

1998 Tidal Water Recreational Fishing Limits

No license is required for hook and line recreational fishing in tidal waters.

It is illegal to fish for any species of game fish (see Gamefish and General Fishing Restrictions) with more than two hooks and lines, and each hook and line shall have no more than three separate lures with hooks.

NAME OF FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)	CREEL LIMIT (Number Per Day)
Atlantic Croaker	All Year	8	None
American Eel	All Year	6	None
Atlantic Sturgeon	CLOSED	N/A	N/A
Bluefish	All Year	None	10
Red Drum	All Year	18 - 27 Max.	5, 1 greater than 27 Inches
Tautog	All Year	14, Except April, May, June - 15	10, Except April, May, June - 3
Scup (Porgy)	All Year	7	None
Spotted Seatrout	All Year	12	None
Spanish Mackerel	All Year	14	10
Striped Bass	All Year*	28	2
Striped Bass Hybrid	All Year	None	None
Summer Flounder	All Year	14 1/2	10 (May be Changed to 6)
Weakfish	All Year	13	6
White Perch	All Year	8	None
Winter Flounder	All Year	10	None
Blue Crab Peeler Soft Shell Hard Shell	Pots - March 1 - November 30	3 3.5 5	1 Bushel Per Crabber
Hard Clams	All Year	1.5	100 Residents 50 Nonresidents (500 With Permit)
Lobster	All Year	3 5/16" Carapace length	2 Per Diver
Sharks	All Year	See Below	See Below

*Striped bass recreational season is closed on the spawning grounds (Nanticoke River, C&D; Canal, and Delaware River and their respective tributaries north of the southern most jetty at the C&D; Canal) during April and May.

Finfish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail.

Bluecrabs are measured tip to tip on the back (Females with eggs are protected, females with U-shaped apron have no size limit).

Lobster carapace length is measured from rear of eye socket to rear of bodyshell.