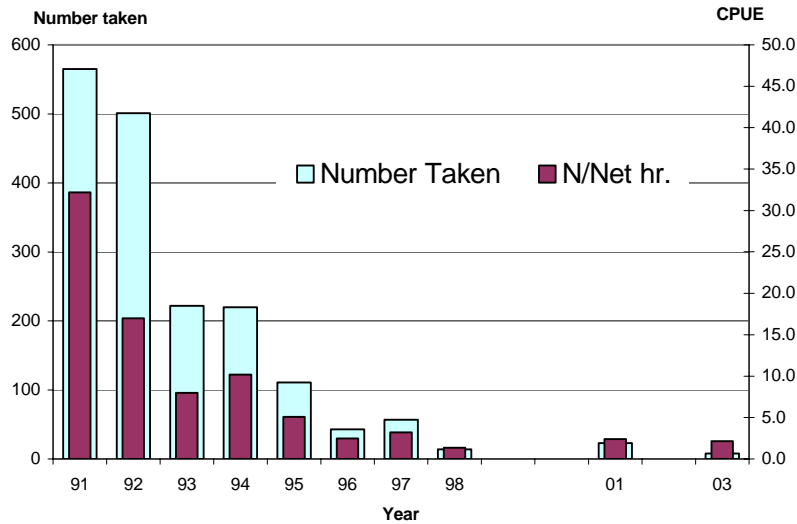


Overview of Stock Status Atlantic Sturgeon, *Acipenser oxyrinchus*

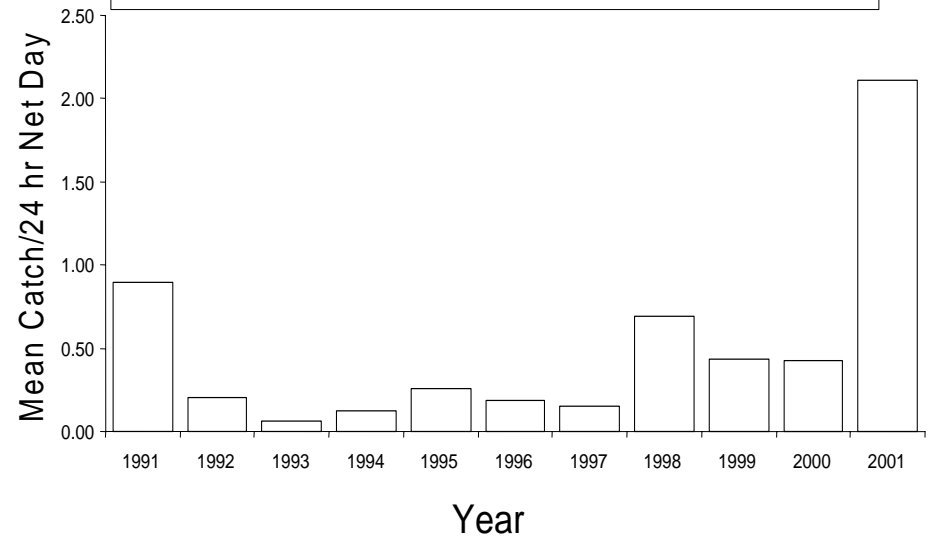
Subadult Atlantic Sturgeon taken in Delaware River Tag-Recapture Program

Source: DE Fish and Wildlife Division (2003)



Fishery-independent Catch Rates of Juvenile Atlantic Sturgeon in Albemarle Sound, NC

Source: NC Division of Marine Fisheries (2003)



Management Considerations:

Condition: Overfished

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals: To have at least 20 protected age classes of females in each spawning stock.

FMP Rebuilding Schedule: Approximately 20 to 40 years from initiation of Amendment 1 (1998), depending on a number of factors, including individual spawning stock's maturity rate; longevity; geographic area; and length of prior fishery closures.

FMP Status:

FMP approved in 1990; Amendment 1 to the FMP approved and implemented in 1998; Addendum I approved and implemented in 2001; Addendum II drafted for review in 2005.

Primary Management Measures:

Amendment 1 mandated all Atlantic coastal states to enact a moratorium on harvest and possession of Atlantic sturgeon.