

(b) The transfer to any other vessel at sea of any species for which there is a possession or trip limit is prohibited.

(c) *Table A — Recreational Fishing.*

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open season</i>	<i>Minimum length</i>	<i>Possession limit</i>
Striped bass (except the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge)	May 8 - Dec. 15	36" TL (total length)*	1
Red drum	All year	14" TL	2 per day greater than 32" TL
Tautog	All year	12" TL	no limit
Pollock	All year	19" TL	no limit
Summer flounder (fluke)	May 1 - Oct. 31	14" TL	6
Yellowtail flounder	All year	13" TL	no limit
Atlantic sturgeon	May 15-June 15 and Oct. 1 to Nov. 30	60" TL	1
Spanish mackerel	All year	14" TL	10
Monkfish (goosefish)	All year	17" TL	no limit
		11" tail length**	
Weakfish	All year	16" TL 9" fillet length*** 11" dressed length†	6

(d) *Striped bass recreational fishing — special regulations.* (1) No person shall possess striped bass from which the head or tail has been removed or that have been otherwise cleaned, cut, filleted or skinned so that the total length or identity cannot be determined unless such fish is being prepared for immediate consumption or storage at a domicile or place of residence.

(2) No person shall take striped bass for recreational purposes other than by angling and spearing.

(3) During the closed recreational season for striped bass, catch and release fishing by angling only is permitted. *Catch and release fishing* is defined as a fishery where the fish are returned to the water. During the closed season all striped bass taken shall be returned to the water immediately without unnecessary injury.

\* Total length is the longest straightline measurement from the tip of the snout, with the mouth closed, to the longest lobe of the caudal fin (tail), with the lobes squeezed together, laid flat on the measuring device.

\*\* The tail length is the longest straightline measurement from the tip of the caudal fin (tail) to the fourth cephalic dorsal spine (all dorsal spines must be intact), laid flat on the measuring device.

\*\*\* The fillet length is the longest straightline measurement from end to end of any fleshy side portion of the fish cut lengthwise away from the backbone, which must have the skin intact, laid flat on the measuring device.

† The dressed length is the longest straightline measurement from the most anterior portion of the fish, with the head removed, to the longest lobe of the caudal fin (tail), with the caudal fin intact and with the lobes squeezed together, laid flat on the measuring device.