

Table 6. 2012 Recreational Tautog Regulations

STATE	SIZE LIMIT (inches)	POSSESSION LIMITS (number of fish/ person/ day)	OPEN SEASONS
Massachusetts	16"	3	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Rhode Island	16"	3	Apr 15 – May 31
		3	Aug 1 – Oct 15
		6 (up to 10 per vessel)	Oct 16- Dec 15 (private)
		6	Oct 20 – Dec 15 (party, charter)
Connecticut	16"	2 2 4	Apr 1-Apr 30 July 1 – Aug 31 Oct 10 – Dec 6
New York	16"	4	Oct 5 – Dec 14
New Jersey	15"	4 4 1 6	Jan 1 – Feb 28 Apr 1 – Apr 30 Jul 17 – Nov 15 Nov 16 – Dec 31
Delaware	15"	5 3 5 5	Jan 1 – Mar 31 Apr 1 – May 11 July 17 – Aug 31 Sept 29 – Dec 31
Maryland	16"	4 2 4	Jan 1- May 15 May 16 – Oct 3 Nov 1 – 26
Virginia	16"	3	Jan 1 - Apr 15
			Sept 24 - Dec 31
North Carolina	-	-	-