

## **WHITE PERCH**

(06/04 ARCHIVE - NCDMF)

**Stock Status** -- *Concern* - DMF has not had a directed sampling program since 1980, due to budget and personnel constraints. In November 2003, DMF began Independent and Dependent sampling. Federal aid project F-80 began March 2004.

**Average Commercial Landings and Value 1994-2003** -- 234,254 lb, \$208,911

**2003 Commercial Landings and Value** -- 498,133 lbs., \$292,690

**Average Recreational Landings 1994-2003 -- Unknown 2003** – Unknown

**Average Number of Award Citations 1994-2003** – N/A **2003** – N/A

**Average RCGL Landings and for 2002-2003** -- 23,289 lbs., **2003** - 32,961 lb

**Status of Fishery Management Plan** -- No state or federal plan. State plan schedule 2009-2011

**Data/Research Needs** -- All types of Fishery Dependent and Independent Data

**Current Regulations** -- None

**Harvest Season** – Open year round.

**Size and Age at Maturity**--Males-3 inches, 2 years old, Females- 4 inches, 3-4 years old

**Historical and Current Maximum Age** -- 17

**Juvenile Abundance Index Average** (numbers of individuals per unit of effort) -- Unknown

**Habits/Habitats**--Spawning occurs over fine gravel, sand, or mud from late March to early May, in rivers and tributaries. Eggs hatch within 6 days, depending on the water temperature. Young utilize the rivers and sounds as a nursery area, within the same area as the adults.

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