

Tidal Waters

Minimum Size, Creel Limits & Seasons

Species	Open Season	Min. Total Length (pg 20) (Inches)	Daily Limit
◆ Striped bass (<i>See pg 20</i>)	all year	28	2
<i>Del. Ri, DeBay & tribs</i>	July 1 - Aug. 31	20 to 26 slot	2
Atlantic croaker	all year	8	no limit
Summer flounder	all year	18 1/2	4
Bluefish	all year	none	10
Tautog	April 1 - May 11	15	3
	July 1 - Aug. 31	14	10
	Sept. 29 - March 31	14	10
Weakfish	all year	13	6
Black sea bass	all year	12 1/2	25
◆◆ Sharks	(<i>See pgs 33&34</i>)	54 (fork length)	1 per boat
Smooth dogfish	all year	none	see pg 34
Spiny dogfish	all year	none	no limit
Black drum	all year	none	no limit
American eel	all year	6	50
Catfish	all year	none	no limit
River herring	all year	none	10
Spotted sea trout	all year	12	no limit
Spanish mackerel	all year	14	10
Red drum	all year	20 – 27 max	5
White perch	all year	8	no limit
Winter flounder <i>Subject to change</i>	Feb. 11 – April 10	12	10
Scup (porgy)	all year	8	50
◆◆◆ Shad	Closed in Nanticoke River and its tributaries (<i>See pg 21 & 23</i>)		
American	other locations - all year	none	10
and Hickory	other locations - all year	none	combined
Atlantic sturgeon	CLOSED		no limit
Blue crab (pots)	March 1 – Nov.30		1 bushel/crabber
(fishing license required)	Peeler	3.0	
	Soft-shell	3.5	
	Hard shell	5.0	
Hard Clams	all year	1.5	100 resident
(fishing license required)	all year	1.5	50 non-resident
Lobster	all year	3 3/8" to 5 1/4" max	2 per diver

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