

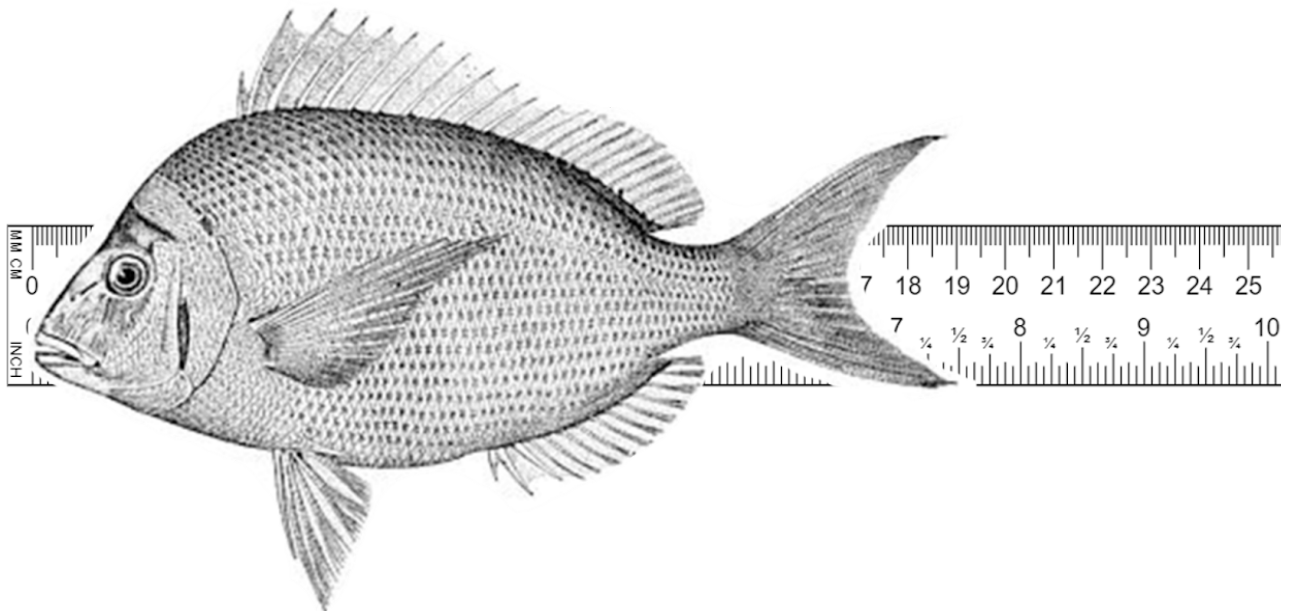


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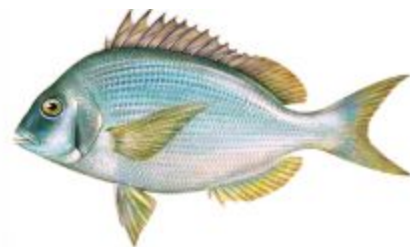
Facebook Live: Minnow trap - Fish measuring

- 1) Small nearshore fish are an important food source for larger fish in the Thames River. Explain what might happen if there are not enough small fish available?
- 2) Some species of fish that we catch in the trap are juveniles or young fish that will eventually become a species that fishermen will try to catch. These fish need to be measured in order to know if they are a legal size to keep or if we need to throw them back. Measure the length of this scup in the photo below by measuring to the end of its tail and record the length in inches and centimeters.



Length: _____ inches or _____ centimeters

- 3) Use the information to the right to determine if the scup above is a legal size for a fisherman to keep? What would happen if there were no rules and fishermen could keep all the smaller fish that they caught? Explain how it would affect the population of this species.



Scup (Porgy)

Minimum length: 9 inches

Daily creel limit: 30 fish per angler

Open Season: **Open Year Round**