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Marine Regulations

Fishing rules and regulations seem to change with the tide these days, and they vary greatly from state to state. That's why *The Fisherman* posts the current size and bag limits, seasons and licensing information covering all your favorite local species. Before heading out, check here for a state-by-state breakdown of current restrictions to ensure you'll be in compliance no matter how, when or where you fish.

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Atlantic Menhaden (Bunker): Minimum length: None,

*Daily creel limit: 50 fish per angler or 5 gallons

(whichever is the greater amount), Open Season: Open Year Round

Black Sea Bass: May 19 – December 31, 5-fish bag limit, 15-inch minimum.

For-Hire "Bonus" September 1 – December 31, 7-fish bag limit, 15-inch minimum.

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler (including "snappers,") no closed season

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

Hickory Shad & American Shad: No size limit, 6/angler (both species aggregate,) no closed season

***American Shad: all state waters closed except the Connecticut River

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: Private Vessel: May 1 – December 31, 30 fish, 9-inch minimum.

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person; bonus voucher program through CT DEEP

Summer Flounder/Fluke: May 4 to September 30, inclusive, Minimum Size: 19 inches, 4-fish bag limit.

Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 – April 30 and July 1 – August 31, 2-fish bag limit, 16-inch minimum length. October 10 to November 28, inclusive, Creel Limit: 3 fish.

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: 7" minimum size, 30/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, April 1 – December 31



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Croaker: 8" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

Porgy: 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season

Scup (Porgy): 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no

Spotted Seatrout: 12" minimum size, No creel limit, no

Striped Bass: As of 5/11/15, two fish, 28 to 37 inches or

greater than 44 inches, except in Delaware Bay, River

and its tributaries from 7/1-8/31 during which time

angler limit is two fish from 20 to 25 inches during

'summer slot' season. No harvest permitted from

spawning grounds from 4/1-5/31.

Summer Flounder: 16-1/2" minimum size, 4/angler, No

Closed Season

Tautog: 16-inch minimum, 4 fish from 1/1-5/15 &

7/1-12/31

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season




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January 27, 2019: Barrington Rod and Reel's 8th annual fishing flea market.

MARYLAND

Black Sea Bass: May 19-Sept. 21, Oct. 22-Dec.31 12.5

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~~Bluefish: 8" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season~~

Croaker: 9" minimum size, limit 25/angler, no closed season

Flounder: Effective April 1, 2018, four fish at 16-1/2 inches per person/day.

Herring: Moritorium

Red Drum: 18" - 27" slot limit, 1/angler, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: Atlantic Coast, 2 fish per person per day.

Must be between 28 inches and 38 inches, inclusive, or greater than or equal to 44 inches. For varied

Chesapeake restrictions go to

www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/striped-bass

Tautog: 16" minimum size, 2/angler, 4/angler from January 1 - May 15 and from November 1 thru November 14; 2/angler from May 16 thru Oct 31

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Yellow Perch: 9" minimum size, 10 per day per person, no closed season

January 27th, 2019 at the Bellmawr

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FISHING FLEA MARKET

February 2, 2019: Door prizes, food and a 50/50 raffle at this annual flea market.

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~~Black Sea Bass: May 1 – September 1, 5 fish bag limit,~~

15-inch minimum.

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Cod: NORTH OF CAPE COD – CLOSED. NO RETENTION
PERMITTED.SOUTH OF CAPE COD – Private Angler: no closed season,
10-fish bag limit, 23-inch minimum.Haddock: NORTH OF CAPE COD – no closed season, 12
fish, 17-inch minimum.SOUTH OF CAPE COD – no closed season, no bag limit,
18-inch minimum.

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

Pollock: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed
seasonScup / Porgy: May 1 – December 31, 30-fish bag limit,
9-inch minimum.For-Hire Bonus: May 1 – June 30, 45-fish bag limit,
9-inch minimum.

Shad: No minimum size, 6/angler, no closed season

Smelt: No minimum size, 50/angler, June 16 - March 14

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1
fish per person.Summer Flounder/Fluke: May 23 – October 9, 5-fish
bag limit, 17-inch minimum.Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 – May 31, 3-fish bag limit;
June 1 – July 31, 1-fish bag limit; August 1 – October 14,
3-fish bag limit; October 15 – December 31, 5-fish bag
limit; 16-inch minimum length.Maximum per vessel possession limit is 10 fish
regardless of number of anglers onboard.

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: 8" minimum size, 25/angler, no closed
seasonWinter Flounder: NORTH OF CAPE COD – no closed
season, 8 fish, 12-inch minimum.SOUTH & EAST OF CAPE COD – no closed season, 2 fish,
12-inch minimum.Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit,
no closed season

NEW HAMPSHIRE

American Eel: 6" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

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Atlantic Salmon: 15" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season, snagging not allowed

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Cod: 24" minimum size, 10/angler, November 1 - April 15; April 1 - June 30, Gulf of Maine Spawning Protection Area closed.

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler/vessel, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size if taken in federal waters, no creel limit, no closed season

Striped Bass: 28" minimum size, 2/angler (only 1 fish may be greater than 40"), no closed season

Summer Flounder/Fluke: TBD

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 8/angler, season closed May 15 - May 24

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, Mar. 1-
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American Shad: Moratorium

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~~Black Sea Bass: 15" minimum size, 3/angler, June 22~~

Aug 31; 7/angler, Sept 1 - Dec 31.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip) 4.5"

hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, 3" peeler/shedder, 50 creel

limit, no closed season; All other crab species: no

minimum size, 50 creel limit, no closed season

Bluefish: No minimum size for first ten fish, 12 inch

minimum for additional fish, 15/angler total, no closed

season

Cod: Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed

season;

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Fluke (Summer Flounder): 19 " minimum size,

4/angler, May 4 - September 30

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

season

Hickory Shad: No minimum size, 5/angler, no closed

season

Monkfish (goosefish): 17" minimum size(11" tail

length,) no creel limit, no closed season

Oyster Toadfish: 10" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed

season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

season

Porgy (Scup): 9" minimum size, 30/angler, May 1 -

December 31; charter and open boat creel limit expands

to 45/angler from September 1 - October 31.

Red Drum: No minimum size, 27" maximum size, no

creel limit, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no

closed season

Striped Bass: Marine: 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per

person, April 15 - December 15

Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge: 1 fish

per perspon 18 - 28 inches OR greater than 40 inches,

April 1 - November 30

Tautog (Blackfish): 16" minimum size

LI Sound: April 1-30, 2 fish / October 11 - December 9,

3 fish

NY Bight: April 1-30, 2 fish / October 15 - December 22,

RHODE ISLAND

American Eel: 6" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

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~~Black Sea Bass: June 24 - August 31, 2 fish bag limit;~~

September 1 - December 31, 7-fish bag limit; 15-inch minimum.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip,) 5" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, no creel limit, May 1 - November 30

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Haddock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: 9-inch minimum length. May 1 - December 31, 30-fish bag limit. Party boat/for-hire bonus: September 1 -October 31, 45-fish bag limit.

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Summer Flounder/Fluke: 19-inch minimum, May 1 - December 31, 6-fish bag limit.

Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 - May 31, 3-fish bag limit; August 1 - October 14, 3-fish bag limit; October 15 - December 31, 5-fish bag limit; 16-inch minimum length. Maximum per vessel possession limit is 10 fish regardless of number of anglers onboard.

Weakfish: March 1 - December 31, 16-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Winter Flounder (Blackback): No closed season, 12-inch minimum, 2 fish per person. See website for restricted waters.

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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