Atlantic butterfish, *Peprilus triacanthus*

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- **Size range**
  - Reaches 30 cm; average 15 – 23 cm

- **Life span**
  - Maximum reported 6 years; typical 2 – 3 years

- **Spawning**
  - Late spring & summer; peak June & July

- **Temperature range**
  - Can tolerate 4.4° – 21.6° C (39.9° – 70.9° F)
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- **Habitat**
  - Inshore/north (summer); offshore/south (winter)
  - Aggregate near bottom during the day, disperse upwards at night

- **Age at maturity**
  - Begin to mature in second summer (age 1); fully recruited by third summer (age 2)

- **Growth rates**
  - $L_\infty = 18.9; K = 0.76; t_0 = -0.05$