



Inland Silverside

Menidia beryllina



Description:

- ◆ edge of anal fin strongly curved
- ◆ 16 to 19 anal fin rays
- ◆ silvery sides and yellowish back
- ◆ elongate body
- ◆ upturned mouth
- ◆ head noticeably flat on top
- ◆ large eyes

Size:

- ◆ up to 4 inches

Range:

- ◆ Massachusetts to Florida and around Gulf to northeast Mexico

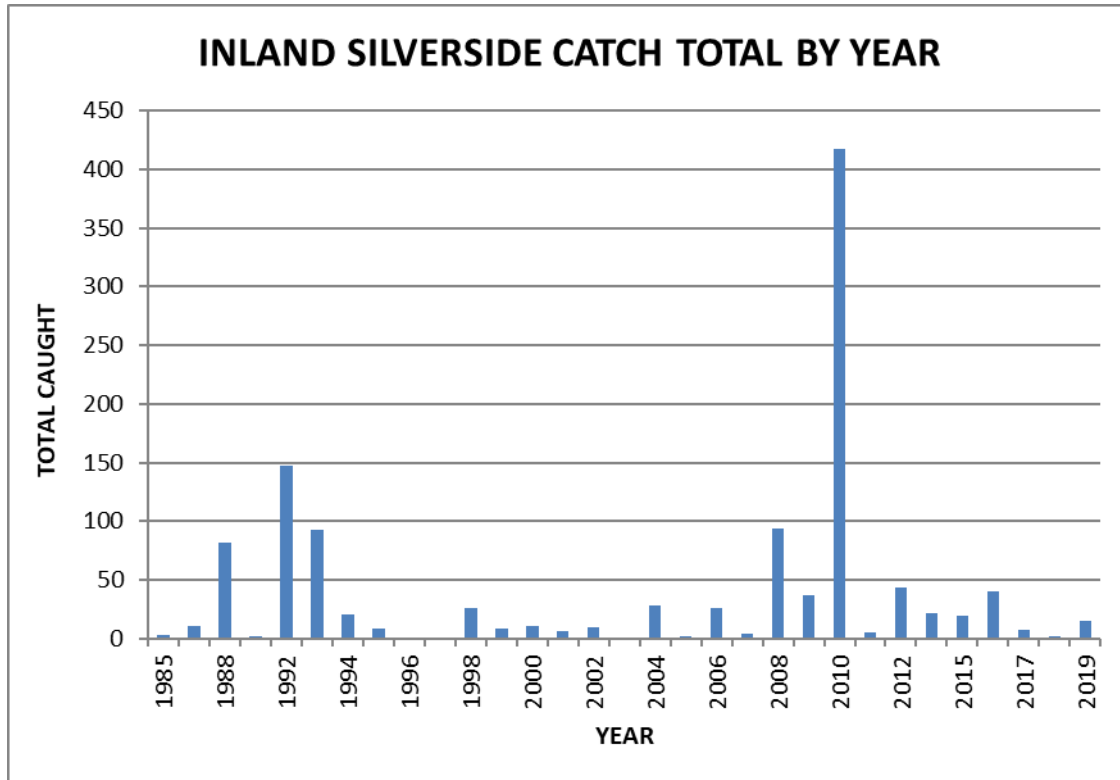
Facts:

- ◆ found in coastal fresh and tidal waters
- ◆ feed primarily on insects, worms, small crustaceans and mollusks
- ◆ travel in large schools
- ◆ important prey fish for many birds and other larger fish
- ◆ spawn from April through August
- ◆ spawn in shallows of open water
- ◆ sticky eggs attach to vegetation and other submerged objects



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*inland silversides were only caught during the years shown