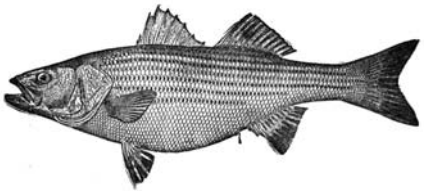


<p>Description</p>	<p>The striped bass, “stripers” or “rockfish” as it sometimes known is a popular marine gamefish. So named because it has a series of dark stripes on each side, it is very distinct in adulthood. Stripers migrate during spawning season from salt to brackish waters, creating a seasonally wide range. They are also known to undertake long migrations as adults, from northern Canada to the Chesapeake Bay. Water temperature is key to their current location (55°-67°).</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Striped Bass Profile</p> 																								
<p>Habitat</p>	<p>Striped bass can be tracked seasonally from the open waters of the Atlantic to the brackish waters of the Chesapeake Bay, based on current water temperature. When in the bay they tend to congregate in areas with sharp and deep cut offs.</p>																										
<p>Food</p>	<p>Striped bass will just about anything smaller then they are, including herring, flounder, mullet, eel, shad, anchovies, crabs, shrimp, squid, soft clams and mussels. Striped bass are known to gorge on one particular kind of food in an area, ignoring other types in the same area.</p>																										
<p>Bait/Lures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bloodworms ● Clams ● Eels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mullet ● Squid ● Soft-shell crabs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spinners ● Bucktails ● Swimmers ● Trailers (shad shape) ● Spoons 																								
<p>Tackle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lures – Attach lures directly to the line via snap swivel. ● Bait – Use a pyramid sinker with about 2 feet of leader and bright colored float close to hook. The float will keep bait off bottom and away from bottom feeders such as crabs. ● Live – Herring or mackerel can be used with a stiff boat rod and conventional reel. Hook through the back or snout with a treble hook. ● Trolling – Use a high ratio conventional reel with either carboloy, aluminum oxide or silicon carbide guide and a swimming lure, jig, umbrella lure or live mackerel or eel. 		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>At a glance</u> Rod: Medium to heavy spin Line: 12-20 lb. mono test Hook: 4/0</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At a glance surf</u> Rod: 10 to 12 foot surf Line: 30-40 lb. mono test Hook: 4/0</p>																								
<p>Location/Time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shoals rising from deep water ● Submerged weed beds ● Tidal and current flows 	<p>Night, after dusk or dawn. Tip: Use a reflective surface or lure.</p>																									
<p>Technique</p>	<p>General: Casting, surf fishing. Striped bass can successfully be caught on both lures and live bait. Striped bass often feed on one type of food at a time and thus will hit on a specific bait or lure at a specific time and place. Try to match live bait with local food. At night use a reflective or shiny lure by itself or with combined with bait.</p>																										
<p>Attributes</p>	<p>Features 7-8 lateral stripes 3-4 stripes above the lateral line 1 one on the lateral line 3 below the lateral line</p>	<p>Color Dark olive green to steel blue or black, transitioning to white on the belly. Stripes are dark gray to black.</p>																									
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<p>Cooking</p>	<p>Ice fish immediately after capture and keep on ice until filleting. Larger striped bass provide thick steaks that can be baked, broiled or grilled. Fillets can be lightly breaded or simply floured. Season with pepper, cajon spices or Old Bay. To bake place on in foiled dish and cook at 400° until fillet begins to flake.</p>																										