



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHERIES SERVICE**

MARYLAND'S COASTAL BAYS

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Summary of Maryland Coastal Bays Recreational Fisheries Regulations				
Species	Minimum Size	Season, Days, Times,	Creel Limits	Special Conditions/Comments
Black Drum	16"	Open year round	1/person/day	
Black Sea Bass	11"	Open May 10 - December 31.	25/person/day	Season closed January 1 - May 9.
Bluefish	8"	Open year round	10/person/day	
Croaker (Hardhead)	9"	Open year round	25/person/day	
Red Drum (Channel Bass)	18"	Open year round	5/person/day	Only 1 fish over 27" in possession
Striped Bass (Rockfish)	28"	Open year round	2/person/day	
Scup (Porgy)	7"	Open year round		
Sharks	Fisherman are prohibited from possessing white, dusky, sand tiger, bigeye sand tiger, whale, basking bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean reef, narrowtooth, Caribbean sharpnose, smalltail, Atlantic angel, longfin mako, bigeye thresher, sevengill, sixgill and bigeye sixgill. Except for those sharks that are prohibited, recreational fisherman are allowed to possess one shark per vessel per trip with a minimum size of 54-inches and one Atlantic sharpnose shark per person per trip with no minimum size.			
Spotted Seatrout	14"	Open year round	10/person/day	
Summer Flounder	17 "	April 25 - July 24 August 7 - December 31	8/person/day	The season will be closed from Wednesday July 25, 2001 through Monday, August 6, 2001. The season will reopen at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2001.
Tautog	14"	Open year round	5/person/day	
Weakfish	14"	Open year round	10/person/day	

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