

# Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries & Atlantic Ocean Sport Fishing

## Size, Season and Daily Creel Limits of Certain Species in the Atlantic and Coastal Bays

### **STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH)**

*Minimum Size:* 28 inches

*Creel Limit:* 2 per person per day

### **CROAKER (HARDHEAD)**

*Minimum Size:* 9 inches

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

### **BLUEFISH**

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### **BLACK SEA BASS**

*Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.*

### **SPOTTED SEATROUT**

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### **RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)**

*Minimum Size:* 18" min. – 27" max.

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### **TAUTOG**

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* Jan 1 thru May 15 and Nov 1 thru  
Nov 30 4/person/day

May 16 thru Oct 31 2/person/day

*Closed Season:* December 1 – December 31

### **Dolphin (Fish)**

*Minimum size:* none

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

*Daily Catch Limit:* 60 Dolphin per boat per day

### **FLOUNDER (FLUKE)**

*Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.*

### **WEAKFISH**

*Minimum Size:* 13 inches

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### **SCUP (PORGY)**

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 50 per person per day

### **Tilefish Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 7 in Aggregate

### **Grouper Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 1 fish

### **Snapper Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 20 fish in Aggregate

### **BLACK DRUM**

*Minimum Size:* 16 inches

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

*Daily Catch Limit:* 6 per boat

### **American Eel**

*Minimum size:* 6 inches

*Creel limit:* 25

### **Spanish Mackerel**

*Minimum size:* 14 inches

*Creel limit:* 15 per person per day

### **Wahoo**

*Minimum size:* none

*Creel limit:* 2 per person per day

### **Lobster**

*Minimum size:* 3 3/8" carapace, 5 1/4" maximum.

*Must be landed whole.*

*Creel limit:* 100 lobster/person/day or 500 lobster/trip for  
5 day trip when using gear other than lobster traps.

*Gear:* A lobster trap shall have:

- A minimum of one rectangular escape vent which shall be a minimum of two inches by 5 3/4 inches; or
- A minimum of two circular escape vents which shall have a minimum diameter of 2 5/8 inches

To catch, land, possess, sell, offer to sell, or transport any:

- Lobster that is egg-bearing or from which eggs have been intentionally removed;
- Female lobster bearing a V-shaped notch which is:
  - (a) A straight-sided triangular cut with or without setal hairs, at least 1/8 inch in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster; or
  - (b) Mutilated in a manner which could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark..

\* For complete list see: Maryland Code of Regulations or [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries)