

2020 Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

April 2020



Atlantic Croaker

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Cobia (Permit Required)

- Minimum Size Limit: 40 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 3 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive. Only 1 fish per vessel may be greater than 50 inches total length.
- Season: June 1 - September 30



Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Spot

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Kingfish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Summer Flounder

- Minimum Size Limit: 16.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 12.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person
- Season: Feb. 1 - Feb. 29, May 29 - Dec. 31



Grey Trout (Weakfish)

- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



Striped Bass

Chesapeake Bay Spring Season

- Size Limit: 20-28 inches
- Recreational Bag: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 20-36 inches
- Recreational Bag: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-36 inches
- Recreational Bag: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31



Tautog

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31



Bluefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel
- 5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



Speckled Trout

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"



Spanish Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person



Red Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: Min. 18 inches to Max 26 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



King Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 27 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person

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Black Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person