

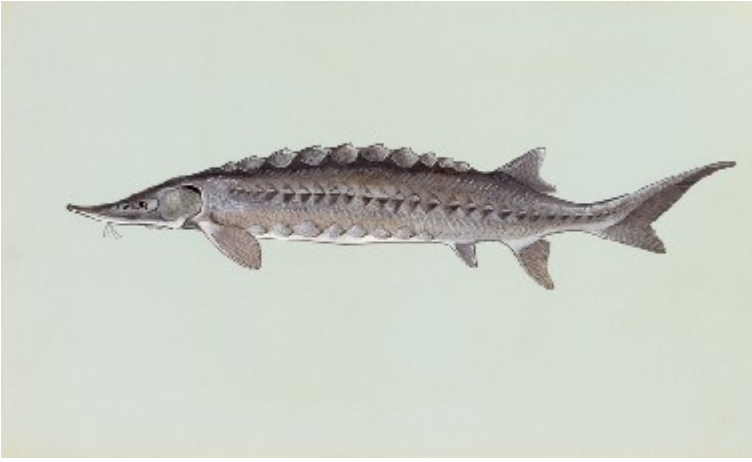













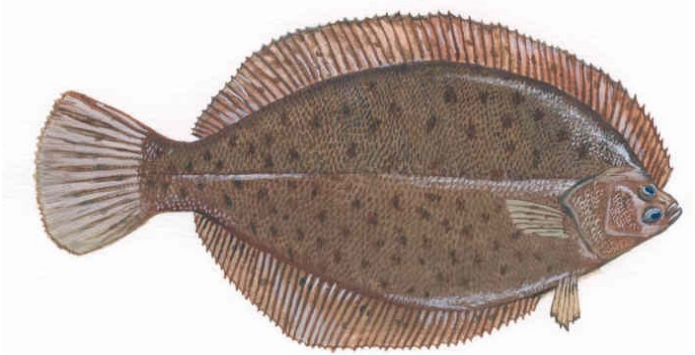
## Year 2002 Tidal Water Recreational Fishing Limits

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.



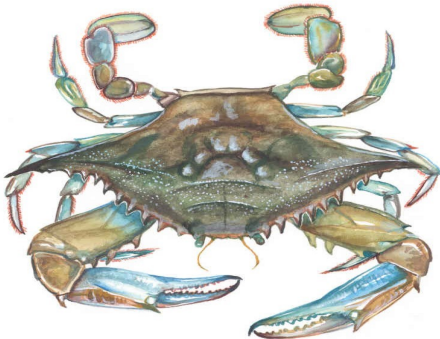
NAME OF FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)	CREEL LIMIT (Number Per Day)
<b>Atlantic Croaker</b> 	All Year	8	None
<b>American Eel</b> 	All Year	6	50
<b>Atlantic Sturgeon</b> 	CLOSED	N/A	N/A


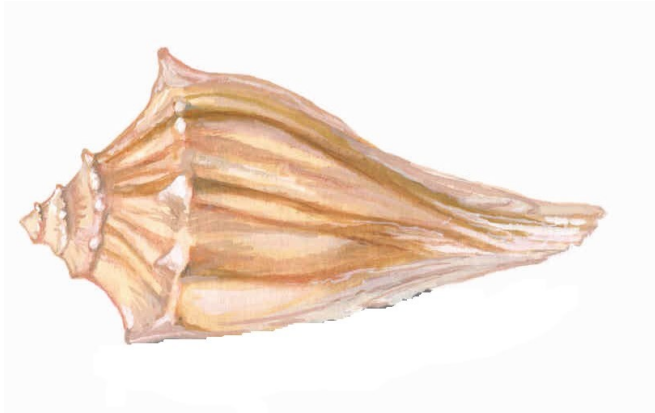
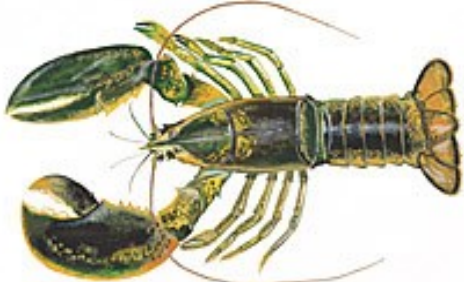
<b>Bluefish</b> 	All Year	None	10
<b>Black Sea Bass</b> 	Opens May 10, 2002	11 1/2	25
<b>Red Drum</b> 	All Year	18 - 27 Max.	5, 1 greater than 27 Inches
<b>Tautog</b> 	July 1 - March 31 April 1 - June 30 Closed Sept. 8 - 18	14 15	10 3
<b>Scup (Porgy)</b>	All Year	8	50

			
<p><b>Spotted Seatrout</b></p> 	All Year	12	None
<p><b>Spanish Mackerel</b></p> 	All Year	14	10
<p><b>Striped Bass</b></p> 	All Year*	1 Fish 24 - 28 Inches 1 Fish Greater Than 28 Inches	2
<p><b>Summer Flounder</b></p>	Closed through May 15, 2002 Opens May 16, 2002	17 1/2	4

			
<b>Weakfish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
			
<b>White Perch</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>
			
<b>Winter Flounder</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>None</b>
			
<b>Unregulated Shark-Smooth Dogfish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>



			
<b>Unregulated (Recreational Only) Shark-Spiny Dogfish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
			
<b>Regulated Shark - Sandbar Shark</b> <b>For Other Regulated Sharks</b> <b>See the List Below</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>54"</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Hard Shell</b> <b>Peeler</b> <b>Soft Shell</b>	<b>Pots -</b> <b>March 1 -</b> <b>November</b> <b>30</b>	<b>5</b> <b>3</b> <b>3 1/2"</b>	<b>1 Bushel Per</b> <b>Crabber</b>
<b>Hard Clams</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>1 1/2"</b>	<b>100 Residents</b> <b>50</b> <b>Nonresidents</b> <b>(500 With</b> <b>Permit)</b>

			
<b>Smooth Whelk (Conch)</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>6" length OR 3 1/8" Diameter</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Knobbed Whelk (Conch)</b> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>5" length OR 2 3/4" Diameter</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Lobster</b> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>3 5/16" Carapace length</b>	<b>2 Per Diver</b>

\*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).