

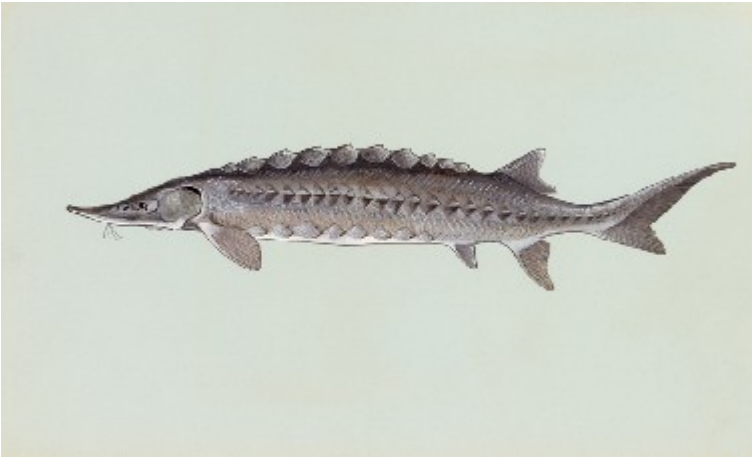






Year 2004 Tidal Water Recreational Fishing Limits





No license is required for hook and line recreational fishing in tidal waters.




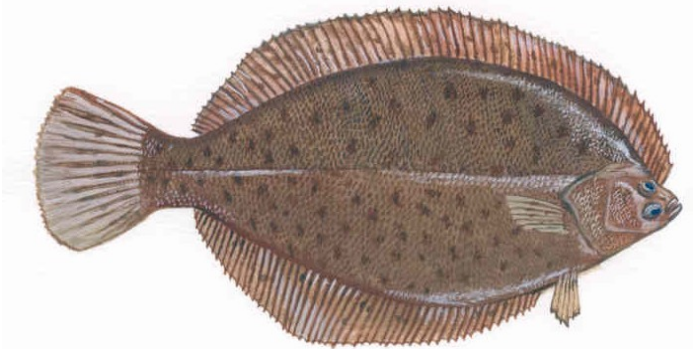
It is illegal to fish for any species of game fish (see Gamefish and General Fishing Restrictions) with more than two hooks and lines, and each hook and line shall have no more than three separate lures with hooks.



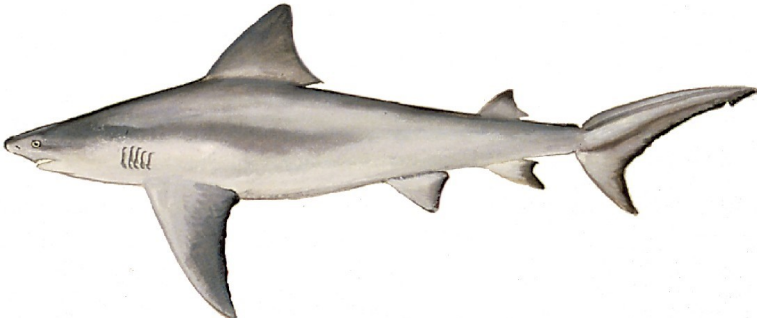
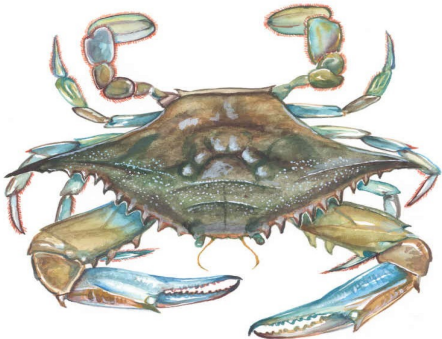
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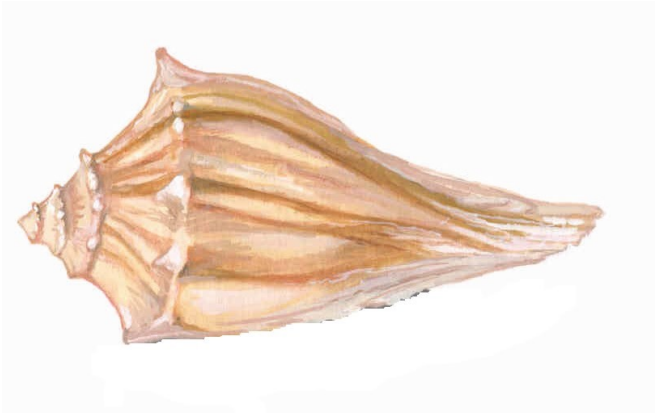
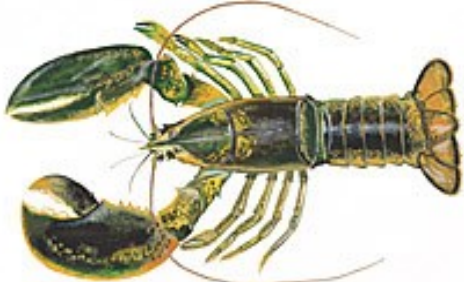
NAME OF FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)	CREEEL LIMIT (Number Per Day)
Atlantic Croaker 	All Year	8	None
American Eel 	All Year	6	50
Atlantic Sturgeon 	CLOSED	N/A	N/A

Bluefish 	All Year	None	10
Black Sea Bass 	Closed Sept. 8 - 21, 2004 and Dec. 1 - 31, 2004	12	25
Red Drum 	All Year	20 - 27 Max.	5, None greater than 27 Inches
Tautog 	Closed Sept. 1 - 28	14 15 (April, May & June)	10 3 (April, May & June)
Scup (Porgy)	State Waters* All Year	8	50
	Federal	10	20

	Waters* Jan. 1 - Feb 28 and July 1 - Oct. 2		
<p>Spotted Seatrout</p> 	All Year	12	None
<p>Spanish Mackerel</p> 	All Year	14	10
<p>Striped Bass</p> 	All Year**	Non Tidal Water 15 Inches Tidal Water 28 Inches	2 2
<p>Summer Flounder</p>	All Year	17 1/2	4

			
<p>Weakfish</p> 	All Year	13	8
<p>White Perch</p> 	All Year	8	None
<p>Winter Flounder</p> 	All Year	10	None
<p>Unregulated Shark-Smooth Dogfish</p>	All Year	N/A	N/A

			
Unregulated (Recreational Only) Shark-Spiny Dogfish 	All Year	N/A	N/A
Regulated Shark - Sandbar Shark For Other Regulated Sharks See the List Below 	All Year	54"	1
Blue Crab  Hard Shell Peeler Soft Shell	All Year	5 3 3 1/2"	1 Bushel Per Crabber
Hard Clams	All Year	1 1/2" Wide	100 Residents 50 Nonresidents (500 With Permit)

			
Smooth Whelk (Conch)	All Year	6" length OR 3 1/8" Diameter	N/A
Knobbed Whelk (Conch) 	All Year	5" length OR 2 3/4" Diameter	N/A
Lobster 	All Year	3 5/16" Carapace length	2 Per Diver

*State waters include the Delaware River and Bay, Coastal Bays, and Atlantic Ocean out to 3 miles. Federal Waters include the Atlantic Ocean beyond 3 miles from the Delaware Shore.

**Striped bass recreational season is closed on the spawning grounds (Nanticoke River, C&D; Canal, and Delaware River and their respective tributaries north of the southern most jetty at the C&D; Canal) during April and May. Striped Bass are not permitted to be retained if taken with a recreational gill net.

Finfish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail.

Blue crabs are measured tip to tip on the back (Females with eggs are protected, females with U-shaped apron have no size limit).

Lobster carapace length is measured from rear of eye socket to rear of body shell.



Terry Gould's Graphic's

SHARKS - It is unlawful to:

- o possess the fins from any shark listed in the table below prior to landing unless the fins are attached to the body.
- o fillet any shark listed in the table below prior to landing said shark. A shark may be eviscerated and the head removed prior to landing.
- o release any shark listed in the table below in a manner that will not ensure the maximum probability of survival.
- o have on board more than one shark listed below except that two Atlantic Sharpnose sharks may also be on board.
- o possess any prohibited species at any time, in Delaware waters this would include sand tiger sharks, dusky sharks and white sharks
- o possess any shark listed below that measures less than 54 inches, forked length.

Shark Species

Large Coastal Species

Great Hammerhead	Scalloped Hammerhead	Smooth Hammerhead	Tiger Shark
Nurse Shark	Silky Shark	Blacktip Shark	Bull Shark
Sandbar Shark	Lemon Shark	Spinner Shark	