Bay Anchovy
*Anchoa mitchilli*

**Description:**
- Silvery forage fish
- Short head and snout with long jaw
- Single dorsal fin above or just before anal fin
- Faint silvery stripe down sides of fish

**Size:**
- Up to 4 inches

**Range:**
- Gulf of Maine to Florida
- Gulf of Mexico to Yucatan

**Facts:**
- Spawn in late spring and summer
- Prefer shallow waters in bays and estuaries
- Live up to 3 years
- Tolerant of wide ranges of temperature and salinity
Comparison of snouts

bay anchovy  striped anchovy  longnose anchovy

Delaware Bay Trawl Bay Anchovy Catch
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