

STRIPED BASS

Massachusetts

2023 Recreational Regulations



28 INCHES
TO LESS THAN
31 INCHES

Recreational Regulations

Slot size limit:

28" to less than 31"

Daily limit:

1 fish / person

You Can Support Striped Bass Conservation!

Join our citizen science project to help DMF biologists better understand why striped bass die after they're released:

www.mass.gov/striper

Get a Massachusetts Striped Bass Conservation License Plate to support programs that research, protect, and preserve striped bass populations.

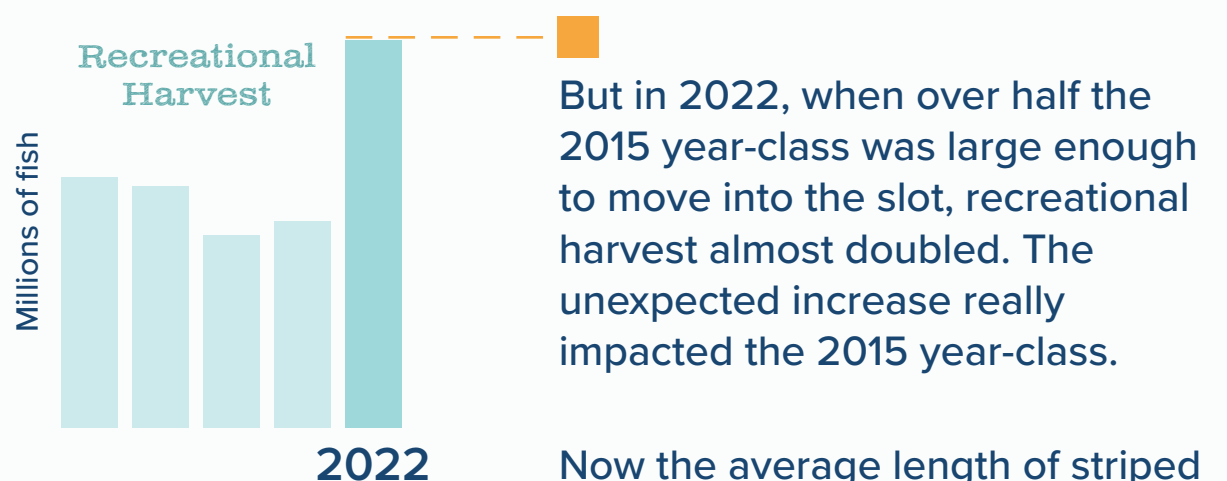
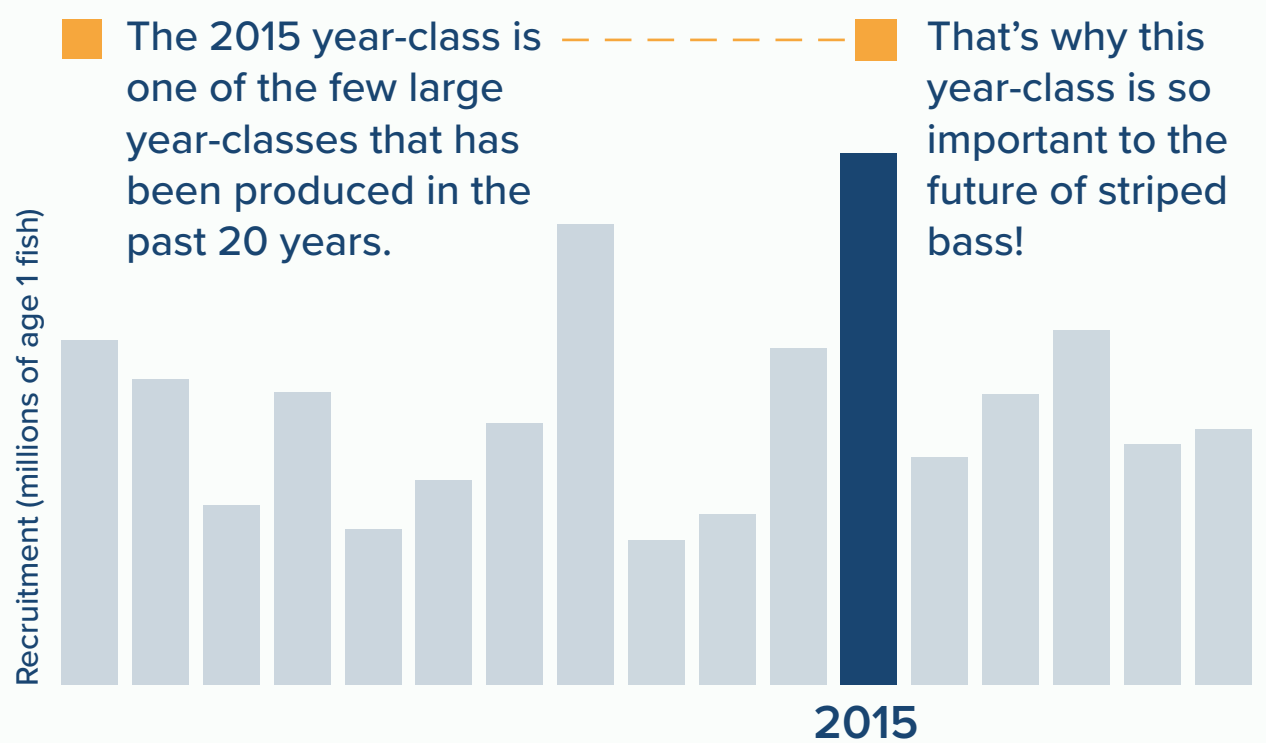


STRIPER PLATE



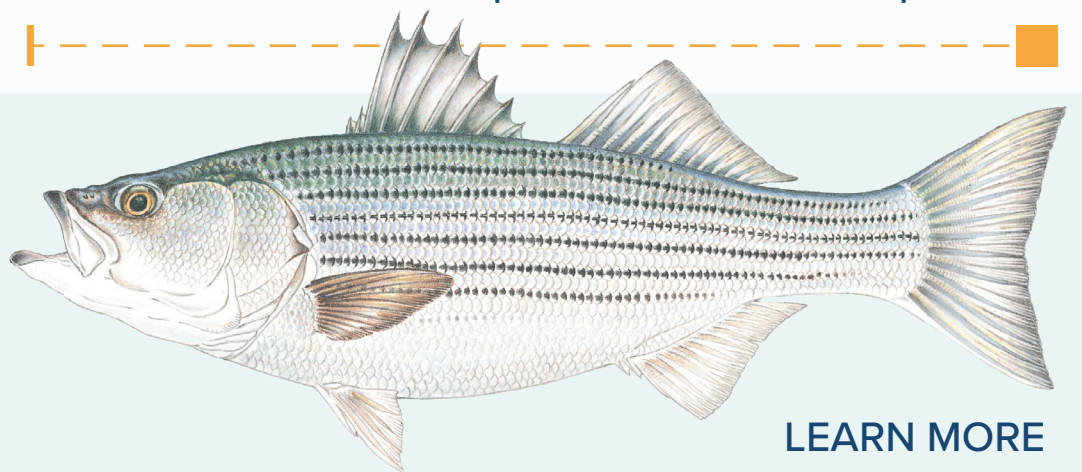
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Why did regulations change?



But in 2022, when over half the 2015 year-class was large enough to move into the slot, recreational harvest almost doubled. The unexpected increase really impacted the 2015 year-class.

Now the average length of striped bass from the 2015 year-class is 31.5 inches, which would make the entire class available to harvest if we kept the 35-inch limit in place.



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■ With the new 31-inch maximum limit, we will protect the mature breeders of the 2015 class who will help rebuild the striped bass stock.

