












2011 Quick Reference Pull Out Sheet

Tidal Waters

Delaware's Recreational Season, Size and Creel Limits

	Species	Open Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
	American eel	All year	6 inches	50
	American & hickory shad	Closed Nanticoke River & its tribs.; open all year elsewhere	None	10 in any combination
	Atlantic croaker	All year	8 inches	None
	Atlantic sturgeon	closed - no harvest		
	Black drum	All year	16 inches	3
	Black sea bass	May 22 - Oct. 11 Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	12.5 inches	25
	Bluefish	All year	None	10
	Catfish (any species)	All year	None	None
	Red drum	All year	20 -27 inches may be retained	5
	River herring (alewife & blueback)	All year	None	10
	Scup	All year	8 inches	50
	Spanish mackerel	All year	14 inches	10
	Spotted seatrout	All year	12 inches	None
	Striped bass "Catch & Release" only on the spawning grounds April 1 - May 31	All year	28 inches except only 20 - 26 inch fish may be retained from July 1 - Aug. 31 in the DE River, DE Bay and their tribs.	2
	Summer flounder	Season and size limits still have to be determined		4

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**Tautog**

April 1 - May 11
July 1 - Aug. 31
Sept. 29 - Mar 31

15 inches
14 inches
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3
10
10

**Weakfish**

All year

13 inches

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**White perch**

All year

8 inches

None

Winter flounder

Feb. 11 - Apr. 11

12 inches

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