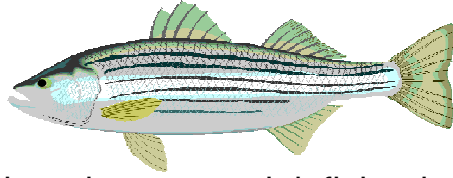


# UMASS ADOPT-A-BASS PROGRAM

Find out how I spend my summers... Adopt me!



The striped bass, an important recreational and commercial fish along the Atlantic Coast, winters in the mid-Atlantic and migrates to New England to feed each spring.



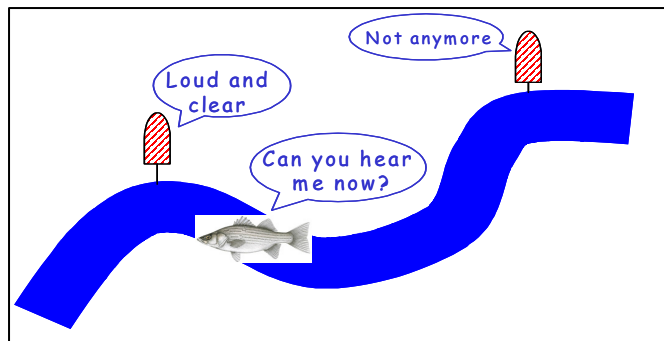
George was adopted in the spring of 2006 and spent the summer hanging out in Plum Island Sound

In 2005 and 2006, we tagged 60 “teen-age” striped bass (3-5 yr, 15-20”) with acoustic tags and released them in Plum Island Sound. These abundant “schoolies” feed aggressively and will soon join the harvestable population. Over half of the fish stayed in Plum Island for more than a month and individual fish preferred different parts of the estuary. We were able to learn what the fish were doing even outside of MA. For example, 36 of our fish were detected in Delaware Bay or Long Island Sound, up to a year after tagging!

In 2009, we will continue this research and investigate why fish stay where they do and what they eat there.

## ACT NOW

Send a check for \$330 made out to  
**“UMASS Adopt-A-Bass Fund”**  
c/o Cristina Kennedy  
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Conservation, Holdsworth Hall  
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Each tag acts like a speed pass that identifies an individual fish. Every time a fish passes a receiver the tag pings and the receiver records which individual was in the area.

- WHAT YOU GET**
- ✧ Name your “adopted” striped bass
  - ✧ Receive updates of its behavior
  - ✧ The satisfaction of contributing to research on your favorite fish!

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