


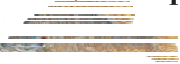






















# Non-Tidal Waters

## Delaware's Recreational Season, Size and Creel Limits

	Species	Open Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	
	<b>Largemouth bass</b> Exception: Becks Pond	All year	12 inches 15 inches	6 2	
	<b>Smallmouth bass</b>	All year	None between 12-17 inches	6 no more than 1 over 17 inches	
	<b>Striped bass hybrid</b> Only in Lums Pond	All year	15 inches	2	
	<b>Panfish</b>	All year	None	50 No more than 25 of one species	
 <i>Black crappie</i>	 <i>Pumpkinseed</i>	 <i>Yellow perch</i>	 <i>Bluegill</i>	 <i>White perch</i>	 <i>Redear sunfish</i>
	<b>Trout</b> Special rules apply See pg 9	Opens first Saturday in April	None	6 4, fly-fishing waters only	

# Tidal Waters

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	Species	Open Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
	<b>American eel</b>	All year	6 inches	50
	<b>American &amp; hickory shad</b>	Closed Nanticoke River & its tribs.; open all year elsewhere	None	10 in any combination
	<b>Atlantic croaker</b>	All year	8 inches	None
	<b>Black drum</b>	All year	16 inches	3
	<b>Black sea bass</b>	Opens May 22; closing date TBA	12.5 inches	25
	<b>Bluefish</b>	All year	None	10
	<b>Catfish</b> (any species)	All year	None	None
	<b>Red drum</b>	All year	only fish 20-27 inches may be retained	5
	<b>River herring</b> (alewife & blueback)	All year	None	10
	<b>Scup</b>	All year	8 inches	50
	<b>Spanish mackerel</b>	All year	14 inches	10
	<b>Striped bass</b> "Catch & Release" only on spawning grounds, April 1 - May 31. See pg 18	All year	28 inches, except only 20-26 inch fish may be retained from July 1 - Aug. 31 in DE River, DE Bay & their tribs.	2
	<b>Summer flounder</b>	Jan. 1 - Oct.12	18.5 inches	4
	<b>Tautog</b>	April 1 - May11 July 1 - Aug. 31 Sept. 29- Mar.31	15 inches 14 inches 14 inches	3 10 10
	<b>Weakfish</b>	All year	13 inches	1
	<b>White perch</b>	All year	8 inches	None
	<b>Winter flounder</b>	Feb 11 - Apr. 10	12 inches	2
<b>Shark, tuna &amp; billfish</b>		Consult guide or <a href="http://www.fw.delaware.gov">www.fw.delaware.gov</a>		