" and larger fish should stop	12/4/2017 7:46 PM
231	Because of the reduction of menhaden stripers have much less to eat. Need to save them to save the stripers .	12/4/2017 7:44 PM

232	I strongly disagree with current regs that provide incentive to keep big breeders--though I like being able to eat smaller keepers	12/4/2017 7:32 PM
233	I think the commercial fishery should be fazed out after a number of years say 8-10 and those fish should not be fished but held to strengthen the biomass. Stripers were smaller in my area but there were plenty of them and I ended up catching 1497 bass which is the most I have ever caught since I've been keeping records.	12/4/2017 7:30 PM
234	Sport Fish Status NOW. Or Moratorium. I spent 111 days in the surf this year, slightly more than last few, and while I caught 300 stripers in October, 250 in September...250 in June...I only had 4 fish over 20lbs the whole season, 0 over 30, 0 over 40, and maybe 50 or 60 in the teens. That is disgusting. This is the first year in 3 that I haven't had a 40lber. I do not fish the canal. That is the last place you can catch a big fish with any reliability in the state. I did even spend 2 weeks on cuttyhunk, which I know very well, and only lost one big fish (although I had dozens of teen fish). The majority of my fish, maybe 300 or so, are between 18 and 24". WE MUST PROTECT THESE FISH. Undoubtedly they not Chesapeake fish, which I think that fishery is already done for. Commercial fishing should be banned. Period. It's for the rich only, at \$30 a pound or more, and takes away from those that can't afford to buy it to eat, but can afford to go fish for sport. Also, and this will never happen I know, there canal should be C&R only. It could even be C&R only May and October and I'd be happy. Even knowing that most giants are caught in june (this year july), just let SOME of those big fish make it north. VERY happy to discuss more or talk more- my email is in this survey. LET'S SAVE THIS SPECIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS	12/4/2017 7:20 PM
235	An unfortunate lack of Management and enforcement of current regulations. what happened at the canal this year was an absolute disaster.	12/4/2017 7:15 PM
236	Slot between 18 and 28, a true trophy season, one fish a year over 40"	12/4/2017 7:13 PM
237	I feel we are slowly moving in the right direction. The sooner Stripers are a game fish the better	12/4/2017 7:10 PM
238	I caught, tagged and released a striped bass today 12/4/2017.	12/4/2017 7:08 PM
239	Aloud to fish outside the three mlle limitt there alot more out side the limit keep the bag limit the same	12/4/2017 6:52 PM
240	I don't have any faith in current management, we're wiping out bass. I'm talking up and down the entire seacoast , not just New England.	12/4/2017 6:49 PM
241	Small fish coming up to Maine need to end. Ommerical harvesting	12/4/2017 6:45 PM
242	18 TO 28" SLOT LARGER FISH SHOULD BE RELEASED LIKE RED DRUM IN SOUTHERN STATES AS NORTH CAROLINA	12/4/2017 6:34 PM
243	The size of stripers kept should be kept below 21". Ideally stripers should be released in total for 10 years. Commercial fishermen should be held to a 5-10 moratorium on all stripers and on menhaden for an equal period of time followed by a gradual reintroduction of striper fishing with severe limits. Subsidies should be given for fishing squid and similiar pelagics.	12/4/2017 6:28 PM
244	Save the large breeding fish.	12/4/2017 6:23 PM
245	This year perhaps a few more fish , but very small, fewer 20+ " fish, I am a fly fisherman only	12/4/2017 6:10 PM
246	Over fishing commercially for menhaden has really hurt the striper fishery, I would want to see severely reduced limits on the menhaden stock.	12/4/2017 6:08 PM
247	Given the state of the SB fishery I support efforts to limit harvests and oppose any efforts to increase harvest levels. More funding should be allocated to minimize commercial and recreational poaching.	12/4/2017 6:08 PM
248	Slot limit like red fish	12/4/2017 6:03 PM
249	Yes. The ASMFC let us down again!!! Save the Bunker!!!	12/4/2017 5:58 PM
250	Stop charter captains from heading out twice each day & killing all the large fish.	12/4/2017 5:57 PM
251	Need to continue the one fish per day limit	12/4/2017 5:55 PM

252	The current regulations are in my opinion ludicrous. The fish are once again being wiped out. Just this past weekend I witnessed the scene outside of Townsend Inlet where there were no less than two to three hundred boats within a five mile stretch of beachfront. These people are all there for one reason. TO KILL BREEDERS! Fish are spawned in great numbers for one reason. That's because the majority are destined to be eaten before they grow to be the breeding cows that the present regulations encourage people to kill. It is purely detrimental to the continuing success of the species.	12/4/2017 5:55 PM
253	I left many questions blank, as there should be an option for those of us who believe striped bass should be a game fish!	12/4/2017 5:49 PM
254	lose the season for everyone till the fishery is healthy.	12/4/2017 5:48 PM
255	This past season has been better for me than the previous 3 or 4 years. The numbers of fish was definitely greater, but most were between 15 & 18 in. I fish mostly from shore at our causeway or from my boat, frequenting 3 or 4 spots that usually hold fish either at the top or bottom of the tide. Almost every outing I found fish, and on one particular outing was into fish for several hours straight, albeit they were mostly small. I mostly fish shallow water, and I would usually at least hook, if not bring to the boat, one mid to upper 20s inch fish maybe every other outing. So there were always bigger fish around in my opinion. I hope this is a trend for the better, and an indicator of better years to come. It will be interesting to see if these 15-18 in fish that were so numerous this year are back to their 'home waters' one size bigger next year. Fingers crossed. That said, I still think rec fisherman should be urged to practice catch and release even legal sized stripers, and efforts should continue to limit or eliminate the comm fishery for striped bass. Keep the faith boys.	12/4/2017 5:45 PM
256	The ASMFC is not managing the resource for abundance which hurts everyone, including consumers when the striped bass market price remains high.	12/4/2017 5:33 PM
257	This has by far been the worst season I have seen since the moratorium..... I lived through the last crash and really think we are headed that way again....	12/4/2017 5:32 PM
258	Something should be done to limit the start of the season to allow the fish to spawn. In NJ it is open season on the fish staging to enter the Hudson to spawn. I would much rather see a season that starts no earlier than middle of May.	12/4/2017 5:32 PM
259	Here we have only a fresh water fishery - but they reproduce here in lake texoma - our problem is POACHING we don't have enough enforcement.	12/4/2017 5:32 PM
260	Recommend slot limit of 1 fish per day 22-28 inches. Need more enforcement. Umbrella rigs should be banned.	12/4/2017 5:31 PM
261	To add to this survey, I do not keep any for consumption. The past 2 years I have targeted small fish. I fish twice a week and caught 450 fish. This year I caught 1100 plus. Out of that total I caught 11 keepers without targeting them directly. I hope that this will reflect that in the next few years it will i prove for those who like to keep fish.	12/4/2017 5:30 PM
262	Certainly not fish friendly.	12/4/2017 5:28 PM
263	An end to commercial bass fishing needs to happen now. It's the one move where an immediate impact on the decimation of the species could be halted. The next thing that is needed is more funding for enforcement. Stiffer fines, penalties and loss of licenses need to happen and be upheld. Poaching is a huge problem and with lax enforcement it will continue to be.	12/4/2017 5:23 PM
264	Only one pole per fisherman	12/4/2017 5:10 PM
265	MANY NON-CITIZEN FISHERMAN KEEP UNDER SIZE BASS TAKEN FROM THE PROVIDENCE & SEEKONK RIVERS. THEY CLAIM THEY ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH OUR LAWS AND LET GO. FINE A FEW OF THEM AND IT WILL GET AROUND THEIR COMMUNITIES.	12/4/2017 5:10 PM

266	Did not get out much this year on Chesapeake Bay one surf trip to ISBP Jersey and nothing caught there but I follow close and there is a slaughter of the last good spawn of 2015 20-30 inch fish. Maryland needs to cut the daily limit to 1 or go to catch and release. The trophy season was not the best I hear but that should be eliminated too. Buy out the waterman who make most of their money on blue crabs and many of them who run charters daily after commercial season which amounts to almost commercial fishing depending on the size of the boat. Poachers from shore and bridges and Conowingo dam are prevalent. The Maryland DNR did bust some guys this year mostly illegals who fish the banks in the rivers etc. They need to confiscate cars equipment and ban them for life fishing. All and all I would say the fishery is stable but being depleted. Surf fishing in Jersey was bad this spring and terrible at the moment for beach bass moving south. The bait situation in Chesapeake Bay is less and less big bunker every year mostly anchovies/silversides in the bay. That's why big Blues don't come up the bay anymore imo. Omega Protein needs to be put out of business somehow? The politicians in VA are in bed with them....surprise surprise.	12/4/2017 5:08 PM
267	It needs a serious change... Im very concerned for the future. Its not just commercial.. party boats are slaughtering too many fish	12/4/2017 5:06 PM
268	Your survey is bogus particular questions 10-12. You bias the survey with questions directed to answers you want.	12/4/2017 5:06 PM
269	Too many commercial tags. If they were removed then recreational numbers could be increased.	12/4/2017 5:02 PM
270	It starts with management but enforcement is the key	12/4/2017 5:02 PM
271	I would like to see that data on states that use a slot limit. I like the idea of keeping smaller fish and protecting the large female breeders.	12/4/2017 4:57 PM
272	Continuous improvement to sustain the Striped Bass.	12/4/2017 4:57 PM
273	Short sighted, stupid	12/4/2017 4:56 PM
274	make its a gamefish. tagged or jail. period	12/4/2017 4:55 PM
275	I CAUGHT MORE STRIPPERS IN 2017 THAN THE LAST 3 YEARS COMBINED. PROBABLY CLOSE TO 200 WITH ONLY 3 KEEPERS. 50% FISHING IN ME AND 50% FISHING IN MA, MOST FISH 16 TO 22".	12/4/2017 4:52 PM
276	Nj allowance of two fish is a terrible idea	12/4/2017 4:51 PM
277	It's a joke especially here in New Jersey	12/4/2017 4:49 PM
278	Commercial fishing needs to be DONE AWAY WITH, at least for a few years. Also MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE enforcement is needed!!!	12/4/2017 4:48 PM
279	not enough enforcement. raise license fees to allow more enforcement. poaching is widespread.	12/4/2017 4:47 PM
280	Management is different from state to state so conservation measures taken, for example, in MA may not be effective if not enforced in RI, CT, NY and NJ. Most important to have a regional approach to management.	12/4/2017 4:47 PM
281	It was great to see all the small fish this year. Slot limits make sense. You can't kill the breeders and think the fishery will be able to sustain it.	12/4/2017 4:46 PM
282	Striper haven't been in Cape May for the last five years it's a shame	12/4/2017 4:43 PM
283	NOAA fisheries does not have any idea about Striped Bass or any other Fish to manage it well. It all comes down to money and politics with NOAA. ASMFC should be done away with.	12/4/2017 4:43 PM
284	We need to do something, at a minimum stop taking the breeders, they are the life line of this fishery. we need to stop tournaments. what is the point. take a picture and let them go. the don't taste as good anyway and they have more heavy metals correct?	12/4/2017 4:42 PM
285	Yes NJ has allowed the taking of 3 bass / day this needs to change to 1 fish 26 - 36 " because NJ is killing far to many breeding females. Legal now to kill 1 under and 1 over 43" SO WRONG	12/4/2017 4:41 PM
286	We need to protect more of the bigger fish	12/4/2017 4:40 PM
287	I think. The fishery should be shut down in the spring to protect spawning females and can only keep 1 slot fish per day rest of year	12/4/2017 4:40 PM
288	This was the best year in the last 10 years. I only fly fish for stripers.	12/4/2017 4:39 PM
289	pathetic	12/4/2017 4:38 PM

290	There are too many members that have ties to the commercial industry. There should be a happy medium between commercial and recreational people.	12/4/2017 4:37 PM
291	I would like to see more and more enforcement on the beaches. Amount of people keeping short fish is out of control	12/4/2017 4:36 PM
292	I think my catch has increased due to experience, but there were many small bass early and late in the season. I would urge renewing commercial licenses to guy making a living, not just for folks doing it for fun. I know it's hard but I favor a stamp to help in force regulations that are being abused. I only put o a time limit so we are sure the money is going to helping the species.	12/4/2017 4:34 PM
293	I would like to see the science on breeding stripers, related to size. As a science minded guy, I presume that breeders are most effective at a certain size. Hypothetically I'm guessing they're most effective breeding at something like 35-45". My preference would be to completely ban keeping fish in that range, when they're the most prolific breeders. This would allow for some compromise with guides and charter boats to be able to keep those trophy 50"+ fish (assuming that fish of this size are no longer the egg factories of the slightly smaller fish)	12/4/2017 4:32 PM
294	Very short sighted.	12/4/2017 1:16 PM