



About the Project

Due to regulations and conservation-minded anglers, most striped bass are released back to the water after they are caught. Even though most of these fish survive, recreational releases still account for a major source of mortality for striped bass. We're conducting research to determine what influences the survival of striped bass after they are released.

We launched the Striped Bass Citizen Science Project in 2023 and started asking volunteer anglers to collect information when they go striped bass fishing. We're using those data to better understand why striped bass die after they are released.



mass.gov/striper



Release Mortality Striped bass caught on baited hooks





Explore the Data

Blood None

Injury vs Hook Type Artificial Lures

We're excited to begin sharing back data collected by volunteer anglers! Our new striped bass citizen science data portal, hosted by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and funded by Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, is a series of graphs that are intended to show interesting patterns in the data, as they are being reported. Visit the portal to explore the data, including bait and tackle type, fish size, fight and handling time, and much more.



SCAN TO VISIT THE STRIPED BASS CITIZEN SCIENCE DATA PORTAL Find more project graphs like this at our online data portal.



Partnerships:

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We've partnered with the GotOne app to make it quick and easy to log your catches and enter the data needed to participate in the Striped Bass Citizen Science Project. Scan the QR code to learn how to download and use the app!

