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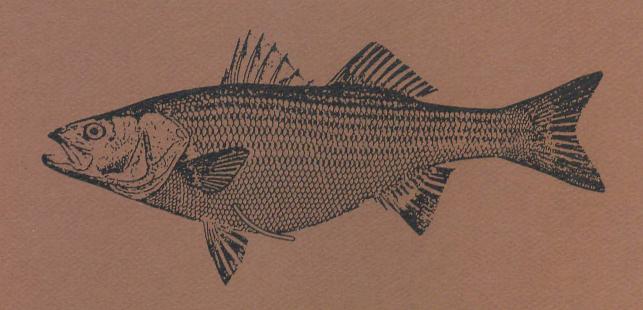
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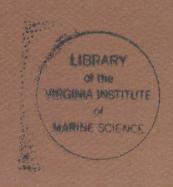
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PREFACE

Financial support for this project was provided by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, research grant F77-R.

The specific objectives executed during the 1989 through 1990 research were to:

- Tag and release 3,000 striped bass in the Rappahannock River in fall
 1989 and 3,000 in spring 1990.
- 2. Cooperate in a multi-state program to tag and release striped bass.
- 3. Analyze preliminary tag return data.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. A total of 6,203 striped bass were tagged in fall 1989 and 2,033 in spring 1990 on the Rappahannock River.
- In fall 1989, 63.5% of the tagged striped bass were less than 400 mm fork length (FL). In comparison, 86% of the fish were greater than 400 mm FL in spring 1990.
- 3. Pound nets in the Rappahannock River account for 75% of the recaptures, while out of state recaptures account for only 0.008% of the total returns.

INTRODUCTION

The need for studies of striped bass (Morone saxatilis) in Chesapeake Bay was discussed by Loesch et al. (1987). For succinctness, we extracted the following from the introduction of their report.

Striped bass production in Chesapeake Bay not only affects the commercial and recreational fisheries in Virginia but influences the degree of success attained by the fisheries in other Atlantic coastal states.

Due to the concern about the decline in striped bass stocks along the Atlantic coast since the mid-1970's, an interstate fisheries management plan was developed under the auspices of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) as part of their Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ASMFC 1981). legislation was enacted in 1984 (Public Law #98-613, The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act) which enables Federal imposition of a moratorium for an indefinite period in those states that fail to comply with the coastwide plan. To be in compliance with the plan, coastal states imposed restrictions on their commercial and recreational striped bass fisheries ranging from combinations of catch quotas, size limits, and limited moratoriums. In addition, the Striped Bass Management Board has urged the coastal states to monitor the stocks and to institute tagging programs. recapture studies of striped bass in Virginia were initiated in the James and Rappahannock rivers; elsewhere, striped bass are being tagged in Rhode Island, New York, and Maryland waters. studies should provide information about exploitation rates, migration patterns, and the proportions of Hudson River, Maryland

and Virginia striped bass in northern waters. The Maryland and Virginia studies will also provide information on the degree of striped bass movement within Chesapeake Bay. The data collected will be an important constituent of the total information base needed to assess present management strategies.

METHODS

Striped bass were obtained from cooperating commercial fishermen. Fish were captured with pound nets at river km 33 to 87 during fall 1989 and spring 1990. A Floy internal anchor tag 5 mm X 20 mm, with an 85 mm external tube was used for all fish tagged. The anchor tag was inserted into the body cavity through a small surgical incision made just posterior to the apex of the pectoral fin on the museum (left) side of the fish. Thus, the anchor was inserted into the peritoneal cavity posterior to the pericardial cavity and anterior to the spleen. The tags were treated by the Floy Company with an algaecide which reduces algae build-up, reduces drag, and increases retention (Hillman and Werme 1983).

Basically, the VIMS tagging personnel followed the fisherman to the net. One side of the pound head was lowered and the fisherman's skiff was pulled inside the head. The bottom of the head was gradually pulled into the boat, thereby concentrating the fish in the remaining portion of the head. Fish were dipped from the head and placed in the fisherman's boat, except for striped bass which were placed in a VIMS "live car" (floating pocket) attached to the net. The live car measured 1.2 m x 2.4 m x 1.2 m with a 25.4-mm mesh. The net was kept open by a float line around the outside of the surface perimeter, a spreader board (1.2 m) inside of the surface perimeter at each end, and lead lines on the bottom of the net. After the fisherman finished, the tagging vessel retrieved the live car and together the vessel and live car drifted with the current while the fish were tagged and released. Taggers retrieved a fish from the live car, implanted a tag, and recorded its fork length (FL), total length (TL), and, if possible, sex. Striped bass less than 300 mm FL were released untagged. Several scales were removed from the area above the lateral line midway between the insertion of the first dorsal fin and the origin of the second. Salinity, water temperature and tidal stage were also recorded.

Scales were prepared for reading by the method described by Merriman (1941), except an acetate sheet replaced the glass slide and acetone. Scales were aged using the microcomputer program (DISBCAL) of Frie (1982), as modified for a sonic digitizer-microcomputer complex (Loesch et al. 1985). Growth increments were measured from the focus to the posterior edge of each annulus. There was little difficulty in reading the scales when a clear focus was found. Often the first annulus, and sometimes the second, was difficult to define for fish age 6 or older.

Aging was not an objective of the study; scales were to be stored for "reading" at a later date. However, a reading of scales collected in fall 1989 and spring 1990 was accomplished. Striped bass scale annuli form between April and June in Virginia waters; therefore, year classes, other than 0 year class, are considered to be a year older on 1 July (Grant 1974). This aging scheme differs from that utilized in Maryland and North Carolina where age is incremented on 1 January. Thus, the same year class is designated one year older in Maryland and North Carolina six months before age designations are equalized for all three states.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) supplied the Floy anchor tags for our project and to the other coastal states tagging striped bass, and it is functioning as the repository for the tag-return data. The data will be sorted and subsequently returned to the appropriate states. The external tube of the tag, as well as its anchor, is inscribed with instructions to return the tag to, or telephone, the Annapolis, Maryland, office of the FWS. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Washington, D. C.) forwards a reward of \$5.00 or a fisherman's cap with a striped bass conservation logo as an acknowledgment for the recapture information.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 6,203 striped bass were tagged and released in fall 1990 on the Rappahannock River between 2 October and 1 November. The maximum number of fish tagged in a day was 982 (27 October) and the fewest was 141 (30 October). In spring 1990 tagging commenced on 12 March and ended on 23 May, with a total of 2,033 fish tagged and released. The maximum number of fish tagged in a day was 260 (19 April) and the fewest was 7 (12 April). As of 23 May 90, the grand total of striped bass tagged and released in the Rappahannock River since fall 1987 is 18,757 (Table 1).

There was a noticeable difference in size between the striped bass tagged in fall 1989 and spring 1990 pound net fisheries in the Rappahannock River. During fall 1989 and spring 1990 we did not tag a striped bass smaller than 300 mm in FL. In fall 1988 the tagged striped bass averaged 387 mm FL (SE = 1.21 mm), and 77.6% of the fish were less than 400 mm FL (Loesch and Hill 1989). However, in fall 1989 the tagged fish averaged 398 mm FL (SE = 0.709 mm) and 63.5% of the fish were less than 400 mm FL (Fig. 1). Due to the presence of mature coastal migrant striped bass which ascend the system to spawn, fish averaged 528 mm FL (SE = 3.06 mm) in spring 1990, and 86.0% of the tagged striped bass were 400 mm FL or greater (Fig. 2). During spring 1988 the mean FL was 495 mm (S.E. 2.22) with 31% of the tagged fish between 501 and 550 mm FL (Loesch et al. 1988). The striped bass tagged in fall 1989 ranged in size from 304 mm FL to 709 mm FL; however, the striped bass tagged in spring 1990 ranged in size from 320 mm FL to 1240 mm FL.

Prior to the total closure of the striped bass fishery in Virginia, there was a minimum size restriction of 24 inches TL (610 mm TL = 571 mm FL). If the fishery were reopened only in the fall with a 24 inches TL (571 mm FL) minimum, only about 1.8% of the catch could have been retained in the fall 1989. If the

minimum size were set at 18 inches TL (427 mm FL), about 19.8% of the catch could have been retained. In fall 1988 the percentages of retainable striped bass for the same minimum size considerations were 1.4% and 10% (Loesch and Hill 1989).

A biological concern about the fall fishery is that nearly all the striped bass are immature. A minimum size limit to protect most of the immature fish would result in a <u>de facto</u> fishing moratorium, while the 18 inches TL limit could lead to recruitment overfishing unless the frequency of strong year classes is much higher than it has been in the past 16 years, or other management restrictions are applied during a fall fishery.

In the spring (March, April, and May) the available stock contains mature fish as well as young nonmigrant fish. Thus, if the minimum size were 24 inches TL (571 mm FL) in spring 1990 about 32.8% could have been harvested. If the minimum were 18 inches TL (427 mm FL), over 72.5% of the fish would have been of legal size. The corresponding percentages in spring 1989 were 29.8% and 77.3% (Loesch and Hill 1989). Since larger striped bass tend to spawn early, and spawning is on the wane in May, an alternative management approach would be to have a spring fishery in the latter part of May with a 24 inches TL size limit.

The difference in the degrees of vulnerability of the available stock in the fall relative to the available stock in the spring is shown by the recaptures per net-day in pound nets during the tagging periods. There was a total effort of 202.5 pound net-days, during the fall 1989 tagging season, with 680 recaptures. Of these 680 recaptures 638 of them were re-released and the remainder were sacrificed. The recapture per net-day rate during the fall 1989 tagging program was 3.36 fish per pound net-day. During the spring 1990 tagging program there was a total effort of 194 pound net-days, with 169 recaptures. Of these recaptures 103 individuals were re-released and the remainder were sacrificed. This is the same pattern that has been observed during the two

previous tagging contracts (Loesch at al. 1987, Loesch and Hill 1988). The fall recapture rate exceeded the spring recapture rate.

The 1986 year class (age 3) made up 51.7% of the fall primary releases (Fig. 3). During spring 1990 the dominant cohort was the 1986 year class, accounting for 35.8% of the individuals that were tagged (Fig. 4). The striped bass tagged in spring 1990 had the most diverse age structure to date, with ages ranging to 2-15. The commercial fishermen had their pound nets deployed in mid-March (Table 2), earlier than in previous years. The fall fishery is composed mostly of younger resident fish while the spring fishery contains migratory fish, and the mean size of the tagged fish in the fall is smaller than in the spring (Table 2).

As of 31 December 1989 FWS reported a total of 6,041 recaptures from striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River. The majority of tag returns were captured from pound nets within the Rappahannock River system (75%) (Table 3). The vast majority of these returns have usually occurred during the first 120 days of release for the fall 1987, 1988, and 1989 (55.4%, 62.1% and 100.0%, respectively); for the spring 1988 and 1989, the percentages were smaller (37.9% and 28.4%, respectively) (Figs. 5-9). Out-of-state returns account for less than 0.008% of the returns (Table 3).

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Table 1. Number of striped bass tagged and released in the Rappahannock River, fall 1987 - spring 1990.

Tagging Period	Number Tagged	
Fall 1987	3,319	
Spring 1988	2,024	
Fall 1988	3,892	
Spring 1989	1,316	
Fall 1989	6,203	
Spring 1990	2,033	
Total	18,787	

Table 2. Mean size of striped bass tagged on the Rappahannock River by year, month, day and river mile, fall 1987 - spring 1990.

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
	1005	204 0222	00 1555	0011
YEAR	1987	384.0338	89.1577	3311
MONTH	September	410.6731	69.3481	731
DAY	24 le 37	403.9383 404.2176	71.3265 62.3617	389 216
River Mi River Mi		409.9259	88.4512	210
River Mi River Mi	•	402.2292	80.0322	48
River Mi River Mi		403.2353	82.9213	17
River Mi		408.3200	76.7798	25
River Mi		409.0294	76.4902	34
River Mi		385.2727	92.2260	22
DAY	28	418.3333	66.3023	342
River Mi	le 37	410.5094	61.9546	159
River Mi	le 39	418.0128	67.0372	78
River Mi		437.2200	63.3556	50
River Mi		441.2857	77.1157	14
River Mi	-	401.6111	61.0209	18
River Mi	le 44	431.5652	86.6633	23
MONTH	October	376.4860	92.6435	2580
DAY	1	431.3042	66.7414	263 90
River Mi		435.0778	67.6415 66.2445	71
River Mi		433.2394 441.6471	56.2160	17
River Mi		425.3077	62.5061	39
River Mi River Mi		419.1538	57.6250	13
River Mi.		423.3939	80.0457	33
RIVER MI.	re 47			
DAY	5	374.3356	95.3693	593
River Mi	··· =	383.7391	101.8626	69
River Mi.	_ -	394.2543	97.0780	232
River Mi.		357.4407	94.0076	59
River Mi		363.9556	86.9564	45 63
River Mi		366.7937	82.7636 81.5081	84
River Mi		327.0357	94.7468	41
River Mi	Le 47	390.0000	54.7400	41
DAY	8	353.0485	89.8337 94.4749	206 32
River Mi		356.9688 346.1389	101.6695	36
River Mil		345.0417	84.6884	24
River Mil		379.5000	92.1439	10
River Mil		417.2222	91.6647	18
River Mil		330.4655	72.1724	58
River Mil	- -	360.3929	90.0228	28
River Mil	Le 47	300.3929	70.0220	20

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
Dav	12	369.8241	92.8768	307
DAY River Mile	37	372.8372	103.4834	43
River Mile	39 .	383.0952	111.2913	43
River Mile	40	338.3846	72.4354	26
River Mile	41	386.7407	96.1416	27
River Mile	42	411.7143	73.2408	42
River Mile	44	345.2921	83.9574	89
River Mile	47	372.3947	90.2766	38
DAY	15	360.1022	87.7673	225
River Mile	37	355.4286	91.4372	21
River Mile	39	313.7419	70.9798	31
River Mile	40	365.3214	76.6947	28
River Mile	41	399.9231	90.7675	13
River Mile	42	430.0645	70.7936	31
River Mile	44	337.7234	81.8394	47
River Mile	46	361.9583	103.3283	24
River Mile	47	350.4333	78.5246	30
DAY	19	387.1033	92.9027	397
River Mile	37	420.8500	82.9320	20
River Mile	39	353.8704	76.5837	54
River Mile	40	401.1000	78.7996	40
River Mile	41	375.5217	94.6582	23
River Mile	42	418.6739	77.4603	46
River Mile	44	384.3061	101.3035	147
River Mile	46	387.2683	96.8680	41
River Mile	47	378.5769	100.2298	26
DAY	22	368.8127	94.1960	267
River Mile	37	418.5000	87.7936	8
River Mile	39	422.5588	104.4501	34
River Mile	40	366.0750	82.2084	40
River Mile	41	458.5000	80.5581	10
River Mile	42	400.0000	86.3124	25
River Mile	44	343.0435	86.2180	115
River Mile	46	334.6842	81.0720	19
River Mile	47	357.5625	102.0333	16
DAY	26	355.4033	89.7611	181
River Mile	39	364.7500 366.3192	96.5804 98.3693	20 22
River Mile	40	366.3182	85.2389	11
River Mile	41	379.4545	75.4013	30
River Mile	42	426.2333	75.4013 84.7267	50 50
River Mile	44	341.4800	66.4957	29
River Mile	46	306.5862 318.3158	70.9335	19
River Mile	47	210.2120	10.3333	19

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
DAY	29	369.8723	92.9105	141
DAY River Mile	37	455.0870	97.4926	23
River Mile River Mile	39	397.3478	92.3165	23
River Mile	40	351.1176	101.5793	17
River Mile	41	453.2500	29.4548	4
River Mile	42	404.8095	76.6385	21
River Mile	44	311.7273	30.5024	22
River Mile	46	286.5333	20.3816	15
River Mile	47	319.1875	50.3007	16
YEAR	1988	404.7789	106.7412	5915
MONTH	April	503.9147	102.0882	1055
DAY	⁻ 18	532.4417	113.1460	120
River Mile	40	352.2000	96.9933	5
River Mile	44	536.7451	138.0129	51
River Mile	46	573.9167	98.1700	12
River Mile	47	535.9808	68.9909	52
DAY	21	511.5678	102.8648	118
River Mile	40	464.2667	110.0899	15
River Mile	42	492.0000	60.8112	2
River Mile	44	518.8125	96.7497	48
River Mile River Mile	46	488.6667	139.6254	9
River Mile	47	525.3636	98.6863	44
DAY	25	500.3648	97.1155	540
River Mile	40	467.4030	102.6902	67
River Mile	42	488.8495	98.4366	93
River Mile	44	503.2051	85.3335	195
River Mile	46	503.7143	117.1225	42
River Mile	47	518.4406	98.8349	143
DAY	28	495.2166	104.3873	277
River Mile	40	480.2727	132.6415	33
River Mile	42	456.5946	112.8092	37
River Mile	44	519.1241	78.7496	137
River Mile	46	451.6364	121.8280	22
River Mile	47	487.0000	117.1814	48
MONTH	May	488.4509	95.4966	896 107
DAY	2	521.2944	97.3136	197
River Mile	40	486.5652	96.2013	46
River Mile	41	453.5000	132.5355	4
River Mile	42	505.6667	81.8067	36
River Mile	44	532.1548	85.7416	84
River Mile	46	604.1667	115.0524	12 15
River Mile	47	556.2667	120.5940	тэ

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
DAY	5	498.1967	81.6064	183
River Mile	40	491.8493	80.7721	73
River Mile	41	471.4000	66.0794	10
River Mile	44	506.9070	84.0741	86
River Mile	46	474.3333	79.4900	6
River Mile	47	513.8750	83.2971	8
DAY	9	502.8359	91.3084	128
River Mile	40	490.6329	95.2346	79
River Mile	41	474.5000	85.5599	2
River Mile	44	526.4359	81.5771	39
River Mile	47	515.3750	88.5146	8
DAY	12	483.6867	85.4430	83
River Mile	40	495.3846	54.3817	26
River Mile	41	500.0000	88.8313	3
River Mile	42	500.5556	95.1607	18
River Mile	44	479.4545	75.0592	22
River Mile	46	443.4286	125.3019	14
DAY	16	461.6566	91.1525	99
River Mile	40	459.6923	116.8349	13
River Mile	41	399.7143	117.4716	7
River Mile	42	464.5319	64.5876	47
River Mile	44	497.1429	80.7975	21
River Mile	47	423.3636	132.4124	11
DAY	19	445.5614	102.8777	57
River Mile	40	466.8800	82.7478	25
River Mile	44	418.5625	101.6064	16
River Mile	46	357.8571	86.4512	7
River Mile	47	502.5556	123.7721	9
DAY	23	457.5638	99.0884	149
River Mile	40	485.1212	102.6410	33
River Mile	41	419.2222	78.9917	9
River Mile	42	479.6739	79.1367	46
River Mile	44	440.7660	98.5418	47
River Mile	47	401.0000	129.7222	14
MONTH	June	445.5972	104.6945	72
DAY	2	445.5972	104.6945	72
River Mile	40	451.1905	99.4228	42
River Mile	41	421.2000	89.9849	10
River Mile	46 .	442.3750	110.6202	8
River Mile	47	448.5000	137.1671	12

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE			MEAN	STD DEV	CASE
MONTH	Sont	cember	343.0564	68.0000	621
DAY	sept	.eliber 29	343.0564	68.0000	62
River	wile	40	335.2156	50.6526	218
River		42	356.4025	84.0451	15
River		44	337.5455	56.4068	14
River		46	338.1887	84.5293	5
River		47	356.2500	81.8732	4
моитн		October	362.6876	78.1310	275
DAY		3	373.4239	79.1875	61
River	Mile	40	364.8606	75.2261	20
River	Mile	41	370.5200	72.2926	7
River	Mile	42	368.1339	75.7312	12
River	Mile	44	385.5728	84.4913	10
River	Mile	46	390.0952	90.2500	4
· River	Mile	47	386.2679	88.0771	5
DAY		6	377.2424	88.1119	52
River	wilo	40	367.3892	77.8052	16
River		41	398.0625	89.4156	3
River		42	358.6916	73.1550	10
River		44	387.8217	98.2017	15
River		46	356.1250	76.1606	3
River		47	437.2121	107.5002	3
DAY		10	355.3375	73.4623	47
River	Mile	40	334.2763	56.6047	7
River		41	382.6129	76.2035	3
River		42	354.2941	65.0961	10
River		44	353.5440	76.4048	18
River		46	381.3429	85.2080	3
River		47	360.7843	82.4860	5
DAY		13	359.0995	82.5688	40
River	Mile	40	361.1918	72.5296	7
River	Mile	41	346.0870	88.9703	2
River		42	365.5472	77.7105	10
River	Mile	44	342.2056	81.5617	10
River	Mile	46	383.7381	101.3047	4
River		47	363.7255	84.2860	5
DAY		27	350.0395	66.5353	73
River	Mile	40	362.5507	61.0614	13
River	Mile	41	383.1190	58.7600	11
River	Mile	42	376.6723	70.3196	11
River		44	348.0186	48.7062	16
River	Mile	46	325.1006	68.1560	15
River		47	332.8448	73.0810	11

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE			MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
			242 0564		
MONTH	Sep	otember	343.0564	68.0000	621
DAY	_	29	343.0564	68.0000	621
Rive	r Mile	40	335.2156	50.6526	218
Rive	r Mile	42	356.4025	84.0451	159
Rive	r Mile	44	337.5455	56.4068	143
Rive	r Mile	46	338.1887	84.5293	53
Rive	r Mile	47	356.2500	81.8732	48
монтн		October	362.6876	78.1310	2753
DAY		3	373.4239	79.1875	611
	r Mile	40	364.8606	75.2261	208
	r Mile	41	370.5200	72.2926	75
	r Mile	42	368.1339	75.7312	127
	r Mile	44	385.5728	84.4913	103
	r Mile	46	390.0952	90.2500	42
	r Mile	47	386.2679	88.0771	56
		_	377.2424	88.1119	528
DAY		6	367.3892	77.8052	167
	r Mile	40	398.0625	89.4156	32
	r Mile	41	358.6916	73.1550	107
	r Mile	42	387.8217	98.2017	157
	r Mile	44	356.1250	76.1606	32
	r Mile	46	437.2121	107.5002	33
Rive	r Mile	47	10,1222		55
DAY		10	355.3375	73.4623	477
Rive	r Mile	40	334.2763	56.6047	76
	r Mile	41	382.6129	76.2035	31
Rive	r Mile	42	354.2941	65.0961	102
Rive	r Mile	44	353.5440	76.4048	182
Rive	r Mile	46	381.3429	85.2080	35
Rive	r Mile	47	360.7843	82.4860	51
DAY		13	359.0995	82.5688	402
	r Mile	40	361.1918	72.5296	73
	r Mile	41	346.0870	88.9703	23
	r Mile	42	365.5472	77.7105	106
	r Mile	44	342.2056	81.5617	107
	r Mile	46	383.7381	101.3047	42
	r Mile	47	363.7255	84.2860	51
			350.0395	66.5353	735
DAY		27	362.5507	61.0614	138
	r Mile	40	383.1190	58.7600	42
	r Mile	41	376.6723	70.3196	119
	r Mile	42	348.0186	48.7062	161
	r Mile	44	325.1006	68.1560	159
	r Mile	46	325.1006	73.0810	116
Rive	r Mile	47	332.0440	12.0010	110

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
MONTH	November	350.1641	65.8404	518
DAY	November 3	350.1641	65.8404	518
River Mil	_	339.7414	72.3204	116
River Mil		427.9286	69.5031	14
River Mil	_	397.5882	63.8446	51
River Mil	_	333.8054	50.0694	149
River Mil		350.2435	67.1094	115
River Mil		351.9452	57.3210	73
YEAR	1989	418.9173	84.2298	7517
MONTH	April	561.2905	108.3191	623
DAY	20	598.2169	81.6853	83
River Mil	e. 44	583.2353	54.2742	17
River Mil		602.0758	87.2851	66
DAY	24	583.4758	109.7046	227
River Mil	e 40	483.2857	124.1903	7
River Mil	e 42	550.0000	111.1342	6
. River Mil	e 44	601.4359	105.7188	39
River Mil	e 47	584.6286	108.5731	175
DAY	27	535.4089	107.3619	313
River Mile	e 40	446.9630	117.8387	27
River Mile	€ 42	458.9048	106.5044	21
River Mile	e 44	539.2113	115.1861	71
River Mil	e 47	554.6082	93.1038	194
MONTH	May	481.6893	111.1064	692
DAY	1	521.6778	97.2244	239
River Mile		588.2000	109.7962	5
River Mile		584.0000	121.9672	5
River Mile		524.9091 483.5807	94.0937 95.2906	44
River Mile		482.5897	94.7554	39 67
River Mile	_	515.7910 536.0127	94.7554	79
River Mile	e 47	556.0127	94.9094	79
DAY	4	500.8684	97.5163	114
River Mile		493.3333	89.2168	21
River Mile		521.2593	94.5339	27
River Mile		505.5185	87.4750	27
River Mile		453.6000	128.1572	15
River Mile	e 47	508.8333	94.6599	24
DAY	8	527.2857	91.2717	21
River Mile	e 42	527.2857	91.2717	21

Table 2. (cont.)

RIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
D2.W		501 2460	04 0035	-
DAY	11	521.3462 503.8947	84.8835	5
River Mile	30		100.0127	1
River Mile	40	509.0000	92.4758	1
River Mile	44	587.5000	63.1638	
River Mile	46	573.0000	.0000	_
River Mile	47	529.0556	64.1372	1
DAY	15	519.9444	96.8483	1
River Mile	42	480.3750	84.2156	
River Mile	44	503.3333	116.1995	,
River Mile	46	571.6667	57.8302	
River Mile	47	572.7500	120.5277	•
DAY	18	497.7586	112.0544	2
River Mile	40	511.6429	104.9678	1.
River Mile	44	382.0000	119.7163	
River Mile	46	521.8333	112.4018	
River Mile	47	499.1667	118.4169	(
DAY	22	443.5143	101.1099	7
River Mile	18	367.8462	53.7430	í
River Mile	19	431.9000	53.0020	1
River Mile River Mile	25	357.7778	129.3453	
	 -	506.7500	100.7683	
River Mile	30	397.0000	.0000	
River Mile	32	510.5333	64.8469	1
River Mile	40	480.1667	100.1853	
River Mile	42	480.1667	100.1653	1:
DAY	24	349.4048	67.4649	. 4
River Mile	19	351.2857	71.9426	3
River Mile	25	340.0000	40.6079	
DAY	25	507.9302	90.8162	4
River Mile	40	528.5238	86.3624	2
River Mile	42	488.2727	92.5363	2
DAY	26	350.8889	79.2404	1
		335.0909	48.8538	ī
River Mile	18	409.2000	118.5188	1.
River Mile	19	292.0000	2.8284	
River Mile	25	292.0000	2.0204	
DAY	31	341.1739	57.6253	4
River Mile	18	324.3125	26.5505	3
River Mile	19	409.9000	85.2414	1
River Mile	25	304.2500	11.5289	

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
DAY	11	521.3462	84.8835	52
River Mile	30	503.8947	100.0127	19
River Mile	40	509.0000	92.4758	10
River Mile	44	587.5000	63.1638	4
River Mile	46	573.0000	.0000	1
River Mile	47	529.0556	64.1372	18
DAY	15	519.9444	96.8483	18
River Mile	42	480.3750	84.2156	8
River Mile	44	503.3333	116.1995	3
River Mile	46	571.6667	57.8302	3
River Mile	47	572.7500	120.5277	4
DAY	18	497.7586	112.0544	29
River Mile	40	511.6429	104.9678	14
River Mile	44	382.0000	119.7163	3
River Mile	46	521.8333	112.4018	6
River Mile	47	499.1667	118.4169	6
DAY	22	443.5143	101.1099	70
River Mile	18	367.8462	53.7430	13
River Mile	19	431.9000	53.0020	10
River Mile	25	357.7778	129.3453	9
River Mile	30	506.7500	100.7683	4
River Mile	32	397.0000	.0000	1
River Mile	40	510.5333	64.8469	15
River Mile	42	480.1667	100.1853	18
Wivel Wile	42			
DAY	24	349.4048	67.4649	. 42
River Mile	19	351.2857	71.9426	35
River Mile	25	340.0000	40.6079	7
DAY	25	507.9302	90.8162	43
River Mile	40	528.5238	86.3624	21
River Mile	42	488.2727	92.5363	22
DAY	26	350.8889	79.2404	18
River Mile	18	335.0909	48.8538	11
River Mile	19	409.2000	118.5188	5
River Mile	25	292.0000	2.8284	2
DAY	31	341.1739	57.6253	46
	18	324.3125	26.5505	32
River Mile	- -	409.9000	85.2414	10
River Mile	19	304.2500	11.5289	4
River Mile	25	304.2300		

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE			MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
MONTH		October	395.7299	53.6812	5860
DAY		2	369.8186	42.2888	711
River	Mile	18	357.3571	27.0083	182
River	Mile	19	391.7098	49.9627	193
River	Mile	25	363.9940	39.6348	336
DAY		4	377.8885	40.9244	547
River	Mile	18	360.7951	27.7477	122
River		19	380.3590	33.1812	195
River	Mile	25	384.8609	49.4367	230
DAY		5	407.3407	70.4594	135
River	Mile	32	366.3500	40.6115	20
River		40	371.0000	53.5770	17
River	Mile	44	434.4348	82.0769	23
River		46	415.0769	63.9264	52
River		47	425.2609	81.9985	23
DAY		9	397.5511	51.6651	793
River	Mile	18	384.5935	40.1741	155
River 1		19	416.0249	54.8634	201
River 1		25	385.4943	38.8928	261
River		32	477.4000	97.8126	5
River		40	397.2143	68.1792	28 .
River		44	396.9767	57.1591	43
River		46	396.6604	58.0643	53
River 1		47	421.4681	66.3547	47
DAY	HILE	11	391.2395	49.0040	622
River 1	w:lo	18	372.5500	34.6014	140
River I		19	401.8213	50.4854	375
River I		25	378.6075	49.8715	107
DAY		12	405.7228	61.6900	267
River 1	Mile	18	371.4737	37.1414	19
River 1		32	435.0000	.0000	1
River 1		40	421.8462	67.6763	91
River h		44	398.7087	58.6374	103
			403.3962	57.5795	53
River 1	мтте	47	403+3902	3,.3,53	55

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	CASES
DAY	16	404.6424	65.2652	618
River M		368.5657	36.2526	99
River M	ile 19	392.8584	45.2138	113
River M		389.6197	67.4608	71
River M	ile 30	425.9231	79.5829	104
River M		395.2500	49.1418	4
River M		404.0430	59.1303	93
River M	ile 42	448.6351	75.0774	74
River M	ile 47	414.5500	58.5029	60
DAY	18	393.2066	61.9346	213
River M		370.4407	34.6496	59
River M	ile 19	414.4364	64.5620	110
River M	ile 25	370.6591	65.8945	44
DAY	23	410.9651	54.4256	831
River M	ile 18	407.2575	41.3709	233
River M	ile 19	422.2625	54.8257	301
. River M	ile 25	401.3629	53.5477	124
River M	ile 40	403.1850	65.7486	173
DAY	25	404.4033	47.9459	982
River M	ile 18	394.9333	31.6813	180
River M:	ile 19	409.2000	42.0353	135
River Mi	ile 25	401.2246	43.0587	334
River Mi	ile 40	410.9231	77.2717	13
River Mi	ile 42	469.7500	74.7624	24
River M:	ile 44	398.5402	56.7856	87
River Mi	ile 46	398.9725	47.4760	109
River Mi	ile 47	420.0800	58.9389	100
DAY	30	389.6809	40.3308	141
River Mi	ile 18	383.9886	35.3594	88
River Mi		399.1321	46.2768	53
MONTH	November	429.8567	77.8184	342
DAY	1	429.8567	77.8184	342
River Mi		438.4565	79.9452	138
River Mi		398.3171	66.4163	41
River Mi		468.3810	74.7023	42
River Mi	lle 46	413.1250	74.6896	96
River Mi	ile 47	433.6400	68.8094	25

Table 2. (cont.)

VARIABLE		MEAN STD DEV	CASES
YEAR	1990	527.8381 137.6407	2026
MONTH	March	483.8539 115.6247	712
DAY	12	453.8421 79.6156	95
River Mile	47	453.8421 79.6156	95
DAY	15	446.0815 80.5033	135
River Mile	37	435.5909 56.7171	22
River Mile	47	448.1239 84.4086	113
DAY	19	487.8298 125.3494	141
River Mile	37	535.0000 142.4612	45
River Mile	44	465.7188 110.4868	96
DAY	22	493.4583 119.3165	48
River Mile	37	501.8750 107.5304	16
River Mile	44	489.2500 126.2320	32
DAY	26	506.4385 122.1336	244
River Mile	37	519.6667 149.3234	6
River Mile	47	506.1050 121.7345	238
DAY	29	512.7959 151.1914	49
River Mile	37	481.7500 109.8190	8
River Mile	44	479.5294 130.0414	17
River Mile	47	546.7083 172.9671	24
MONTH	April	589.2588 141.4942	997
DAY	2	589.5714 172.4127	56
River Mile	44	579.7500 215.2663	4
River Mile	47	615.7500 171.9724	44
DAY	5	547.7308 135.3135	78
River Mile	37	553.3333 264.0537	3
River Mile	44	510.8333 130.5426	6
River Mile	47	550.6957 131.5252	69
DAY	9	548.8356 138.9448	73
River Mile	37	446.6667 136.6685	6
River Mile	44	529.9565 137.7922	23
River Mile	47	572.6364 134.9553	44
DAY	12	517.4286 126.2152	7
River Mile	37	517.4286 126.2152	7
DAY	16	591.0707 147.1504	198
River Mile	37	572.2500 122.0283	4
River Mile	44	599.4324 139.1862	37
River Mile	47	589.5796 150.1974	157
DAY	19 .	582.6332 134.9396	259
River Mile	37	596.3333 157.0630	12
River Mile	44	568.4545 132.5106	121
River Mile	47	594.9444 134.8694	126

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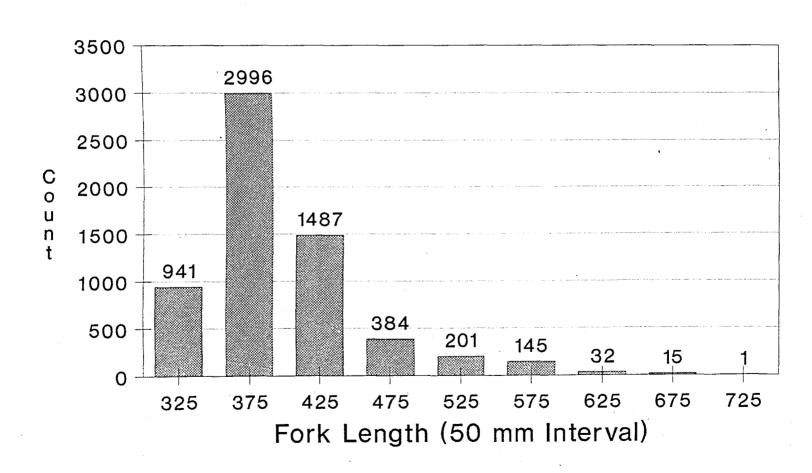
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DAY	23	620.9578	135.1716	166
River Mile	37	803.0000	137.1787	2
River Mile	44	637.7742	114.9669	31
River Mile	47	614.3008	138.1286	133
DAY	26	606.5750	135.4035	160
River Mile	37	560.0000	173.2070	4
River Mile	44	569.8261	118.9620	23
River Mile	47	614.3308	136.6825	133
MONTH	May	433.4543	54.9761	317
DAY	2	468.5000	113.7019	16
River Mile	18	438.5000	58.0991	6
River Mile	25	486.5000	136.7904	10
DAY	9	436.5200	58.5447	100
River Mile	18	430.7344	57.9182	64
River Mile	19	451.2308	47.5414	26
River Mile	25	435.3000	84.1283	10
DAY	16	428.9683	44.5665	189
River Mile	18	420.4762	38.0277	84
River Mile	19	443.4937	44.8276	79
River Mile	25	412.2692	51.6353	26
DAY	23	431.8333	46.7116	12
River Mile	18	433.5000	57.8125	8
River Mile	25	428.5000	13.4040	4

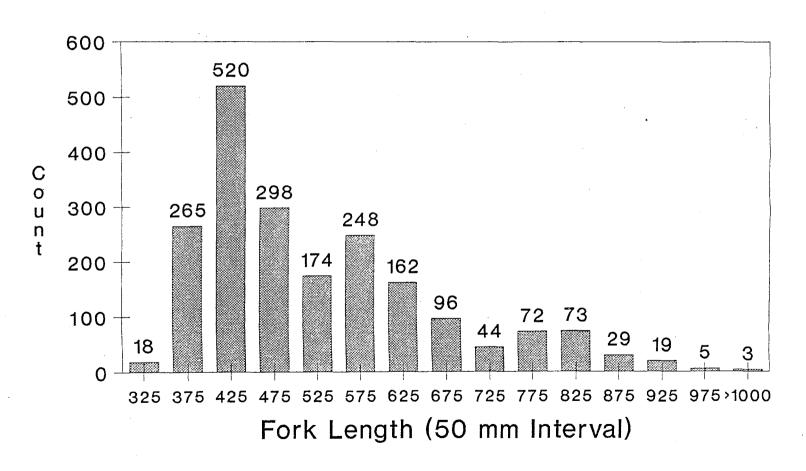
Table 3. Number of recaptures of striped bass by gear, state, and season as of 31 December 1989.

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	CT	MA	MD	NC	ме	NH	NJ	NY	RI	VA	Tagging Season
Anchor Gill Net										362	
Gill Net										20	
Hook & Line	1	6	3		, a					86	Fall
Other										2	1987
Trap			2		1	1		2	2	1203	
Found Dead									<u> </u>	3	
			·								
Anchor Gill Net			1							84	
Gill Net										2	
Hook & Line	1	5	5				4	1		60	Spring 1988
Other										11	1988
Trap										196	
Found Dead			1							9	
Anchor Gill Net										. 491	
Drift Gill Net										1	
Hook & Line		7	2		4	1				59	Fall
Other				1				4	2	4	1988
Trap		<u> </u>								800	

Table 3. (cont.)

	CT	MA	MD	NC	ME	NH	ŊJ	NY	RI	VA	Tagging Season
Anchor Gill Net										5	
Drift Gill Net										1	
Hook & Line							1			7	Spring
Other										2	1989
Trap										139	
				•		·					
Anchor Gill Net										34	
Drift Gill Net								· .		1	
Hook & Line										8	Fall
Trap										2399	1989
Trawl									<u> </u>	2	





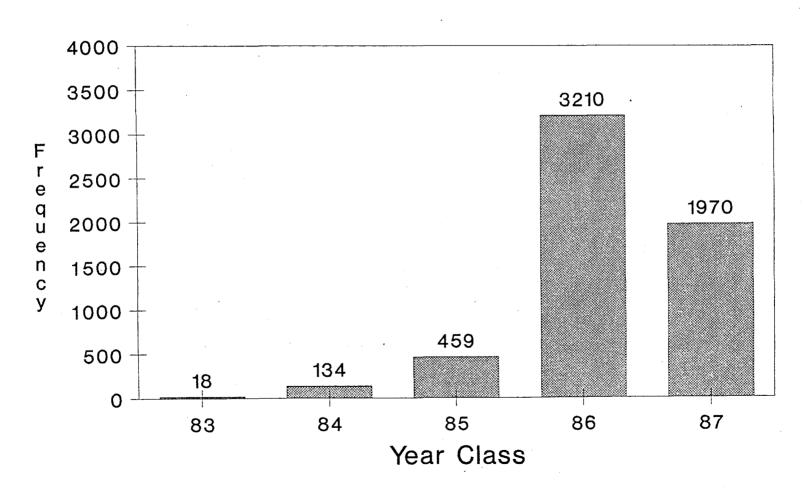


Fig 4. Year class frequency of striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, spring 1990

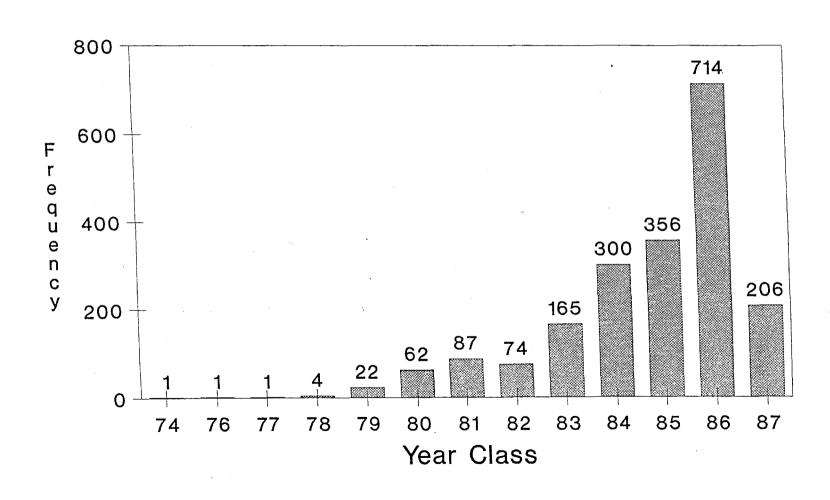


Fig. 5. Days at large of recaptured striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, fall 1987

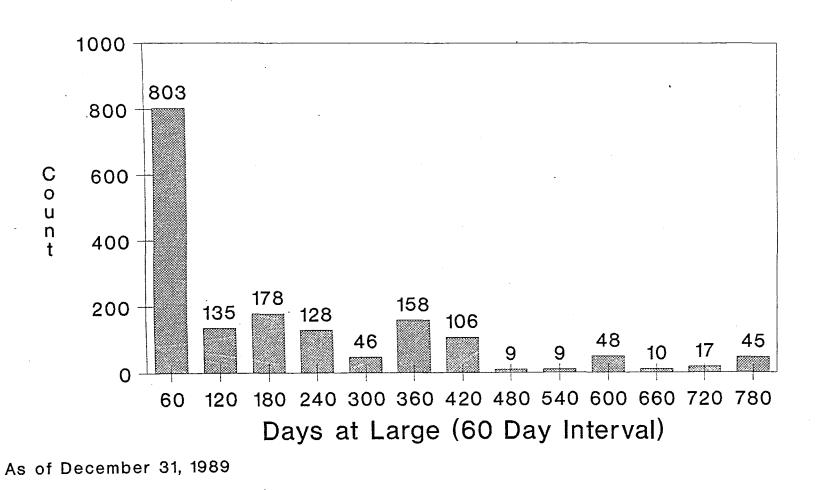


Fig. 6. Days at large of recaptured striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, spring 1988

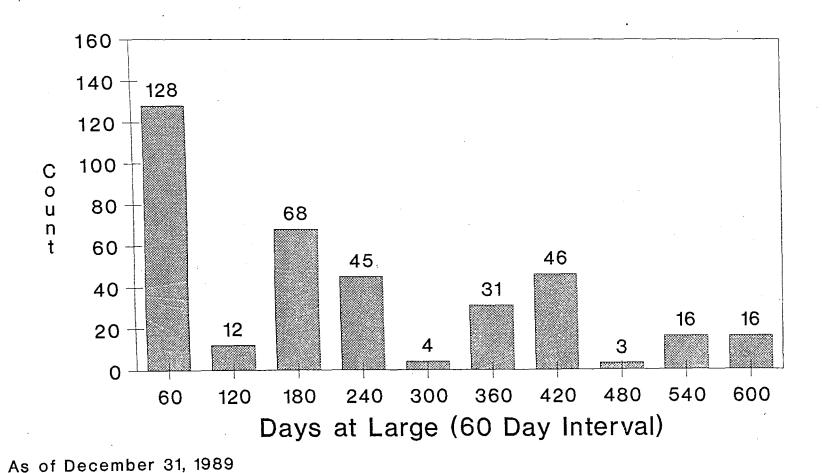


Fig. 7. Days at large of recaptured striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, fall 1988

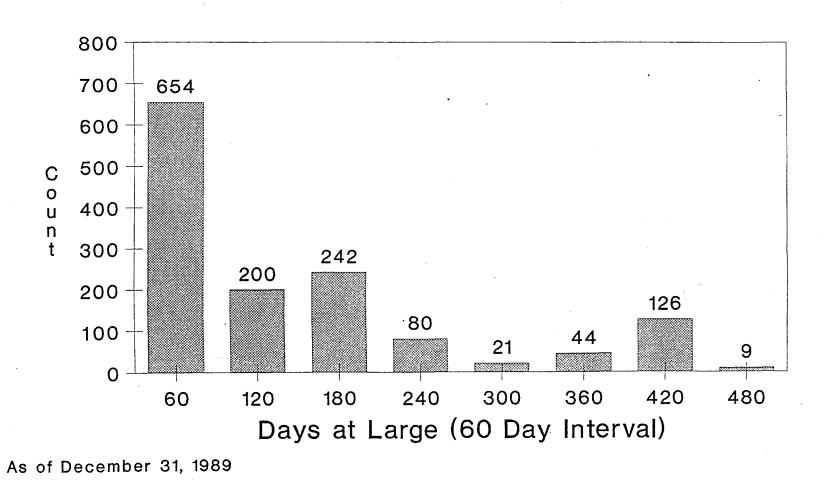


Fig. 8. Days at large of recaptured striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, spring 1989

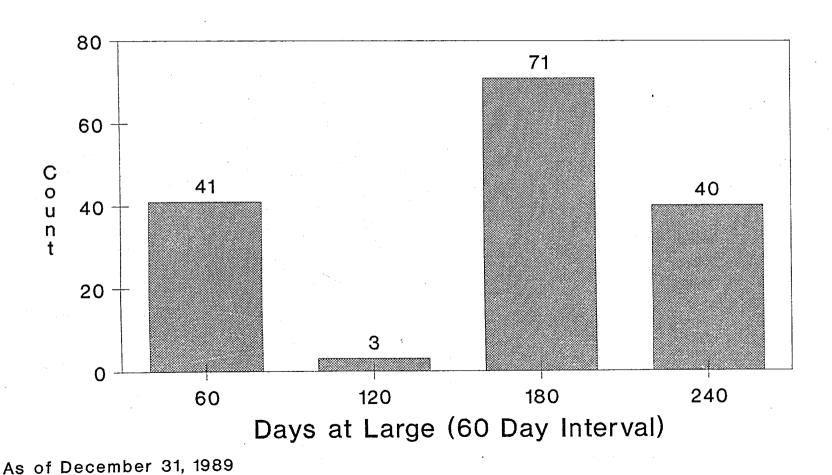


Fig. 9. Days at large of recaptured striped bass tagged in the Rappahannock River, fall 1989

