

Gulf Menhaden: *Brevoortia patronus*



Gulf Menhaden are small (5-8 in. long) marine filter feeding fish in the Gulf of Mexico nearshore waters, and support the second largest fishery, by weight, in the United States. Larval, juvenile and adult menhaden are important prey for many fishes and birds. The Gulf Menhaden live in estuaries and in the Gulf of Mexico. Spawning takes place in the Gulf of Mexico and larvae are carried into estuaries within 3-5 weeks after hatching.

Bay Anchovy: *Anchoa mitchilli*

The Bay Anchovy is a common and often extremely abundant fish of the coastal and inshore waters of the western Atlantic. Bay Anchovies are economically important as a “trashfish” harvest fishery species used for fish oil and fishmeal. It also represents a critical component of marine and estuarine food webs, both as a predator and a prey species.

