

# Join the Program!

**WHAT** Snap-a-Striper is a data collection program aimed at 1) compiling photos of live release and legal keeper striped bass caught in Maine waters, and 2) saving and freezing heads of legally harvested keepers

**WHO** This project relies on the engagement of recreational anglers (individual anglers, guides, and charter boat fishers) as “citizen scientists” who collect data on striped bass during their normal fishing activity.

**WHY** Body shape data from photos, as well as chemical data from ear bones, taken from fish heads can help fishery scientists determine the origin (native vs. migratory) of our fish. The results of this study will help inform stewardship of the only native striped bass in Maine (Kennebec River) and sustainable management of a fishery that contributes significantly to recreation and tourism in the state.

## **HOW** To take a photo for research:

- 1) Cut out the card below on the dotted line
- 2) Lay your fish on a flat surface and place the filled-out data card\* next to the fish
- 3) Take photo from directly overhead looking straight down at the side of fish; make sure the entire fish and data card are in view
- 4) Ensure each new fish gets a unique identification number (Fish #)
- 5) Send your photo and info to [stripers@gmri.org](mailto:stripers@gmri.org)

THIS SIDE UP FOR PHOTO



SNAP-A-STRIPER





Gulf of Maine  
Research Institute

Fish # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

In River  River Mouth  Bay  Offshore

Head submitted:    Yes     No

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\*Note: If you are unable to fill-in the card prior to taking the photo of the fish, please just take a photo with a blank card in view and send along the data in the email

## **Saving a fish head for research?**

- 1) If you are legally harvesting the fish, take the photo and save the remainder of the fish after filleting with the head attached.
- 2) Freeze the fish rack in a plastic bag with the same data card used in the photo and contact [stripers@gmri.org](mailto:stripers@gmri.org) for drop-off or pick-up information.