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ABSTRACT

This annotated, indexed bibliography of the cunner contains 347 entries including references on taxonomy, distribution, life history, physiology, behavior, commercial and sport fisheries, and related fields. It may be considered current through June 1972.

INTRODUCTION

The cunner, *Tautogolabrus adspersus* (Walbaum), also known as the chogset or bergall, is commonly found around wharves and docks and on rocky bottoms along the northeastern coast of North America. It is distributed from Newfoundland southward to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, with a major center of abundance in the Massachusetts Bay area. In these northern waters, cunners are most numerous in shallow inshore areas, although

they are frequently taken near wrecks and shoals up to 30 miles at sea. There is little evidence in support of seasonal migration patterns and individuals remain near their natal areas during their formative years.

At one time, the cunner was a favorite fish of New England anglers. During the 1880's between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of cunner were taken in the New England commercial harvest. However, since the turn of the century, commercial catches have been negligible because of poor demand.

Though not regarded as a sport fish, the cunner supplies a fishery to thousands of youngsters and tourists who frequent the Northeast coast. Until the 1960's (Clark, 1960; Deuel and Clark, 1965), no record of the number of cunners caught by anglers had been kept. Its importance to anglers, however, was recognized by Bigelow and Schroeder (1953)

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who observed that the total cunner caught "is so considerable that this must be classified as a useful little fish from the recreational standpoint."

This bibliography has attempted to include all known literature on cunner through June 1972. Many of the references have been obtained from standard indexes and abstracts including the Zoological Record, Biological Abstracts, Aquatic Biology Abstracts, Sport Fishery Abstracts, the Current Bibliography for Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries, A Preliminary Bibliography with KWIC Index on the Ecology of Estuaries and Coastal Areas of the Eastern United States (U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. - Fish. No. 507) by R. L. Livingstone, and Fish of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, An Unabridged Bibliography (Tech. Rep. No. 261 Fish Res. Bd. Canada) by V. M. Srivastava. Except for a very few entries, each citation annotated was personally examined. Portions of the original remarks have been included when possible ambiguities could result from interpretation, when the entire (rare) article is quoted, or when the findings appeared to have

particular significance.

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A subject index has been included to assist in a search of the literature on the cunner. All the references within this bibliography have been included in the index, although the index may not necessarily be complete on all the subjects within any one article. In addition, an addendum has been prepared for the inclusion of references overlooked in preparation of the main body of this communication.

The authors would be most appreciative if articles on the cunner which are not included in this bibliography could be brought to their attention.

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- Agassiz, A.
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 1892. Studies from the Newport Marine Laboratory. XXIX. Preliminary note on some modifications of the chromatophores of fishes and crustaceans. *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ.*, 23 (1892-93): 189-192.
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- Agassiz, A. and C. O. Whitman.
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 A detailed description of the embryonic development of the cunner "from the moment of fecundation onward."
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 1885b. Studies from the Newport Marine Laboratory. XVI. The development of osseous fishes. I. The pelagic stages of young fishes. *Mem. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ.*, 14(1): 1-56. 19 plates.
 A general account of embryonic development of the cunner is presented.
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 Detailed observations on the "early history of the periblast" are given and eggs are referred to as undergoing typical teleost embryonic development.
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 Embryology of the cunner is described and figured.
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 1905. Statistics of the fisheries of the New England States, 1902. *Rep. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1904*: 245-326.
 Catch and market statistics are scattered throughout the text. "The cunner fishery from Boston in 1902 was carried on near islands in Boston Harbor by 9 fishermen with 3 boats. The catch was taken with hoop nets, or fyke nets, and amounted to 38,400 dozen, or 57,600 pounds of cunners, valued at \$3,840. The boats made two trips a week during eight months of the year, and averaged 200 dozen cunners to a trip. The fish were of small size,

weighing about 2 ounces each, and sold for an average of 10 cents a dozen. These boats are the last of the 'Irish market boats,' being about 4 tons each and similar to those used in Ireland..." p. 290.

Alperin, I. W. and R. H. Schaefer.

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Ambrose, J.

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A short account of the natural history of the cunner in St. Margaret's Bay is given.

American Fisheries Society.

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Cunner is listed as the common name of *Tautogolabrus adspersus* (Walbaum).

Anctil, M.

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Appellöf, A.

1894. Ueber einige Resultate der Kreuzungsbefruchtung bei Knochenfishen. Bergens Museum Aarbog, 1: 1-9.

Cited in Newman (1914) as attempting to hybridize cunner with cod.

Atkins, C. G.

1878. Artificial hatching of the cunner. Forest and Stream, Rod and Gun, 10(26): 502.

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of spawning cunners (*Tautogolabrus*), and hatched out a few dozen of their eggs. I find that the eggs are about one-half millimeter in diameter, having increased very slightly, if any, after coming from the fish; are exceedingly transparent, perfectly free, adhering neither to each other nor to any other object at any time; they are slightly buoyant in sea water, and slowly rise to the surface, where, if in still water, they remain suspended until hatched. Both impregnated and unimpregnated eggs rise at first, but after the lapse of a few hours, the unimpregnated lose their buoyancy and sink to the bottom. The yolk is more buoyant than the outer shell and rises to the upper side of the latter, which it very readily fills. The embryonic disk forms on the lower side of the yolk. I kept my eggs in vials in my tent, renewing the water from time to time, and think the average temperature maintained was 60° Fahrenheit; possibly a little higher. Under these circumstances the eggs hatched in three days. In the natural place of deposit the water is undoubtedly considerably colder, possibly 10° and the eggs would then be four or five days in hatching."

Atkins, C. G.

1904. The salmon fishery of Penobscot River and Bay. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1903: 110-114.

Cunner was one of 23 species of fish, other than salmon, which were taken in the trap nets and weirs.

Atwood, N. E.

1895. On the habits of some salt-water fishes. Proc. Boston Soc. Natur. Hist., 10: 65-68.

A cunner possessing a malformed snout is cited.

Ayers, W. O.

1843. Enumeration of the fishes of Brookhaven, Long Island, with remarks upon the species observed. Boston J. Natur. Hist., 4(2-3) 26: 255-302.

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storms are washed up on the beach of the Sound, through the whole winter. Among their numerous varieties of color, I, the last season, saw several specimens which had their entire surface banded with alternate vertical lines of black and light brown, presenting the appearance so singular, that at first I supposed them to be of a distinct species. I have found the dorsal fin rays sometimes 18-10, at others 18-11 and at still others 17-11." p. 263.

Baird, F. T., Jr., and R. L. Dow.

1966. The marine sport fishery and resource in Maine. Dept. of Sea and Shore Fisheries, Augusta, Maine.

The current recreational use of the cunner in Maine is deemed "extensive."

Baird, S. F.

1873a. Report on the condition of the sea fisheries of the south coast of New England in 1871 and 1872. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1871-1872: i-xli.

Reference is made to the cunner as a predator of fish eggs and young fry. p. xxix.

Baird, S. F.

1873b. List of fishes collected at Woods Hole. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1871-1872: 823-827.

The cunner is listed.

Baird, S. F.

1889. The sea fisheries of eastern North America. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1886, Append. A: 3-224.

The distribution is given as Newfoundland to Cape Hatteras. Citations are scattered throughout the text.

Bauchot, M. L.

1963. Catalogue critique des types de poissons du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle. Part I - Famille des Labridae. Publications du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, No. 20. 195 pp.

This gives brief descriptions of specimens in the museum collection.

Bean, T. H.

1881. Check-list of duplicates of North American fishes, distributed by the Smithsonian Institution in behalf of the United States National Museum, 1877-1880. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. for 1880, 3: 75-116.

Cunner specimens are listed.

Bean, T. H.

1884. List of the fishes collected by the U. S. Fish Commission at Wood's Holl (sic), Massachusetts, during the summer of 1881. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1882, 10: 339-344.

Cunner is listed.

Bean, T. H.

1885. Notes upon an exploration on Long Island Sound. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1885, 5:33.

Tautog and cunner are more abundant in inlets.

Bean, T. H.

1888. Report on the fishes observed in Great Egg Harbor Bay, New Jersey, during the summer of 1887. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1887, 7: 129-154.

"A single example, 4 1/4 inches long, was seined at the Beesley's Point, August 11, in the grass near the river mouth. The species is called 'bengal' at Somers Point, probably a corruption of bergall." p. 137.

Bean, T. H.

1897. Notes upon New York fishes received at the New York Aquarium, 1895-1897. Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., 9: 327-375.

"Cunner-Found throughout the year. Hardy in the aquarium. Individuals have been kept three years or longer. The food is chiefly hard clams." p. 368.

Bean, T. H.

1901. Catalogue of the fishes of Long Island, with notes upon their distribution, common names, habits, and rate of growth. N. Y. Forest Fish Game Comm., 6th Annu. Rep.: 373-478.

The natural history is briefly described. The range is given as Labrador to New Jersey. "At Woods Hole, Mass., where the fish remain in eel grass in winter,

thousands perish from cold every year." p. 449.

Bean, T. H.

1903a. The food and game fishes of New York: Notes on common names, distribution, habits and capture of New York fishes. N. Y. Forest Fish Game Comm., 7th Annu. Rep.: 251-460.

The habits and occurrences are described. This account is an amplification of Bean (1901).

Bean, T. H.

1903b. Catalogue of the fishes of New York. N. Y. State Mus., Bull. 60, 9: 1-784.

This report contains a taxonomic description, synonymy, and general account of the habits of the cunner and is the same as that given in Bean (1903a).

Bevelander, G.

1935. A comparative study of the branchial epithelium in fishes, with special reference to extraneural excretion. J. Morphol., 57(2): 335-347.

The character of the cunner respiratory epithelium was found to be that of the prevalent flat squamous type. The mucous cells examined were noted to be large and numerous in the interlamellar areas and very numerous on the free surface of lamellae.

Bevelander, G.

1936. Branchial glands in fishes. J. Morphol., 59(2): 215-224.

The branchial glands in the cunner were found to consist of loosely packed, flask-shaped patches of cells. These cells "present a wide variety of shapes, but are for the most part modified columnar cells, which are elongated but extremely irregular." p. 218.

Bigelow, H. B.

1914. Explorations in the Gulf of Maine, July and August, 1912 by the United States Fisheries Schooner GRAMPUS. Oceanography and notes on plankton. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ., 58(2): 29-147.

Data on the larval and postlarval stages taken in the plankton hauls are listed.

Bigelow, H. B.

1917. Explorations of the coast water between Cape Cod and Halifax in 1914 and 1915 by the United States Fisheries Schooner GRAMPUS. Oceanography and plankton. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ., 61(8): 161-357.

The newly spawned eggs of the yellowtail flounder and cunner are likely to be confused but "the two can usually be distinguished by size, the former averaging .9 mm, the latter .75-.85 mm in diameter." p. 226. "Eggs of the cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*) were taken at seven localities always close to land. . . The absence of its eggs at the off-shore stations was to be expected, from its general distribution." p. 267.

Bigelow, H. B.

1928. Plankton of the offshore waters of the Gulf of Maine. Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1924, 40(2): 1-509.

The various reasons for an absence of pelagic larvae are discussed; i.e., larval drift, low larval survival, poor egg viability. "Some of the cunner (*Tautogolabrus*) larvae produced in St. Marys Bay, which Huntsman (1922) has found to be an important site of reproduction for this fish, must likewise find their way into the Bay of Fundy either around Brier Island or through the passages; but so few of them survive the conditions they encounter in the Bay of Fundy, that none have been recorded from all the winter and summer towing which has been done from the St. Andrews station." p. 73.

Bigelow, H. B., and W. C. Schroeder.

1953. Fishes of the Gulf of Maine. U.S. Fish. Wildl. Serv., Fish Bull., 53(74): 1-577.

This is the best general description (p. 473-478) of the life history.

Bigelow, H. B., and W. W. Welsh.

1925. Fishes of the Gulf of Maine. Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1924, 40: 1-567.

The ecology of this species is documented (p. 280-286).

- Bowers, G. M.
1904. Artificial propagation of marine species. Extracted from the revised edition of the Fish Manual. Pages 195-238, plates 54 to 63. Government Printing Office, Washington. This gives an identical description of cunner eggs as that in Brice (1898).
- Bowers, G. M.
1907. Statistics of the fisheries of the New England States for 1905. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish. for 1906: 1-93.
Catch and market statistics are given throughout the text.
- Breder, C. M., Jr.
1922. The fishes of Sandy Hook Bay. *Zoologica*, 2(15): 329-351.
A few fish, taken by seine, were recorded in 1920 and 1921.
- Breder, C. M., Jr.
1925. Fish notes for 1924 from Sandy Hook Bay. *Copeia*, 138: 1-4.
Fish were taken in Sandy Hook Bay in 1924.
- Breder, C. M., Jr.
1927. The locomotion of fishes. *Zoologica*, 4(5): 159-297.
The cunner was one of eight labrids whose locomotive movements were studied.
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This species occurs in New York Harbor.
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- Breder, C. M., Jr., and D. E. Rosen.
1966. Modes of reproduction in fishes. Natural History Press, New York. 941 pp.
This report discusses spawning and sexual dichromatism (p. 509).
- Brewer, J.
1965. Marine life on the artificial reef off Fire Island, New York. *Underwater Natur.*, 3(3): 11-14.
Fish were abundant on the "Schaefer Reef."
- Brice, J. J.
1898. A manual of fish-culture, based on the methods of the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish. for 1897, 23: 1-340.
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- Briggs, P. T., and J. S. O'Connor.
1971. Comparison of shore-zone fishes over naturally vegetated and sand-filled bottoms in Great South Bay. *N. Y. Fish Game J.*, 18(1): 15-39.
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- Brook, G.
1885a. Preliminary account of the development of the Lesser Weever-Fish (*Trachinus vipera*). *J. Linnean Soc. Zool.*, 18: 274-291.
The embryology of *Trachinus* is compared with the cunner embryology investigations of Kingsley and Conn (1883).
- Brook, G.
1885b. On some points in the development of *Motilla mostela*. *J. Linnean Soc. Zool.*, 18: 298-306.
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The cunner is cited (p. 32).
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1965. The development of the wreck, 'Pinta' as a marine habitat. Underwater Natur., 3(1) : 17-19, 31-32.
Cunners were noted as the first fishes to appear around the wreck.
- Bumpus, H. C.
1898. The breeding of animals at Woods Hole during the months of June, July, August. Science, 8(20): 850-858.
"The cunner, *Tautoglabrus adspersus*, spawns during June and early July, and the bright colored young are abundantly found throughout the latter part of the summer. . . The auftrieb is not rich in surface vertebrates during the summer. . . In early July, young swellfish, cunners, sticklebacks, tautog, sandeels, silversides, hake and sand dabs (occur)." p. 852.
- Bumpus, H. C.
1900. The preparation of a list of fishes known to inhabit the (Narragansett) bay. Ann. Rep. Comm. Inland Fish, Rhode Island, 30: 46-53.
The cunner is listed.
- Clark, H. A.
1887. A geographical review of the fisheries industries and fishing communities for the year 1880. Part III. The fisheries of Massachusetts, p. 113-280. In G. B. Goode [ed.], The fisheries and fishery industries of the United States, Section 2.
Catch statistics are scattered throughout the text. "Sea perch, or cunners, were taken in much larger quantities a few years ago than at present; 38,000 dozen were sold in Boston during 1879. The market could dispose of many times this amount if they were taken, but for some unexplained cause the supply has largely decreased during the past few years." p. 196-197.
- Clark, J. R.
Undated. The 1960 salt-water angling survey. U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv., Circ. 153, 33 pp.
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1920a. A list of the fishes of New Jersey. Proc. Biol. Soc., Wash., 33: 139-170.
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1926. Records of fishes in New Jersey. Copeia, No. 156: 146-150.
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1862. Catalogue of the fishes of the eastern coast of North America from Greenland to Georgia. Proc. Acad. Natur. Sci. Phila., for 1861, 13: 1-63.
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1865. Synopsis of the fishes of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy. Canadian Nat. Geol., New Series 2: 244-266.
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The cunner is listed.

- Gill, T.
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1905. State ichthyology of Massachusetts. Rep. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1904: 163-188.
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1965. Catalogue systématique des noms de genres de poissons actuels. Mason, et Cie., Paris. 237 pp.
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1879. Catalog of the collections to illustrate the animal resources and the fisheries of the United States. Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus., 14: 1-354.
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1884. The chogset or cunner — *Ctenolabrus adspersus*, p. 273-274. In G. B. Goode [ed.], The fisheries and fishery industries of the United States, Sec. 1, Pt. 3, No. 87.
A popular account of the habits and life history of the cunner.
- Goode, G. B.
1888. American fishes. A popular treatise upon the game and food fishes of North America with especial reference to habits and methods of capture. W. A. Houghton, New York. 496 pp.
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1969. Wondrous world of fishes. National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C. 373 pp.
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- Greeley, J. R.
1939. A biological survey of the salt waters of Long Island, 1938. Section II. Fishes and habitat conditions of the shore zone based upon July and August (1938) seining investigations. Suppl. 28th Ann. Rep. N. Y. Cons. Dept., Pt. 2: 72-92.
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1971. Winter habits of the cunner, *Tautoglabrus adspersus* (Walbaum 1792), in Newfoundland. Canadian J. Zool., 49(12): 1497-1499.
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1933. Fish skulls: A study of the evolution of natural mechanisms. Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc., 23(2): 75-481. (Reprinted 1959 by Eric Lundberg, Laurel, Florida. 481 pp.)
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1947. The world of fishes. Amer. Mus. Natur. Hist., New York. 96 pp.
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1971. Occurrence of thiaminase in some common aquatic animals of the United States

- and Canada. U. S. Dep. Commer., Nat. Mar. Fish. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. Fish No. 631. 7 pp.
The cunner was analyzed for the presence of thiaminase. Reference is made to the work of Lee (1948) from which the results on the cunner were taken.
- Gross, A. O.
1923. The black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax nacuicus*) of Sandy Hook. Auk, 40: 1-30.
Cunner is cited (p. 19) as a food item of the night heron.
- Günther, A.
1861. Catalogue of the fishes in the British Museum, Vol. 4. London. (Reprinted 1964, Strechert-Hafner Service Agency, Inc. New York. 534 pp.)
The taxonomic description with synonymy is given (p. 90-91).
- Günther, A.
1880. An introduction to the study of fishes. Adam and Charles Black, Edinburgh. 720 pp.
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1886. Handbuch of Ichthyologie. Carl Gerold's Sohn, Vienna. 527 pp.
The fish is noted (p. 376) as occurring on the North American coast.
- Halkett, A.
1913. Check-list of fishes of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. Ottawa, Canada. 138 pp.
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- Hall, F. G.
1930. The ability of the common mackerel and certain other marine fishes to remove dissolved oxygen from sea water. Amer. J. Physiol., 93: 417-421.
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- Hall, F. G., and I. E. Gray.
1929. The hemoglobin concentration of the blood of marine fishes. J. Biol. Chem., 81(3): 589-594.
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- Hauggaard, N., and L. Irving.
1943. The influence of temperature upon the oxygen consumption of the cunner in summer and winter. J. Cell. Comp. Physiol., 21(1): 19-26.
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- Heller, A. F.
1949. Parasites of cod and other marine fish from the Baie de Chaleur region. Canadian J. Res., 27D(5): 243-264.
Two fish were examined for parasites. Specimens of the nematode species, *Contracaecum aduncum*, were found internally.
- Herman, S. S.
1958. The planktonic fish eggs and larvae of Narragansett Bay. M. S. thesis, Univ. Rhode Island, 61 pp.
The numbers of eggs and larvae of the cunner collected in plankton hauls in 1957 is documented; "More cunner eggs were collected during the study than any other

- species, 12,592 eggs being taken from early May through September." p. 42. Reference is also made to the great difficulty encountered in distinguishing cunner eggs from tautog eggs.
- Herman, S. S.
1963. The planktonic fish eggs and larvae of Narragansett Bay. *Limnol. Oceanogr.*, 8(1): 103-109.
This report contains the results of Herman's plankton work cited above. Tables (p. 106-107) list the number, occurrence, abundance, and characteristics of the eggs and larvae obtained in the plankton sampling.
- Hildebrand, S. F., and W. C. Schroeder.
1928. Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay. *Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1927*, 43 Pt. 1: 1-388.
The authors discuss the general life history of the cunner (p. 320-321). Only one fish had ever been taken in a Chesapeake locality.
- Holmes, E.
1862. Report on the fishes of Maine, including some of the elementary principles of ichthyology. *Natur. Hist. Geol. Maine*, Second Ann. Rep.: 11-117.
Ctenolabrus burgall is listed.
- Howe, A. B.
1971. Biological investigation of Atlantic tomcod, *Microgadus tomcod* (Walbaum), in the Weweantic River Estuary, Massachusetts, 1967. M. S. thesis, Univ. Mass., 82 pp.
The cunner is cited as one of six species of fish which was found in the stomachs of tomcod (p. 31, 33).
- Hunter, G. W., III, and E. Wasserman.
1941. Observations on the melanophore control of the cunner, *Tautogolabrus adspersus* (Walbaum). *Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole)*, 81(2): 300.
Background responses under a constant source of illumination were studied in the cunner. "The cunner has a melanophore system controlled by adrenergic and cholinergic sets of nerve fibers. . ."
- Huntsman, A. G.
1918a. The effects of the tide on the distribution of the fishes of the Canadian Atlantic coast. *Trans. Roy. Soc. Canada, Ser. 3*, 12(4): 61-67.
The distributions of the cunner in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in the Bay of Fundy are compared. It is concluded that the "absence of heavy tides makes the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and in particular the Magdalen shallows, an important spawning ground for many species of fishes with pelagic eggs, and the presence of heavy tides prevents the Bay of Fundy serving in a similar capacity. . ." p. 66.
- Huntsman, A. G.
1918b. The growth of the scales in fishes. *Trans. Roy. Canadian Inst.*, 12: 61-101.
Analysis of the relationship of total length to scale length in the cunner is presented. The conclusion is reached that in the cunner "there is to be found a lack of correspondence in the rates of growth of the scales and of the body, as judged by their anterioposterior diameters (for the scale, particularly of the anterior field). The scale begins its growth later, grows relatively more rapidly than the body during the first half of life, and less rapidly than the body during the second half." p. 91.
- Huntsman, A. G.
1922. The fishes of the Bay of Fundy. *Contrib. Canadian Biol. for 1921*(3): 49-72.
"Very common and of all sizes in St. Mary Bay which must be a successful breeding place and centre of dispersal. Known to the fishermen in Annapolis basin, but not common, and taken only on lines, no small specimens seen... The eggs have been taken in Passamaquoddy Bay, but no larvae have been found..." p. 15.
- Huntsman, A. G.
1923. Natural lobster breeding. *Bull. Biol. Bd. Canada*, 5: 1-11.
The disparity between the absence of cunner fry in the Bay of Fundy and the "prodigious quantity" of cunner found in the Magdalen shallows was investigated. It

was concluded that since the Bay of Fundy main mass of water does not rise above 50° F in summer, it is not warm enough for the successful development of the cunner eggs.

Huntsman, A. G., W. B. Bailey, and H. B. Hachey.

1954. The general oceanography of the Strait of Belle Isle. *J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada*, 11(3): 198-260.

A discussion on the occurrence of cunner eggs, larvae, and adults is given. Fish were abundant with lobsters in the warm shallow water along the northern part of the east coast of Newfoundland.

Huver, C. W.

1965. Occurrence of a northern pike in Fisher's Island Sound. *N. Y. Fish and Game Jour.*, 12(1): 113.

Cunner is cited as one of the fish species that is taken in the sportsmen's catch in Fisher's Island Sound near shore at Groton Long Point.

Hyman, L. H.

1921. The metabolic gradients of vertebrate embryos. *Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole)*, 40(1): 32-72.

A detailed study of the susceptibility of the developing eggs of the cunner, cod, and killifish to toxic solutions.

Jacobowitz, D. M., and A. M. Laties.

1968. Direct adrenergic innervation of a teleost melanophore. *Anat. Rec.*, 162(4): 501-504.

Sympathetic innervation to melanophores in fish was investigated using a catecholamine histochemical fluorescence method. "catecholamine-containing fibers were observed to be in close anatomic proximity to the conjunctival and dermal melanophores of the cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*).'' Catecholamines released from these adrenergic fibers are capable of causing aggregation of pigment with blanching of skin color.

James, J. F.

1887. Catalogue of the mammals, birds,

reptiles, batrachians, and fishes in the collection of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History. *J. Cincinnati Soc.*, 10:34-48.

The cunner is listed.

Jerome, W. C., Jr., A. P. Chesmore, and C. O. Anderson, Jr.

1967. A study of the marine resources of Beverly-Salem Harbor. *Mass. Div. Mar. Fish., Monogr. Ser. No. 4*. 74 pp.

The fish occurs in the Beverly-Salem Harbor area.

Jerome, W. C., Jr., A. P. Chesmore, and C. O. Anderson.

1969. A study of the marine resources of the Annisquam River - Gloucester Harbor coastal system. *Mass. Div. Mar. Fish., Monogr. Ser. No. 8*. 62 pp.

A brief discussion of cunner taken from the Annisquam River - Gloucester Harbor is given.

Johansen, F.

1925. Natural history of the cunner. *Contrib. Canadian Biol.*, 2(17): 423-468.

The most comprehensive and complete account of the occurrence, habits, development, and life history of the cunner available.

Johansen, F.

1926a. Fishes collected in Newfoundland during the autumn of 1922. *Canadian Field-Natur.*, 40(1): 1-6.

The fish is noted as occurring in Conception Bay.

Johansen, F.

1926b. Fishes collected in the Gaspé Peninsula during August of 1922. *Canadian Field-Natur.*, 40(8): 175-178.

Six specimens of cunner, ranging between 14 1/2 - 27 cm in length, were noted at the pier at Port Daniel on August 8, 1922.

Jones, J. M.

1865. Notes on Nova Scotia fishes. *Canadian Natur. Geol., New Series 2*: 128-135.

An account of the biology and economic importance is provided.

- Jones, J. M.
1879. List of the fishes of Nova Scotia. Proc. Trans. Nova Scotia Inst. Natur. Sci., 5 (append.): 87-97.
The cunner is "very common during the summer months in harbours and bays." p. 91.
- Jordan, D. S.
1887. A catalogue of the fishes known to inhabit the waters of North America north of the Tropic of Cancer, with notes on the species discovered in 1883 and 1884. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1885, Pt. 13, Append. E: 789-973.
The cunner is listed (p. 885).
- Jordan, D. S.
1891. A review of the labroid fishes of America and Europe. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1887, 15: 599-699.
A taxonomic description and synonymy is provided. The habitat of this species is given as "Atlantic coasts of North America, from Labrador to New York." "This little fish is exceedingly abundant about rocks and wharves near shore in the regions where it is found. It reaches a length of about 10 inches, being too small to have much value as food. . ." p. 624. The fish is also noted as being a pest to fishermen by "nibbling" bait from hooks.
- Jordan, D. S.
1905. A guide to the study of fishes. Holt and Co., New York. 599 pp.
"With this, [*Tautoga onitis*] and still more abundant, is the cunner or chogset, *Tautogolabrus adspersus*, greenish-blue in color, the flesh being also more or less blue. This fish is too small to have much value as food, but it readily takes the hook set for better fishes." p. 387.
- Jordan, D. S.
1917-1920. The genera of fishes. Stanford Univ. Ser., 4 Parts.
The four parts are as follows: Part I, 1917, pp. 1-161; Part II, 1919, pp. 163-284; Part III, 1919, pp. 285-410; Part IV, 1920, pp. 411-576. *Tautogolabrus* is listed (p. 318) as one of the genera described by Günther (1861).
- Jordan, D. S.
1923. A classification of fishes including families and genera as far as known. Stanford Univ. Publ. Univ. Ser., Biol. Sci., Vol. 3(2): 77-243.
Tautogolabrus is listed (p. 221) as one of the genera in the family Labridae.
- Jordan, D. S.
1925. Fishes. D. Appleton Co., New York. 773 pp.
The abundance of the cunner on the coast of New England is noted (p. 598).
- Jordan, D. S.
1929. Manual of the vertebrate animals of the northeastern United States. 13th ed. World Book Co., New York. 446 pp.
The taxonomic description is given (p. 186). Distribution of the cunner is cited as Newfoundland to Virginia.
- Jordan, D. S., and B. W. Evermann.
1896. A checklist of the fishes and fish-like vertebrates of North and Middle America. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish., for 1895, 21, Append. 5: 207-584.
The fish occurs on the "Atlantic coasts of North America, from Labrador to Sandy Hook." p. 411.
- Jordan, D. S., and B. W. Evermann.
1896-1900. The fishes of North and Middle America. Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus., 47(1-4): 1-3313.
The taxonomic description and synonymy is given (p. 1577).
- Jordan, D. S., and B. W. Evermann.
1916. American food and game fishes. A popular account of all of the species found in America north of the equator, with keys for ready identification, life histories and methods of capture. Doubleday, Page Co., New York. 572 pp.
The fish is referred to (p. 476-477) as "one of the best known fishes on our North Atlantic Coast from Labrador to Sandy Hook."
- Jordan, D. S., B. W. Evermann, and H. W. Clark.
1930. Checklist of the fishes and fish-like

- vertebrates of North and Middle America north of the northern boundary of Venezuela and Columbia. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish. for 1955. U. S. Fish and Woldl. Serv., Wash., D.C. 670 pp.)
C. 670 pp.)
The taxonomic synonymy of the cunner is listed (p. 424).
- Jordan, D. S., and C. H. Gilbert.
1882. Synopsis of the fishes of North America. Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus., 16: 1-1018.
A brief description of the cunner is provided (p. 599). The distribution of the species is given as Newfoundland to Cape Hatteras.
- Kendall, W. C.
1908. Fauna of New England. List of the Pisces. Occ. Pap., Boston Soc. Natur. Hist., 7(8): 1-152.
The localities in New England where cunner (*Ctenolabrus ceruleus*) occur are listed (p. 109).
- Kendall, W. C.
1909. The fishes of Labrador. Proc. Portland Soc. Natur. Hist., 2(8): 207-243.
Kendall notes that Jordan and Evermann (1896) list the cunner as occurring in Labrador and that his list is based upon their observations.
- Kendall, W. C.
1914. An annotated catalogue of the fishes of Maine. Proc. Portland Soc. Natur. Hist., 3(1): 1-198.
The localities in Maine where cunner were cited are reported (p. 55-56).
- Kidder, J. H.
1880. Report of experiments upon the animal heat of fishes, made at Provincetown, Mass., during the summer of 1879, in connection with operations of the United States Fish Commission. Proc. U. S. Natl. Mus., 2: 306-326.
Experiments on the internal temperatures of fishes were performed. A thermometer inserted in the stomach of cunner read 1.2° F above ambient water temperature.
- Kingsley, J. S., and H. W. Conn.
1883. Some observations on the embryology of the teleosts. Mem. Boston Soc. Natur. Hist., 3(6): 183-212.
A detailed account of the development of the cunner egg.
- Kuntz, A., and L. Radcliffe.
1917. Notes on the embryology and larval development of twelve teleostean fishes. Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish., 35: 89-134.
A description of the spawning, eggs, embryology, and larval development of the cunner is provided. Also contained within this report are figures of the developing eggs and larvae of the cunner, as well as a key to the fish eggs which occur within the Woods Hole region during July and August.
- Laird, M., and W. L. Bullock.
1969. Marine fish haematozoa from New Brunswick and New England. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 26(4): 1075-1102.
Seven cunner examined yielded no signs of blood parasites.
- Lebida, R. C.
1969. The seasonal abundance and distribution of eggs, larvae, and juvenile fishes in the Weweantic River estuary, Massachusetts, 1966. M. S. thesis, Univ. Mass., 59 pp.
Cunner eggs were obtained from plankton tows in June 1966. Cunner and tautog eggs comprised the bulk of eggs identified from plankton net hauls. Nearly all (98%) of the cunner eggs obtained were from the lower portion (high salinity) of the Weweantic Estuary.
- Lee, C. F.
1948. Thiaminase in fishery products: A review. Comm. Fish. Rev., 10(4): 7-17.
Reference is made to the work of Yudkin (1945) in which the cunner was investigated for thiaminase occurrence.
- Legendre, V., [ed.].
1964. French and English names of the Canadian Atlantic fishes. Quebec Service De La Faune Rapport No. 2: 1-178.

- The French and English names of the cunner, (tanche-tautogue; cunner) and several references to Canadian publications citing this species are provided (p. 78).
- Leim, A. L., and L. R. Day.
1959. Records of uncommon and unusual fishes of eastern Canadian waters, 1950-1958. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(4): 503-514.
"A record sized, male specimen, 44 cm (17 1/4 in.) long and weighing 3 1/4 pounds, was caught off Head Harbour, Campobello N. B., September 9, 1953." p. 512.
- Leim, A. L., and W. B. Scott.
1966. Fishes of the Atlantic Coast of Canada. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, Bull. 155. 485 pp.
A complete natural history of the cunner is given (p. 269-270). Included within this account is information pertaining to the description, common names, distinctions, size range, and biology and economics of the cunner. References are provided for reports relating to the Canadian distribution of the cunner.
- Linsley, J. H.
1844. Catalogue of the fishes of Connecticut, arranged according to their natural families; prepared for the Yale Natural History Society. Amer. J. Sci. Arts, 47: 55-80.
"There is a great variety of coloring in the *burgall*, and this has doubtless induced Dr. DeKay to constitute his new species, '*uninotatus*;' specimens of which may always be taken in any large collection of the *true species*, and of which we doubtless have but one, as indicated by Dr. Storer." p. 66.
- Linton, E.
1901a. Fish parasites collected at Woods Hole in 1898. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1899, 19: 267-304.
Examination of 22 cunners obtained during August and September revealed that most of fish were infected with cestode and trematode cysts. The "immature distoma" encysted within the skin of the cunner are described and confirm the earlier findings of Ryder (1884) concerning trematode cysts.
- Linton, E.
1901b. Parasites of fishes of the Woods Hole region. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1899, 19: 405-492.
The nematode, cestode and trematode parasites of the cunner are enumerated. Also listed are the various food items found in cunner stomachs; - seaweed, hydroid stems, bryozoa, tunicates, small crustaceans of various kinds (*Caprella*, shrimps, etc.) and univalve mollusks.
- Linton, E.
1910. Notes on the flesh parasites of marine food fishes. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1908, 28, Pt. 2: 1195-1210.
The cunner is noted (p. 1199-1200) as usually possessing small distomes encysted in the skin and in the fins. These parasites are considered as unlikely to infect humans since they are usually removed in preparing the fish for cooking.
- Linton, E.
1915. *Tocotrema lingus* (Creplin). The adult stage of a skin parasite of the cunner and other fishes of the Woods Hole region. J. Parasit., 1: 128-134.
Cunners are frequent hosts of the cyst stage of *Tocotrema lingus*.
- Linton, E.
1928. Notes on trematode parasites of birds. Proc. U. S. Natl. Mus., 73(1929): 1-36.
The trematode *Cryptocotyle lingua* is noted to be found "Encysted in gills, fins, and skin of *Ctenolabrus adspersus*, *Tautoga onitis*, and other species of fish." p. 19.
- Linton, E.
1934. Some observations on the distribution of helminth Entozoa of fishes of the Woods Hole region (Massachusetts, U. S. A.). In R. J. Daniel [ed.], James Johnstone Memorial Volume, University Press, Liverpool: 121-131.
The cunner is commonly parasitized by the trematode metacercariae of *Cryptocotyle lingua*.
- Linton, E.
1940. Trematodes from fishes mainly from

- the Woods Hole region, Massachusetts. Proc. U. S. Natl. Mus., 88(3078): 1-172.
- Cunner is listed as a host for the following parasites: *Cymbophallus vitellus*, *Lepocreadium trullaforme*, *Hemiusur appendiculatus*, *Lecithaster confusus*, and *Cryptocotyle lingua*. An expanded account of *C. lingua* infection of the cunner is presented (p. 156-157).
- Linton, E.
1941. Cestode parasites of teleost fishes of the Woods Hole region, Massachusetts. Proc. U. S. Natl. Mus., 90 (3112): 417-442.
The cestode *Bothriocephalus* is listed as a parasite of cunners.
- Loeb, J.
1895. Untersuchungen uber die physiologischen Wirkungen des Sauerstoffmangels. Pfluger's Arch., 62: 249-294.
Cited in Phillips (1940) as working with cunner eggs.
- Loeb, J.
1912. Heredity in heterogeneous hybrids. J. Morphol., 23(1): 1-16.
Attempts were made to hybridize cunner eggs with sperm of scup and mummichog and mummichog eggs with cunner sperm. None of the crosses succeed in hatching.
- Loomis, F. B., and D. B. Young.
1912. On the shell heaps of Maine. Amer. J. Sci., 34(199): 17-42.
Thirty-two cunners were found in a shell heap on Flagg Island and one cunner on a shell heap on Seaward Island.
- Lugger, O.
1877. Additions to list of fishes of Maryland, published in report, January 1, 1876. Rep. Comm. Fish. Maryland: 57-94.
Cited in Hildebrand and Schroeder (1928) as recording the occurrence of the cunner in Worcester and adjoining counties, Maryland.
- Lux, F. E., and F. E. Nichy.
1971. Number and lengths, by season, of fishes caught with an otter trawl near Woods Hole, Massachusetts, September 1961 to December 1962. U. S. Dept. Commerce, Nat. Mar. Fish. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. Fish. No. 662. 15 pp.
"Cunners were caught from September to early December in 1961 and from late March through November in 1962. . . They were rare or absent during the coldest months. This species spawns in spring and early summer, and the fish 30 to 59 mm. long in 1961 were judged to be young of the year. In 1962, the 0-group fish appeared in catches in early July at lengths of 17 to 27 mm and were present through November. Cunners caught from late March through June in 1962 probably were 1-group fish; however, from July to early September fish older than 1-group also appeared to be present." p. 9-10.
- McAllister, D. E.
1960. List of the marine fishes of Canada. Bull. Nat. Mus. Canada, Biol. No. 168: 1-76.
The cunner is listed.
- McConnaughey, B. H.
1970. Introduction to marine biology. The C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis. 449 pp.
"A few exceptional species (wrasses) are found outside the tropics and become larger than most species. The blackfish, or tautog (*Tautoga onitis*), of the United States Atlantic coast and the burgall, or cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*), which extends as far north as Labrador, are examples." p. 151.
- McErlean, A. J.
1963. Aquarium behavior of juvenile labrid fishes. Copeia, 1963 (1): 186.
Observations of one cunner held in an aquarium with six tautog for two weeks yielded information on cunner territoriality. A detailed description of the animal's behavior is provided.
- McKenzie, R. A.
1959. Marine and freshwater fishes of the Miramichi River and Estuary, New Brunswick. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(6): 807-829.
"Called 'blue-perch' by many, this species

- is common throughout the tidal parts of the Miramichi." p. 827.
- McClane, A. J.
1954. The wise fishermen's encyclopedia. Wm. H. Wise Co., New York. 1336 pp.
The general life history and distribution is presented together with fishing techniques.
- McClane, A. J.
1965. McClane's standard fishing encyclopedia. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York. 1057 pp.
A description of the fish, its life history and its angling value is presented.
- Mackmull, G., and N. A. Michels.
1932. Absorption of colloidal carbon from the peritoneal cavity in the teleost, *Tautoglabrus adspersus*. Amer. J. Anat., 51: 3-39.
Experiments utilizing the cunner demonstrated "that intraperitoneally injected carbon reaches various organs and tissues, a) as free ink granules, b) by direct infiltration of carbon-filled cells, i. e., macrophages derived from the peritoneal cavity, and, c) by migration of carbon-filled macrophages from vascular channels. Direct absorption of free carbon particles from the peritoneal cavity is accomplished chiefly by the mesentery and intestine, the muscular coat of the latter being frequently invaded by bay-like projections of carbon." p. 31.
- Marak, R. R., and J. B. Colton.
1961. Distribution of fish eggs and larvae, temperature, and salinity in the Georges Bank - Gulf of Maine area, 1953. U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. Fish. No. 398, 61 pp.
Cunner eggs and larvae were obtained in plankton tows using a meternet and a "Hardy plankton sampler" from May 25, 1953 to June 3, 1963.
- Marak, R. R., J. B. Colton, and D. B. Foster.
1962. Distribution of fish eggs and larvae, temperature and salinity in the Georges Bank - Gulf of Maine area, 1955. U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. Fish No. 411, 66 pp.
- Four cunner eggs were obtained on May 28, 1955 from the surface plankton using a "Hardy plankton recorder".
- Marak, R. R., J. B. Colton, Jr., D. B. Foster, and D. Miller.
1962. Distribution of fish eggs and larvae, temperature, and salinity in the Georges Bank - Gulf of Maine area, 1956. U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv., Spec. Sci. Rep. Fish. No. 412, 95 pp.
Cunner eggs and larvae were obtained from surface plankton hauls during the spring of 1956. Both a surface-towed meter net and a continuous Hardy plankton recorder were utilized in the plankton operations.
- Meek, A.
1916. The migrations of fish. Edward Arnold, London. 427 pp.
The observation is made that cunner eggs are pelagic and that, in this respect, they resemble the eggs of related wrasses such as the "goldsinny rainbow wrasse, and tautog." p. 307.
- Mélaneon, C.
1958. Les poissons de nos eaux. Troisième édition, avec addenda. La Société zoologique de Quebec, Quebec. 258 pp.
The cunner is cited (p. 230).
- Merriman, D.
1947. Notes on the midsummer ichthyofauna of a Connecticut beach at different tide levels. Copeia, 1947(4): 281-286.
Seine-hauls at Bushnell Beach, Pine Orchard, Connecticut during the latter part of July and early August, 1943 and 1944 yielded cunners in only two sets.
- Merriman, D., and R. C. Sclar.
1952. Hydrographic and biological studies of Block Island Sound. The pelagic eggs and larvae of Block Island Sound. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 13(3): 165-219.
The eggs and larvae of the cunner are discussed. Attention is focused upon abundance, spawning period, distribution, etc. A key to the eggs and larvae of Block Island Sound is provided.

- Merriman, D., and H. E. Warfel.
1948. Studies on the marine resources of southern New England. VII. Analysis of a fish population. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 11(4): 131-164.
Cunner is listed in tables concerning the occurrence of fish species in one-hour trawl hauls taken during 1943-1946.
- Mitchill, S. L.
1814. Report, in part, of Samuel L. Mitchill, M. D., on the fishes of New York, New York. 28 pp.
Cunner is cited (p. 23-24) as *Tautoga niger* and *Tautoga coerulea*.
- Mitchill, S. L.
1815. The fishes of New York described and arranged. Trans. Lit. Phil. Soc. N. Y., 1: 355-492.
A description of the cunner (*Labrus chogset* and *Labrus chogset fulva*) and its habits are presented (p. 402-403).
- Moenkhaus, W. J.
1904. The development of the hybrids between *Fundulus heteroclitus* and *Menidia notata* with especial reference to the behavior of the maternal and paternal chromatin. Amer. J. Anat., 3: 29-66.
"The eggs of *Fundulus heteroclitus* can very easily be impregnated by *Tautogolabrus adspersus*. The eggs of the former cleave ordinarily in about two hours after the addition of sperm. Those of the latter under similar conditions, cleave in about fifty minutes. In the hybrid, however, the rapid sperm is unable to alter the rate of cleavage and vice versa. This law is strikingly illustrated in the cross between *Batrachus tau* and *Tautogolabrus*." p. 36.
- Morgan, T. H.
1895. The formation of fish embryo. J. Morphol., 10: 419-473.
Reference is frequently made to the embryology of *Ctenolabrus*.
- Morris, M.
1914. The behavior of the chromatin in hybrids between *Fundulus* and *Ctenolabrus*. J. Exp. Zool., 16(4): 501-521.
The cytology of hybrids developing from mummichog eggs and cunner sperm is discussed in depth with particular attention devoted to the behavior of the chromosomes.
- Morrow, J. E., Jr.
1951. The biology of the longhorn sculpin, *Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus* Mitchill, with a discussion of the Southern New England "trash" fishery. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 13(2): 1-89.
The cunner is listed as a food item found in the stomachs of longhorn sculpin collected in February 1944 (p. 89).
- Murawski, W. W.
1970. Study of the ichthyoplankton associated with two of New Jersey's coastal inlets. N. J. Div. Fish Game Shellfish, 34 pp.
The distribution and occurrence of cunner eggs and larvae obtained by plankton nets during 1968-1970 is documented.
- Nalbant, T. T.
1967. Fish collected by the trawler 'Galati' in the northwest Atlantic (Georges Bank). Buletinul Institutului de Cercetari Piscicole, 26: 41-53.
Cited in Zoological Record. Cunner was one of the species of fish collected. In Romanian with French and Russian summaries.
- Needler, A. W. H.
1940. A preliminary list of the fishes of Malpeque Bay. Proc. Nova Scotian Inst. Sci., 20(2): 33-41.
Small cunners, locally called 'perch', were common throughout the bay and were seined from the mouth of the bay to the creeks. None larger than 13.5 cm were taken.
- Nelson, J.
1890. Descriptive catalogue of the vertebrates of New Jersey, p. 481-824. In J. Nelson [ed.], Geological survey of New Jersey. Part 2. Vol. 2.
A taxonomic description of the cunner is listed (p. 743).

- Newman, H. H.
1914. Modes of inheritance in teleost hybrids. *J. Exp. Zool.*, 16(4): 447-499.
References and reviews the work of Appellöf (1894) on teleost hybrids. Appellöf attempted to cross the cod and the cunner.
- Newman, H. H.
1915. Development and heredity in heterogenic teleost hybrids. *J. Exp. Zool.*, 18(4): 511-576.
Newman performed the following hybrid crosses: cunner sperm with the eggs of *Fundulus heteroclitus*; *Fundulus diaphanus*; *Cyprinodon variegatus*; *Gasterosteus aculeatus*; *Apettes quadracus*; *Menidia menidia notata*; *Stenotomus chrysops*; and cunner eggs with the sperm of *F. heteroclitus*; *F. majalis*; *A. quadracus*; *M. menidia notata*; *M. beryllina cerea*; *Poronotus triacanthus*; and *S. chrysops*.
- New York State Conservation Department.
Undated. Fish & fishing in New York. 36 pp.
"Cunner. A small, colorful fish abundant over rocky bottoms and around docks and piers. Hardly anyone fishes for them; nearly everyone catches them. Take 'em or leave 'em." p. 22.
- Nichol, J. A. C.
1967. The biology of marine animals. Sir Isaac Pitman Sons, Ltd., London. 699 pp.
The cunner is listed as exhibiting an oxygen consumption of 108–126 cc. O₂/kg–hour at 18° C. The rapidity with which color changes are accomplished is also noted.
- Nichols, J. T.
1913. A list of fishes known to have occurred within fifty miles of New York City. *Abst. Linn. Soc. N. Y. for 1907–1911*, 20–23: 90-106.
The cunner is listed.
- Nichols, J. T.
1918. Fishes of the vicinity of New York City. *Amer. Mus. Natur. Hist., Handbook Ser., No. 7*: 1-118.
An account (p. 80-81) of the habits of the cunner and a description of the fish are provided.
- Nichols, J. T., and C. M. Breder, Jr.
1927. The marine fishes of New York and southern New England. *Zoologica*, 9(1): 1-192.
A brief account (p. 129) of the distribution, habits and life history of the cunner is presented.
- Norman, J. R.
1966. A draft synopsis of the orders, families and genera of recent fishes and fish-like vertebrates. Trustees of the British Museum, London. 649 pp.
Tautoglabrus is listed (p. 353).
- Norman, W. W.
1896. Segmentation of the nucleus without segmentation of the protoplasm. *Archiv für Entwicklungsmechanik der Organismus*, 3: 106–126.
Cunner eggs were used as experimental material to ascertain the effects of increased temperature on the segmentation of the protoplasm.
- Ogren, L., and J. Chess.
1969. A marine kill on New Jersey wrecks. *Underwater Natur.*, 6(2): 4-12.
A mortality of marine organisms was noted off the coast of southern New Jersey in the fall of 1968. Cunnners were noted to be affected in the area of the wreck 'Delaware.' "They were lying on the upper part of the wreck, curled or pressed into crevices. They exhibited blotchy pigmentation, gaping mouths, and erect fins. Some of these cunner would swim in a disoriented manner when disturbed. No live cunner were found on the 'Delaware' three weeks after the first stress symptoms were observed. The absence of large numbers of dead fish suggests that the majority of cunner moved off the wreck." p. 5.
- Orlowski, S. J., S. S. Herman, R. G. Malsberger, and H. N. Pritchard.
1972. Distinguishing cunner and tautog eggs by immunodiffusion. *J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada* 29(1): 111-112.
An immunodiffusion technique is described which enables eggs of the cunner

and tautog to be distinguished within three hours.

Orton, G. L.

1953. Development and migration of pigment cells in some teleost fishes. *J. Morphol.*, 93(1): 69-100.

The pattern of larval development of the señorita, *Oxyjulis californica*, is noted to be similar to that of the cunner.

Osburn, R. C.

1921. Bryozoa as food for other animals. *Science*, N. S., 53(1376): 451-453.

"Certain fishes that habitually browse around ledges, rocks, wharves, etc., and which have teeth adapted for cutting off and crushing the shells of their prey, are known to include Bryozoa in their diet with some regularity. Thus, the cunner, *Tautoglabrus adspersus*, and the blackfish or tautog, *Tautoga onitis*, feed on bryozoa along with other hardshelled organisms." p. 452.

Parker, G. H.

1903. The optic chiasma in teleosts and its bearing on the asymmetry of the heterosomata (flat fishes). *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool.*, Harvard Univ., 40: 219-242.

Cunner was one of ten species of fish examined "to ascertain whether the right nerves or the left nerves are more usually dorsal at the chiasmata of symmetrical teleosts. . ." p. 222.

Parker, G. H.

1912. Sound as a directing influence in the movement of fishes. *Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish.* 30: 97-104.

The distribution of fish in a large wooden tank was studied after allowing a 4300 g iron ball to strike the outside end of the tank. Cunner showed a tendency to move toward the sound center.

Parker, G. H.

1913. Effects of explosive sounds, such as those produced by motorboats and guns upon fishes. *Rep. U. S. Fish Comm.* for 1911: 1-9.

The sounds of a motor boat altered the

behavior of cunners. They ceased feeding while the running boat stood 6 ft. away from baited lines.

Pearce, J. B.

1969. Thermal addition and the benthos, Cape Cod Canal. *Chesapeake Sci.*, 10(3,4): 227-233.

"Some preliminary work with the cunner (*Tautoglabrus adspersus*) indicates that changes occur in the blood tissues of this fish when it is exposed to elevated temperatures. As temperatures are increased the percent of red blood cells decreases. Further research is necessary to substantiate these findings. Again, however, cunner are usually found in depths lower than those predicted by consulting engineers to be adversely heated by discharged waters." p. 229.

Pearcy, W. G., and S. W. Richards.

1962. Distribution and ecology of fishes in the Mystic River estuary, Connecticut. *Ecology*, 43(2): 248-259.

Cunner eggs, larvae, juveniles and adults were collected as part of a general investigation of the ichthyofauna. Labrid eggs were collected between April and August and were the most abundant pelagic eggs collected in the estuary. No differences in vertical distribution of either the eggs or larvae were apparent although both stages were noted to be more common in the lower estuary.

Perley, M. H.

1852. Descriptive catalogue (in part) of the fishes of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. *Rep. Sea River Fish.* New Brunswick, Fredericton. 294 pp.

The occurrence of the cunner in Canadian waters is documented (p. 190).

Perlmutter, A.

1939. A biological survey of the salt waters of Long Island, 1938. Section II. An ecological survey of young fish and eggs identified from tow-net collections. *Suppl. 28th Ann. Rep. N. Y. Conserv. Dept.*, Pt. 2: 11-71.

"Several thousand eggs were taken from

- May through September. . . (although) the height of spawning is reached in June. . . During July and August, the Griek trawl, picked up two size groups of cunners. One group, from 15 to 34 mm, represented young of the year whereas the second group from 45 to 89 mm probably were in their second year." p. 28.
- Perlmutter, A.
1961. Guide to marine fishes. Bramhall House, New York. 431 pp.
A short description of the color, distribution, general information, and economic importance of the cunner is provided (p. 393-394).
- Philips, F. S.
1940. Oxygen consumption and its inhibition in the development of *Fundulus* and various pelagic fish eggs. Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole), 78(2): 256-274.
The respiration of the cunner egg during the first several days of development and its sensitivity to NaCN and NaN₃ were investigated. The results indicate that cunner eggs are quite sensitive to anaerobic conditions and cease development almost immediately upon exposure to respiratory poisons. These findings corroborate observation of Loeb (1895).
- Pinney, E.
1918. A study of the relation of the behavior of the chromatin to development and heredity in teleost hybrids. J. Morphol., 31(2): 225-292.
Investigation of the developmental and cytological processes occurring in hybrid crosses between the cunner and *Fundulus*, *Menidia*, and *Stenotomus*.
- Pinney, E.
1922. The initial block to normal development in cross-fertilized eggs. I. Crosses with the egg of *Fundulus*. II. Reciprocal crosses between *Ctenolabrus* and *Prionotus*. J. Morphol., 36(3): 401-420.
An additional investigation of the behavior of chromatin in teleost hybrid eggs. A tabular summary of the data on the crosses performed is presented. "The first cleavage mitosis depends upon certain specific physical conditions of the substratum, namely the egg protoplasm." p. 402.
- Prince, E. E.
1917. On serially striped haddock in New Brunswick. Contrib. Canadian Biol. for 1915-1916- 86-91.
"The young forms (cunner) exhibit the transverse bars, eight or nine dark ochre bands richly spotted with black dots, extending from the head region to the base of the tail, when the fish is barely half-an-inch long." p. 89.
- Provancher, A.
1875. Faune Canadien. Les poissons. Le Naturaliste Canadien, 7: 758.
A description of the cunner and an account of its occurrence is provided.
- Putnam, F. W.
1863. List of the fishes sent by the museum to different institutions, in exchange for other specimens, with annotations. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ., 1: 2-16.
The cunner is listed.
- Radcliffe, L.
1922. Fisheries of the New England States in 1919. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish. for 1921, Append. 5: 120-187.
Tables of catch and market statistics are given throughout text.
- Ransom, B. H.
1920. Synopsis of the trematode family Heterophyidae with descriptions of a new genera and five new species. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 57: 527-573.
The cunner is listed as a host for the cyst stage of *Cryptocotyle lingua*.
- Rathbun, R.
1893. Report upon the inquiry respecting food-fishes and the fishing ground. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish. for 1889 to 1891, 17: 97-171.
"The eggs of the cunner are buoyant and very transparent; about 26 are contained

in a linear inch. About 50,000 eggs of this species obtained May 22, 1890, were hatched at Woods Hole on the 5th day, with a loss of only 5,000. The tidal cod jar was used, the temperature of the water being 56° F." p. 160.

Ravenel, W. DeC.

1901. Report on the propagation and distribution of food-fishes. Rep. U. S. Comm. Fish Fish. for 1900: 25-118.

The cunner is listed (p. 55) as one of the salt-water fishes exhibited at the aquarium at Central Station in Washington, D. C. during the fiscal year ending June 1900.

Ray, C., and E. Ciampi.

1956. The underwater guide to marine life. A. S. Barnes Co., New York. 338 pp.

"The cunner (bergall), *Tautogolabrus adspersus* is the most northern wrasse. . . It reaches 15 inches and ranges from Labrador to the Chesapeake." p. 256.

Reid, M. E.

1929. The distribution and development of the cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus* Walbaum) along the eastern coast of Canada. Contrib. Canadian Biol., 4(27): 431-441.

Plankton tows were accomplished during the summer of 1971 at Miramichi Bay and Passamaquoddy Bay, New Brunswick; Cheticamp, Shelburn, and St. Mary Bay, Nova Scotia. Differences in spawning season and abundance of cunner eggs and larvae between the various localities is attributed to water temperature.

Richards, C. E., and M. Castanga.

1970. Marine fishes of Virginia's eastern shore (inlet and marsh, seaside waters). Chesapeake Sci., 11(4): 235-248.

Juveniles clung to tiles placed in mid-marsh areas for oyster drill studies and they remained on the tiles even though lifted from the water.

Richards, S. W.

1959. Oceanography of Long Island Sound. VI. Pelagic fish eggs and larvae. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 17(1): 95-124.

Eggs and larvae were sampled using a

Clarke-Bumpus sampler from March 1954 to November 1955. Eggs and larvae were obtained from May - September 1954, and June-August 1955. The delayed appearance of specimens in 1955 was attributed to the time of sampling rather than temperature. No significant difference in sizes of cunner eggs was noted from various localities in L.I.S., but the average cunner egg diameter decreased through the summer.

Richards, S. W.

1963a. The demersal fish population of Long Island Sound. I. Species composition and relative abundance in two localities, 1956-57. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 18(2): 1-31.

Trawl hauls were taken in L.I.S. from June 1955 to July 1957. Cunner were obtained seasonally at both stations, usually in the warmer months but never in midwinter.

Richards, S. W.

1963b. The demersal fish population of Long Island Sound. II. Food of the juveniles from a sand-shell locality. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 18(2): 32-72.

"Twenty-four cunners, zero to fourth year, caught in spring, summer and fall, ate 18 identifiable prey, of which crustaceans, primarily motile amphipods, were the most important. Small cunners exhibited less over-all evidence of bottom feeding than did the larger specimens. Occasional polychaetes did not form an important segment of the diet, and small numbers of copepods were consumed only by the 0-year class. Occasional mysids (2-3 mm), shrimps (5.6-16.0 mm), crabs, and mollusks were primarily eaten by the older cunners. Ten percent of the total caprellids was consumed by 11 cunners, while hydroids, in which caprellids live, were eaten only by cunners from 94 to 138 mm. Very small cunners were apparently able to select the amphipods from the hydroids, whereas the older cunners were not able to do so. The only specimen of *Orchomenella* was eaten by a cunner 37 mm long. Empty stomachs occurred infrequently and at no particular season." pp. 55-56.

- Richards, S. W.
1963c. The demersal fish population of Long Island Sound. III. Food of the juveniles from a mud locality. Bull. Bingham Oceanogr. Coll., 18(2): 73-101.
Data on the food found in cunner stomachs is presented (p. 78, 98).
- Richardson, J.
1837. Report on North-American zoology. Rep. British Ass. Adv. Sci. 5: 121-224.
Cunner (*Labrus coricus*) is listed (p. 208) as a North-American labrid.
- Rosenbaum, S.
1968. Collecting for a salt-water aquarium. Underwater Natur. 5(3): 33-37.
The aquarium behavior of the cunner is described as "same habits as blackfish, but is a smaller fish. Quite timid as it gets larger and correspondingly more difficult to feed." p. 35.
- Ryder, J. A.
1884. On a skin parasite of the cunner (*Ctenolabrus adspersus*). Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm., 4: 37-42.
Larval flukes were found in the skin, fins, and gills. A discussion on the pathological affects produced by these cysts (presumably metacercaria of *Cryptocotyle lingua*, — see Stunkard, 1930) is provided. Attention is focused on the development of pigment cells adjacent to the cysts.
- Safford, V.
1940. Asphyxiation of marine fish with and without CO₂ and its effect on the gas content of the swimbladder. J. Cell. Comp. Physiol., 16: 165-173.
Experiments were conducted to determine how the respiratory changes at the gills influence the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide at the swimbladder. The swimbladder of the cunner was found to lose 82% of the oxygen content normally contained therein when fish were subjected to asphyxiation with little carbon dioxide in the water.
- Sands, B.
1971. Mercury monitoring highlights Long Island swordfish tournament. N. Y. Conserv., 26(2): 27-31.
One cunner possessed 0.22 ppm mercury.
- Sargent, P. E.
1898. The giant ganglion cells in the spinal cord of *Ctenolabrus coeruleus*. Anatomischer Anzeiger, 15: 212-225.
The 35 to 40 giant ganglion cells lying in the dorsal fissure of the spinal cord of the cunner are described.
- Sargent, P. E.
1900. Reissner's fibre in the canalis centralis of vertebrates. Anatomischer Anzeiger, 17(2-3): 33-44.
The Reissner's fibre in the cunner is described.
- Sargent, P. E.
1903. The torus longitudinalis of the teleost brain: its ontogeny, morphology, phylogeny, and function. Mark Anniversary Vol. 20: 399-416.
A description of the torus longitudinalis of the cunner is provided.
- Sargent, P. E.
1904. The optic reflex apparatus of vertebrates for short-circuit transmission of motor reflexes through Reissner's fiber; its morphology, ontogeny, phylogeny, and function. Pt. I. The fishlike vertebrates. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard Univ., 45(3): 127-259.
The optic reflex apparatus of the cunner is described with accompanying figures (p. 212-215).
- Schaefer, R. H.
1967. Species composition, size and seasonal abundance of fish in the surf waters of Long Island. N. Y. Fish Game J., 14(1): 1-46.
Only two cunners were obtained in seining operations at Fire Island, New York, between July 1961 and November 30 in 1961, between May 1 and October 31, in 1962, and between May 1 and November 30 in 1963.
- Scholander, P. F., C. L. Claff, C. T. Teng, and V. Walters.

1951. Nitrogen tension in the swimbladder of marine fishes in relation to depth. Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole), 101(2): 178-193.
Cunner was one of 15 species of New England marine fishes analyzed for nitrogen tension in the swimbladder.
- Scholander, P. F., and L. Van Dam.
1953. Composition of the swimbladder gas in deep sea fishes. Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole), 104(1): 75-86.
Analysis of the gas composition of the swimbladder is presented. The relation of gas composition in the swimbladders of cunners to total pressure is illustrated.
- Schöpf, J.D.
1788. Beschreibung einiger nord-amerikanischen Fische vorzüglich aus den neu-yorkischen Gewässern. Schrift. Ges. Naturw. Freunde Berlin, 8: 138-194.
The cunner is cited (p. 155).
- Schroeder, W. C.
1955. Report on the results of exploratory otter-trawling along the continental shelf and slope between Nova Scotia and Virginia during the summers of 1952 and 1953 p. 358-372. In Papers in Marine Biology and Oceanography, Deep-Sea Research; Vol. 3, Suppl.
The cunner is listed as one of the many species taken in the haul samples.
- Schwartz, F. J.
1961. Fishes of Chincoteague and Sinepuxent Bays. Amer. Midl. Natur., 65(2): 384-408.
A single specimen captured in a crab pot at Parnell Bay in Chincoteague Bay November, 1959 is listed.
- Schwartz, F. J.
1964. Fishes of the Isle of Wight and Assawoman Bays near Ocean City, Maryland. Chesapeake Sci., 5(4): 172-193.
The cunner is noted as a common summer and winter species (125-190 mm) found browsing on the pilings and jetties of Ocean City.
- Scott, W. B. and M. G. Scott.
1965. A checklist of Canadian Atlantic fishes with keys for identification. Royal Ontario Museum, Univ. Toronto, Contrib. No 66. 106 pp.
The cunner is listed.
- Serchuk, F.
1972. The ecology of the cunner, *Tautoglabrus adspersus* (Walbaum) (Pisces; Labridae), in the Weweantic River Estuary, Wareham, Massachusetts. M. S. thesis, Univ. Mass., 111 pp.
Various aspects of the life history of the cunner are described. Emphasis is placed upon age and growth of adults, the distribution, seasonal occurrence and abundance of egg and larval stages, and the occurrence and extent of trematode metacercarial parasitism on all life stages.
- Sharp, B. and H. W. Fowler.
1904. The fishes of Nantucket. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 56: 504-512.
Cunner is listed.
- Shepard, D. C.
1961. A cytological study of the origin of melanophores in the teleosts. Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole), 120(2): 206-220.
"The pigment of the pelagic cunner egg is interesting because in similar embryos Orton (1953) and others have observed melanophores forming in the crest region well before any pigment cell migration." p. 213. Details of embryo pigmentation are described.
- Sherwood, G. H. and V. N. Edwards.
1902. Notes on the migration, spawning, abundance, etc., of certain fishes in 1900. Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1901-1921: 27-31.
"Barrels of cunner were killed by the extreme cold of February, 1901, and were seen floating on the surface with tautog." p. 30.
- Sindermann, C. J.
1970. Principal diseases of marine fish and shellfish. Academic Press, New York. 369 pp.
"Cercariae of *Cryptocotyle* invade and encyst in the fins and integument of herring, cunner, *Tautoglabrus adspersus*,

and a number of other inshore western Atlantic species, causing the formation of conspicuous cysts or 'black spots'." p. 53.

Smith, G. M.

1933. The mechanism of intake and outflow of fluids in the lateral line canal of fishes. *Anat. Rec.*, 56(4): 365-368.

Cunner was one of many species investigated which failed to exhibit definite penetration of colored fluids into the lateral line canals.

Smith, H. M.

1894. Economic and natural history notes on fishes of the northern coast of New Jersey. *Bull. U.S. Fish. Comm. for 1892*, 12: 365-380.

The fish is found "throughout the fishing season" in pound nets catches. The largest examples weigh 1½ pounds. "Small examples were abundant in the dense vegetable growth which adheres to poundnet poles, ropes, anchors, etc. At Bradley Beach an old rope, covered with *Ulva lactuca lactuca* and *U. enteromorpha compressa*, when pulled up had hundreds of small cunners on it, which were landed in the boat. . ." p. 378.

Smith, H. M.

1898. Fishes found in the vicinity of Woods Hole. *Bull. U. S. Fish. Comm. for 1897*, 17: 85-111.

Cunner seasonal mortality is described in addition to breeding habits and distribution.

Smith, J. V. C.

1833. Natural history of the fishes of Massachusetts, embracing a practical essay on angling. Allen Ticknor, Boston. 399 pp.

Cunner life history is discussed (p. 259-261). Baird (1873) states of this publication "an exceptionally and even ludicrously erroneous and worthless compilation. . ."

Smith, J. V. C.

1835. A catalogue of the marine and freshwater fishes of Massachusetts, p. 535-538. In E. H. Hitchcock [ed.], Report

on the Geology, Mineralogy, Botany and Zoology. Massachusetts, pt. 4.

Cunner, *Labrus coricus*, is listed.

Smith, J. Capt.

1616. The generall historie of Virginia, New England and the true travels, adventures, and observations and a sea grammar. 2 vols., London. Reprinted from the London edition of 1629 by the Franklin Press, Richmond, Va., 1819.

Smith comments on the abundance of fishes in New England and notes, "And in the harbors we frequented, a little boye might take of Cunners and Pinacks and such delicate fish, at the ships sterne, more than sixe or tenne can eate in a daie; but with a casting net, thousands when wee pleased. . ."

So, B. K. F.

1972. Marine fish haematozoa from Newfoundland waters. *Canadian J. Zool.* 50: 543-554.

Cunner was one of 28 species examined for haematozoa. None of the 26 cunners examined contained blood protozoa.

Speidel, C. S.

1922. Further comparative studies in other fishes of cells that are homologous to the large irregular glandular cells in the spinal cord of the skates. *J. Comp. Neurol.*, 34(3): 303-318.

Cunner is listed as one of the many species of fish which were examined for Dahlgren cells. The cells found in the cunner exhibited lobulation of the nucleus and large cell body size.

Stafford, J.

1905. Trematodes from Canadian vertebrates. *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, 28: 631-694.

The cunner is cited as a host for *Dermocystis centolabri* (p. 682).

Stafford, J.

1907. Preliminary report on the trematodes of Canadian marine fishes. *Contrib. Canadian Biol. for 1902-1905*: 91-94.

Distomum sp. was encysted in skin of cunner.

- Stafford, J.
1912. Fauna of the Atlantic coast of Canada. Contrib. Canadian Biol. for 1906-1910: 45-67.
The cunner is listed as one of the species of fish found in the mouth of the Gaspé Basin.
- Stafford, J.
1917. Canada's fisheries as a source of food supply. Canadian Fisherman, August, 1917.
The abundance of the cunner in Canadian waters is noted.
- Stearns, W. A.
1883. Notes on the natural history of Labrador. Proc. U. S. Natl. Mus., 6(6): 111-137.
The fish was very common all about Cape Britain.
- Stock, V.
1915. On some parasitic copepods of the Bay of Fundy fish. Contrib. Canadian Biol. for 1911-1914: 69-71.
No caligid copepods were found on the one cunner examined.
- Stone, R., and J. Clark.
1970. Artificial reef. Skin Diver, 19(7): 62-65.
The cunner was the most abundant of fish on an artificial reef built off Fire Island Inlet in 1962.
- Storer, D. H.
1839a. Reports on the ichthyology and herpetology of Massachusetts. Zoological and botanical survey of the state. Reports on the fishes, reptiles and birds of Massachusetts. Boston J. Natur. Hist., 2(3-4): 289-558. (Reprinted 1839 Dutton, Wentworth, Boston, 426 pp.)
A report on the fishes of Massachusetts. A description and short natural history is of the cunner is provided. (p. 390-392)
- Storer, D. H.
1839b. Remarks on the "Natural history of the fishes of Massachusetts, embracing a practical essay on angling; by Jerome V. C. Smith, M.D." Amer. J. Sci. Arts., 36(2): 337-349.
- "Upon page 259, we have a description of the cunner, or marine perch as it is often called; and it is surprising that after the author observes, 'since the commencement of this little volume, no one species has given us more trouble and perplexity in the classification than this;' to find it arranged in a wrong genus, with the sage remark, 'to all appearance the perch or cunner is the tautog in miniature; and if it were black it would be supposed to be the young of that fish!' And this too, while the preoperculum of the former is strongly denticulated throughout, and the edge of that of the latter is perfectly smooth!" - p. 345.
- Storer, D. H.
1846. A synopsis of the fishes of North America. Mem. Amer. Acad. Sci., N. S. 2(7): 253-550.
The taxonomic description and synonymy of the cunner is given (p. 386).
- Storer, D. H.
1867. A history of the fishes of Massachusetts. Welsh, Bigelow, Dakin, and Metcalf, Boston. 287 pp. This report was reprinted from Mem. Amer. Acad. Arts Sci., 1853, N. S. 5 (part 1): 49-92, 122-168; (part 2): 257-296. 1858, N. S. (part 2): 309-372. 1863, N. S. 8 (part 2): 389-434. 1867, N. S. 9 (part 1): 217-256.
A taxonomic description with synonymy and remarks is provided (p. 108-110). The cunner, is noted to be a common species taken from the middle of June until late in October, and brought to market in immense quantities.
- Storer, H. R.
1850. Observations on the fishes of Nova Scotia and Labrador, with description of new species. Boston J. Natur. Hist., 6(15): 247-270.
"Cuvier received specimens (of cunner) from Newfoundland; Dr. Storer next mentioning it as in the waters of Maine, whence it ranges southerly as far as New York. It is so plentiful in the Gut of Canso, that by sinking a basket with a salt fish tied therein for bait, we continually

caught them by the score; and by putting a few hundred into the 'well' of our little sloop, we kept ourselves, the dogs, and a hawk (*Falco Sancti Johannis*) well supplied with fresh fish wilst at sea." p. 264.

Stroud, R. H.

1971. Introduction to symposium, p. 1-8. In P. A. Douglas and R. H. Stroud [ed.], A symposium on the biological significance of estuaries. Sport Fishing Institute, Washington.

Cunner is listed as a species which is considered by some biologists to be estuarine-dependent at some critical stage in its life history.

Stunkard, H. W.

1930. The life history of *Cryptocotyle lingua* (Creplin), with notes on the physiology of the metacercariae. J. Morphol. Physiol., 50: 143-191.

Experiments were performed with trematode life stages obtained from cunners. Host relations and specificity of the trematode are presented on the basis of experimental data.

Suckling, J. A.

1967. Trunk lateral line nerves: some anatomical aspects p. 45-52. In P. Cahn [ed.]

Lateral line detectors. Indiana Univ. Press, Bloomington, Indiana.

Cunner is listed as one of many species of fish which have a "dorsal nerve present with commissures passing to lateralis nerve." p. 49. "Preliminary histological studies on the lateralis nerve of *Katsuwonus pelamis* and *Tautogolabrus adspersus* suggest that there are both large and small fibers present. The number appears to be of the order of 1000 fibers in the lateralis nerve, before it becomes part of the vagus." p. 51.

Sumner, F. B.

1906a. The osmotic regulations between fishes and their surrounding medium (preliminary note). Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole), 10(6): 298-306.

The cunner is not able to tolerate fresh

water; the abruptness of transfer to low salinity and fresh water is not as important as the salinity level.

Sumner, F. B.

1906b. The physiological effects upon fishes of changes in the density and salinity of water. Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish. for 1905, 25: 53-108.

"Of the typically marine fishes few were tested as to their ability to withstand abrupt transfer to fresh water, since this is well known to result fatally in the case of most species. . . Some cunner (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*) were dead at the end of 12 hours. . ." p. 60. The following experiment was performed: "Thirteen cunners (*Tautogolabrus adspersus*) treated as were the fishes in the two preceding experiments. (Specimens transferred to fresh water through a series of daily steps of 0.001 in specific gravity. Fishes were fed throughout the experiment). All died within 12 hours after reaching fresh water though apparently healthy till this occurred." p. 65.

Sumner, F. B., R. C. Osburn and L. J. Cole.

1913. A biological survey of the waters of Woods Hole and vicinity. Pt. 1. Sec. 1. Physical and zoological. Pt. 2 Sec. 3. A catalogue of the marine fauna. Bull. U. S. Bur. Fish for 1911, 31: 5-441, 547-794.

Cunner is listed as one of the species obtained during the survey. A chart illustrating the distribution of the cunner in Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay is provided as well as a description of the food, parasites, and habits (p. 759-760).

Thomas, M. L. H. and G. H. White.

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