Massachusetts Commercial Striped Bass Fishery; 1996-2000
Based on catch reports from licensed commercial fishermen

Permits	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Issued	3,652	5,532	5,529	3,562	3,280
Fished	1,973	2,094	1,948	1,595	1,499
Did Not Fish	1,377	2,229	2,378	1,614	1,427
Did Not Report	302	1,209	1,203	353	354
Effort					
Hours	141,328	138,632	130,800	126,316	110,445
Released Fish (Legal)					
Pounds	170,327	348,830	269,940	214,808	230,154
Number	9,372	25,770	18,485	14,947	14,683
Avg. Pounds-per-Fish	18.17	13.54	14.60	14.37	15.67
Released Fish (Sub-legal)					
Pounds	1,434,970	1,144,760	1,100,494	1,062,040	1,222,335
Number	178,120	147,026	139,096	128,835	144,636
Avg. Pounds-per-Fish	8.06	7.79	7.91	8.24	8.45
Sold Fish					
Pounds	690,958	733,767	771,808	712,817	731,782
Number	37,387	41,372	42,858	38,607	38,926
Avg. Pounds-per-Fish	18.48	17.74	18.01	18.46	18.80
Consumed Fish					
Pounds	159,395	216,357	188,860	168,637	165,148
Number	8,433	13,168	11,085	10,470	10,081
Avg. Pounds-per-Fish	18.90	16.43	17.04	16.11	16.38