Summary Table of Cobia, (Rachycentron canadum) life history for the Gulf of Mexico. Associations and interactions with environmental and habitat variables are listed with citations.

							Trophic relationships		Habitat Associations and Interactions			
Life Stage	Season	Location	Temp(°C)	Salinity(ppt)	Oxygen	Depth(m)	Food	Predators	Habitat Selection	Growth	Mortality	Production
Eggs Fertilized (1.2-1.5mm diameter); pelagic	Summer. Hatch within 36 hours from fertilization	Crystal R, FL (estuary). Chesapeake Bay and contiguous waters of the Atlantic Ocean; off Hatteras, N.C. (along the edge of the Gulf Stream); Newport R., N.C. (estuary)	28.1-29.7°C. Highest hatchery rates (lab) occurred at 26.5°C	30.5-34.1ppt 23ppt minimum (field). Highest hatching rates (lab) 33-35ppt		Top meter of water column drifting with current			Estuarine edge of Gulf stream. Upper strata			
Citations	1,2,25,26,27,28	2,27,28,35	2,28	2,9,28		2,9,26			2,27,28,35			
Larvae 2.6-2.0mm SL	Summer: May-Sept	Crystal R. FL (estuary). Typically in offshore shelf waters of N. GOM	24.2-32.0°C. High: 36.7°C.	18.9-37.7ppt. 27.8-37.7ppt. Laboratory rearing as low as 19ppt		3.1-300m and surface waters	Lab: Wild zooplankton, dominated by copepods		Estuarine, offshore shelf waters	Attained SL of 20mm in 22 days (lab)		
Citation	1,2,3,4,9,28	1,2,3,4,29	2	2,28,9		2,9	1,28		1,2,3,4	28		
Pre-Juvenile (20-25mm SL)	Summer: May-July	Coastal waters offshore shelf of N. GOM. Jupiter Inlet, FL (22mm SL)	25.9-30.3°C 19.6-25.2>30.0°C	28.9-30.2ppt 22.5-36.4ppt		11-53m. In or near surface waters (S. Atl)	Lab: Wild zooplankton, dominated by copepods		Coastal waters, offshore shelf	Attained SL of 25mm in 25 days(lab)		
Citation	1,2,4	1,2,4,30,31	1,2,30,31	1,2,30,31		2,4,9	1,28		1,2,4,30,31	28		
Early Juveniles (27-55mm SL)	April-July. Summer	Coastal waters, offshore shelf of N. GOM. Off NJ, NC-FL	16.8-25.2°C (S. Atl)	30.0-36.4ppt (S. Atl)		5-300m. In or near surface waters (S. Atl)	Lab: Gambusia shrimp and fish parts		Coastal waters, offshore shelf	Attained ~55mm SL by 50 days (lab)		
	1,4,28,31	1,4,32,30	1,30,32	1,30,32		1,4,9	28		1,4,30,32	28		

Citations 9, 25-37 are U.S. East Coast information sources.

Cobia, (Rachycentron canadum) cont.

							Trophic relationships		Habitat Associations and Interactions			
Life Stage	Season	Location	Temp(°C)	Salinity(ppt)	Oxygen	Depth(m)	Food	Predators	Habitat Selection	Growth	Mortality	Production
Late Juveniles	May-Oct. Summer-Fall	Coastal waters, offshore shelf. Off Virginia				6-9m	Lab: Shrimp, fish parts. Wild: Carnivorous fish, shrimp, squid.	Coryphaena hippurus	Coastal waters, offshore shelf	Attained 231mm SL by 130 days (lab)		
Citations	4,5,6,7,8,9,10,14,26	4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 26				4,12,13	13,28	1,24,37	4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	28		
Adults	N. Gulf: Mar-Oct Seasonal Migration. S. Gulf: S. FL: Nov-Mar Uncommon in summer Ches. Bay: May-Oct Seasonal Mig.:N->S, Spg/Fall	Coastal waters and offshore waters.	23.0-28.0°C 19.6-25.2°C (S. Atl)	24.6-30.0ppt 32-36.4ppt (S. Atl)		1-70m. Shallow coastal waters (bays and inlets) to continental shelf.	Crustaceans and fishes (primarily crabs)		Seasonal migration. Some overwintering.			
Citation	1-22,24,26,34	1,2,4-11,25-28,34,36	1,12,18,22,29	1,3,7,22		1,5,11-13,24	1,14,19-22,23		1,2,11,13,15,16			
Spawning Adults	N. Gulf: Apr-Sept (Ches. Bay region): Summer N. and S. Carolina: Spring-Summer. Females highly fecund. Batch spawners.	N. Gulf: Nearshore/overshelf. Near ocean inlets/offshore (S. Atl)	23.0-28.0°C	24.6-30.0 + ppt		Continental shelf-coastal waters			N. Gulf (LA, MS, AL, NW FL): Nearshore and shelf S. Atl: inlets, overshelf	N. Gulf: Males: mature at 2yrs longevity: 9-14 yrs. Females: Mature at 2-3 yrs. Longevity: 10-13 yrs. Both: Rapid growth for lst 2yrs		
Citation	1,10,16-18,26-28,35	1,10,16-18,26,27,35	1,18	1,18		26,28,35			1,10,16-18,26-28,35	1,10,11,27,28,35		

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