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Chesapeake Bay Seasons, Sizes & Limits



Chesapeake Bay & Its Tidal Tributaries							
Species	Minimum Size Limits	Season	Creel Limit	Remarks			
American Eel	g inches	Jan 1–Aug 31, except open year round for spears and baited traps or pots	Daily—25				
Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)	15 inches March 1–June 15	Open Year Round	Daily—5 in aggregate				
	12 inches June 16 through last day in February						
Black Drum	16 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1 Boat Limit—6				
Black Sea Bass	12.5 inches	May 15-Dec 31	Daily—15				
Bluefish	8 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—10				
Catfish	None	Open Year Round	None				
Chain pickerel (Pike)	14 inches	CLOSED March 15-April 30	Daily—10				
Cobia	40 inches	June 1–September 30	Daily—1 Boat limit—3				
Croaker (Hardhead)	g inches	Open Year Round	Daily—25				
Northern Snakehead	None	Open Year Round	None	Illegal to possess live snakehead fish.			
Red drum (Channel Bass or Puppy Drum)	18-27 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1				
Sharks	See <u>Highly Migratory Species</u> (https://web.archive.org/web/20190511171122/http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/highly-migratory-						
	species/) Section						

Snapper species (includes many species, please see list)	Snapper species— <u>www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file-08.02.05.29.htm</u> https://web.archive.org/web/20190511171122/http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file-08.02.05.29.htm Subject to change. Refer to online regulations for updates <u>eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/</u> https://eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/					
Spanish Mackerel	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—15	Must be landed with head and fins intact.		
Spotted seatrout	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4			
Striped Bass	See Chesapeake Bay <u>Striped Bass</u> (https://web.archive.org/web/20190511171122/http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/striped-bass/) Section					
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	16.5 inches	Open Year Round	4/person/day			
Tautog	16 inches	CLOSED May 16-June 30	January 1–May 15, 4 fish/person/day July 1–October 31, 2 fish/person/day November 1–December 31, 4 fish/person/day			
Walleye	15 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—5			
Weakfish	13 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1			
White perch	None if caught with hook and line; 8 inch minimum if caught with other gear	Open Year Round	None			
Yellow perch	g inches	Open Year Round	Daily—10			
Alewife Herring, American Shad, Atlantic sturgeon, Blueback Herring and shortnose STURGEON	CLOSED		·			

Areas Closed to Fishing—Feb, March and April:

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^{1.} Magothy River from Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet.

^{2.} Severn River and Severn Run from the Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.