

## 2006 Commercial Tautog Regulations

STATE	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMITS	SEASONS	QUOTA	GEAR RESTRICTIONS
Massachusetts	16"	40	April 15-May 15 July 11-October 31		Yes
Rhode Island	16" 16" 16"	10 10 10	April 15-May 30 August 1-September 15 October 15-December 31	15,440 lbs 15,440 lbs 15,440 lbs	Yes
Connecticut	14"	a	January 1-April 30 June 15-December 31		Yes
New York	14"	b	April 8 - Feb. 28		Yes
New Jersey	14"		April 15-June 30 November 1-January 15	103,000lbs	Yes
Delaware	14" 14" 15"	10 10 3	Jul 1 - July 31 Oct 1 - Mar 31 Apr 1 - Jun 30		
Maryland	14"	5	Jan 1 - Nov 30		Yes
Virginia	14"		Jan 1- April 30 Sept 1- Dec 31		Yes

## 2006 Recreational Tautog Regulations

STATE	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMITS	SEASONS
Massachusetts	16"	3	-
Rhode Island	16" 16"	3 3	May 1-May 31 July 1-October 22 October 23-December 15
Connecticut	14" 14" 14"	4 (daily) 4 (daily) 4 (daily)	January 1-April 30 June 15- September 7 September 22-December 13
New York	14"	10	October 1-May 31
New Jersey	14" 14" 14"	4 1 8	January 1-May 31 June 1-November 14 November 15-December 31
Delaware	14" 14" 15"	10 10 3	Jul 1 - July 31 Oct 1 - Mar 31 Apr 1 - Jun 30
Maryland	14"	5	January 1-November 30
Virginia	14"	7	Open

- a The trawl fishery has a possession limit of 75 fish, the commercial hook, fish pot, trap net, fyke net, and gill net fisheries the possession limit is 25 fish, and in the lobster pot fishery the possession limit is 10 fish. Holders of Connecticut Marine Pound Net Registration may possess up to twelve fish year round except that during the May 1 through June 14 closed season all female tautog must be released without avoidable injury. All possession limits are daily limits.
- b New York has a 25 fish vessel trip limit for commercially caught tautog, except only 10 per vessel are allowed when lobster pot gear and more than six lobsters are in possession.