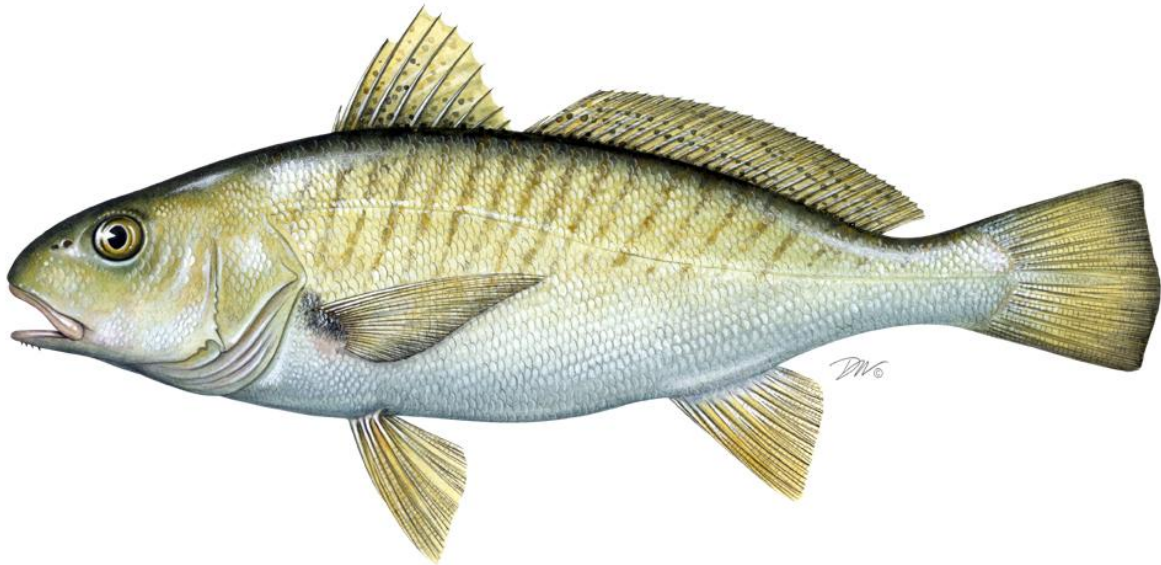


2013 REVIEW OF THE
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ATLANTIC CROAKER
(Micropogonias undulatus)

2012 FISHING YEAR



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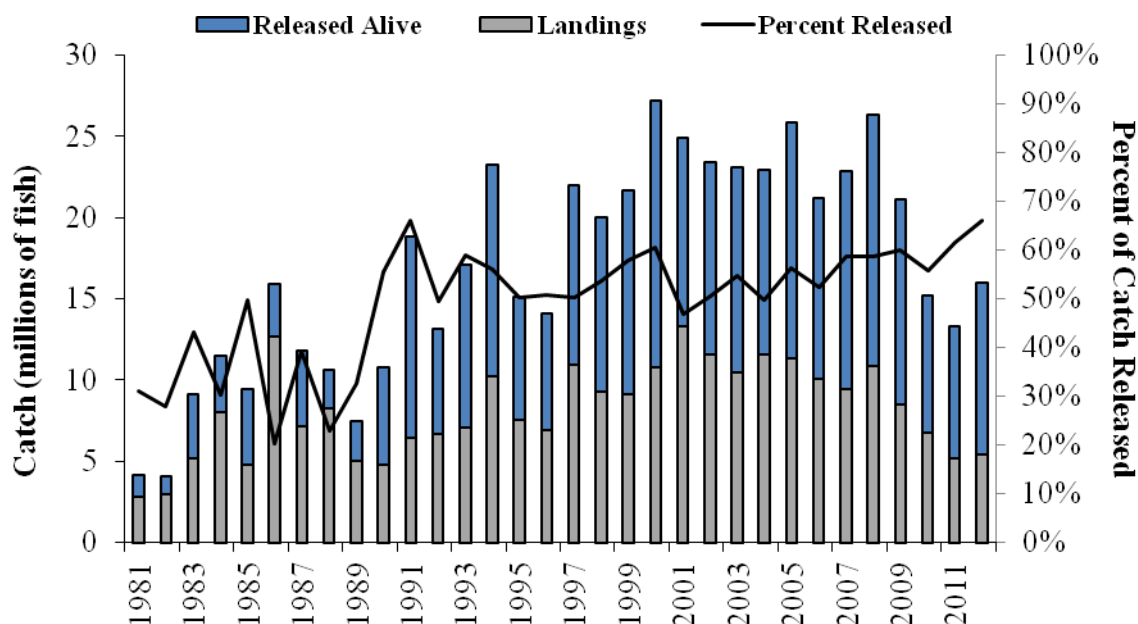


Figure 5. Recreational catch (landings and alive releases, in numbers) and the percent of catch that is released, 1981-2012

(See Tables 4 and 5 for values and source information.)

XI. Tables

Table 1. Summary of state regulations for Atlantic croaker in 2012*

State	Recreational	Commercial
NJ	none	otter/beam trawl mesh restriction for directed croaker harvest (>100 lbs in possession)
DE	8" minimum; recreational gill nets (up to 200 ft.) with license	8" minimum
MD	9" min, 25 fish/day, charter boat logbooks	9" minimum; open 3/16 to 12/31
PRFC	25 fish/day	pound net season: 2/25 to 12/15
VA	none	none
NC	recreational use of commercial gears with license and gear restrictions	
SC	mandatory for-hire logbooks	
GA	8" min, 25 fish/day	8" minimum; 25 fish/day limit except for shrimp trawls (no limit)
FL	none	none

* A commercial fishing license is required to sell croaker in all states with fisheries. For all states, general gear restrictions affect commercial croaker harvest.