

## Year 2000 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.**

<b>NAME OF FISH SPECIES</b>	<b>OPEN SEASON</b>	<b>MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)</b>	<b>CREEL LIMIT (Number Per Day)</b>
<b>Atlantic Croaker</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>American Eel</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Atlantic Sturgeon</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Black Sea Bass</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Red Drum</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>18 - 27 Max.</b>	<b>5, 1 greater than 27 Inches</b>
<b>Tautog</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>14, Except April, May, June - 15</b>	<b>10, Except April, May, June - 3</b>
<b>Scup (Porgy)</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Spotted Seatrout</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Spanish Mackerel</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>All Year*</b>	<b>1 Fish 24 - 28 Inches 1 Fish Greater Than 28 Inches</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Striped Bass Hybrid</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Summer Flounder</b>	<b>May 10 - Oct. 2</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>8</b>
<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>Blue Crab</b>  <b>Peeler</b> <b>Soft Shell</b> <b>Hard Shell</b>	<b>Pots - March 1 - November 30</b>	<b>3 3 1/2" 5</b>	<b>1 Bushel Per Crabber</b>
<b>Hard Clams</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>1 1/2"</b>	<b>100 Residents 50 Nonresidents (500 With Permit)</b>
<b>Smooth Conch</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>6" length OR 3 1/8" Diameter</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Knobbed 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>

Sharks	All Year	See Below	See Below
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\*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.

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

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

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