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Q26 Any additional comments as to how the management of striped bass is affecting my guiding business:

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Many clients are unaware of the health status of the striped bass, and as guides, we are ALL responsible to teach and relay this information. Personally, I exercise discretion with my clients; for the purpose of weeding out those who simply want to harvest. I would encourage other guides to do the same.	1/3/2018 5:07 AM
2	If thw status quo is changed to catch and release we would still book trips. Right now its hard bc i am 99% catch and release in backbay and some people dont like that. Ocean migratory i allow responsible sensible harvest (trying not to kill the biggest)	1/1/2018 6:28 PM
3	My clients want to keep every large bass. Zero regard for the future. Important to me, the bigger the fish I bring back to the dock, the exponential increase in my profit	12/31/2017 10:52 PM
4	I live in upstate NY, and was not able to renew my guide license this year due to a medical issue	12/31/2017 10:20 PM
5	At my age, I am going to retire from the guiding business at the end of this year.	12/31/2017 6:03 PM
6	In NJ the 28/43 limits is only relevant spring fall small windows	12/31/2017 4:34 PM
7	The commercial industry is devastating the striped bass population as well as all the different sizes and regulations for each state as I stated before it needs to be one set of laws and rules pertaining to size and amount fish takeN	12/31/2017 3:08 PM
8	Until 2017, for the previous four years especially, the fishing really sucked. Last year (2017) I had the best striper fishing I've had in 15 years! Hope revives for this fishery, as long as we get a decent YOY class every few years. But we need gamefish management to keep this fishery healthy and abundant	12/31/2017 1:38 PM
9	More fish but less bait. I haven't seen a school of sand eels in my area in about 4 years. Plenty of anchovies in the fall.	12/31/2017 1:17 PM
10	As second-season guide, many of my answers do not fit into the larger picture of what is going on with the striper fishery.	12/7/2017 9:49 PM
11	We need more enforcement on the waters. 6 pack boats double dipping, commercial and rec. also fishing commercially with clients on board.	12/5/2017 8:38 AM
12	Population is on the decline as result of removing too many prime producers	12/5/2017 7:30 AM

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13	More people want me to take them because I know where these fish stay and I'm still able to put my clients on top of fish, and still am able for them to catch a great sized Fish, that they can get plenty of Pictures of. This is only because I study all the migration patterns and know what these fish do. I never have them on a Boat because I can take them and follow the tides and out on the Flats, and have them able to Sight Fish for Stripers with a FLY on the end of a Fly Line. The Average Guide that I am in communication with, tells me that they have horrible days on the water on a boat and even off a Beach or a Flat, because these fish are no longer staying in the areas they once went to. This is because, the bait fish (i.e., Forage Fish) have started to move into different areas, trying to stay away from the Commercial netters that are out there. Although this is a great thing happening for the Striped Bass, I believe that it is to Late! to do anything to save them unless we start taking drastic measures to save the population now! My PHONE NUMBER for any other Communication with me is, 860-936-2313. I welcome any other questions from any of you that want to talk about what I'am seeing and finding! Capt. Nunzio J. Incremona	12/5/2017 5:45 AM
14	With the global warming, beach replenishment, run off and about two other things. Our waters have less food chain to support health fisheries. We are now seeing extreme warm temps in our back bays, dropping oxygen levels to the point that fish leave during the summer and return later and later each year. Cape May use to have prime striper season around Oct 15. Now we don't see migrating stripers till after Thanks Giving. Fishing has gotten so bad the last 3 years that I have to be honest with my customers and tell them the fishing is so poor and I will call them if fishing improves to the point where it is worth targeting. Any more April to the end of July the fishing is fairly decent and Come August I have pretty much cancelling or no doing any charter the rest of the year. I use to do 125 to 150 charters and now only doing 40 to 45 turning away more trips than I do. The conditions that I mentioned have effected all the other species in much the same way, so there is no alternative species to fish for. I believe next year will be my last year of guiding. The Cape May Party and Charter Boat Association that I belong to use to have 280 members in the 90's and is now down to maybe 40 boats as the fishing has gotten so poor many have quit and sold their boats.	12/4/2017 9:15 PM
15	ONE fishing pole	12/4/2017 5:10 PM
16	Striper fishing is almost nonexistent in ocean waters in south jersey	12/4/2017 4:53 PM
17	Look into the Lower Bay Ave., Cape May why want to Striper there anymore	12/4/2017 4:45 PM
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18	STINKS!	12/4/2017 4:45 PM