

Table 5. Summary of Atlantic Striped Bass Recreational Regulations for 2002 & 2003 and Approved Changes for 2004.
Shaded cells indicate regulatory changes from the previous fishing year.

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States & Jurisdictions	2002 Fishing Year			2003 Fishing Year			FY 2004
	Seasonal Quota (lbs)	Size & Bag Limit	Open Season	Seasonal Quota (lbs)	Size & Bag Limit	Open Season	
Maine	none	1 fish 20"-26" or 1 fish above 40"	H&L only All Year spawn areas: 5.1 - 11.30 & C&R only 5.1 - 6.30	none	1 fish 20"-26" or 1 fish above 40"	H&L only All Year spawn areas: 5.1 - 11.30 & C&R only 5.1 - 6.30	
New Hampshire	none	1 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min; 1 of which can be >40"	All Year	
Massachusetts	none	1 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	
Rhode Island	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	
Connecticut	none	Shore/Private Boats: 1 fish 24"-32, 2nd fish above 41" Party/Charter: 2 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	
New York Hudson Ocean Charter/Delaware	none	1 fish 18" min	3.15 - 11.30	none	1 fish 18" min	3.15 - 11.30	
	none	1 fish 28" min	5.8 - 12.15	none	1 fish 28" min	4.15 - 12.15	2 fish 28"
	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	
New Jersey	none	1 fish 24"-28" 2nd fish above 28"	All Year DE River spawning area: 1.1 - 3.31 and 6.1 - 12.31 Other Rivers: 3.1 - 12.31	none	1 fish 24" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	Intra-coastal: 3.1 - 12.30 DE River spawning area: 1.1 - 3.31 and 6.1 - 12.31	1 fish 24"-28"; 2nd fish >=34"
	Bonus Program	225,000	28" min, need tag	All Year	321,750	28" min, need tag	All Year
Pennsylvania	none	1 fish 24" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	All Year Tidal DE: March, 6.1 - 12.31	none	1 fish 24" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	All Year Tidal DE: March, 6.1 - 12.31	2 fish 28"
Delaware	none	1 fish 24" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	All Year DE River spawning area: 1.1 - 3.31 and 6.1 - 12.31	none	1 fish 24" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	All Year DE River spawning area: 1.1 - 3.31 and 6.1 - 12.31	2 fish 28"
Maryland	Trophy	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish 28" min	4.20 - 5.15	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish/day 28" min	4.19 - 5.15
	Summer/Fall	3,764,450	2 fish 18" - 28" or 1 fish 18" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"	Bay: 6.1 - 12.15 Potomac Tribs: 4.20 - 12.31	2,617,941	5.16 - 5.31: 2 fish 18" - 28" or 1 fish 18" - 28" 2nd fish above 28"; Brewer Channel to MD/VA line only 6.1 - 12.15: same - all areas open	
	Ocean	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	13	2 fish 28" min	All Year

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	Seasonal Quota (lbs)	Size & Bag Limit	Open Season	Seasonal Quota (lbs)	Size & Bag Limit	Open Season	changes?
Washington DC	none	2 fish 18" - 36"	5.1 - 7.31 & 9.1 - 11.14	none	2 fish 18" - 36"	5.1 - 7.31 & 9.1 - 11.14	
PRFC Trophy	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish 28" min	4.15 - 5.15	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish 28" min	4.19 - 5.17	
	723,150	2 fish 18" min, 1 can be >28"	5.16 - 12.31	800,000	2 fish 18" min, 1 can be >28"	5.16 - 12.31	
Virginia	part Bay quota 1,701,748	2 fish 18" - 28"	5.16 - 6.15	1,701,748	2 fish 18" - 28"	5.16 - 6.15	1,364,154
	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish 32" min	5.1 - 5.15	part of 30,000 fish Bay cap	1 fish 32" min	5.1 - 5.15	
	1,701,748	2 fish 18" min	10.4 - 12.31	1,701,748	2 fish 18" min	10.4 - 12.31	1,364,154
	none	2 fish 28" min	1.1- 3.31 & 5.16 - 12.31	none	2 fish 28" min	1.1 - 3.31 & 5.16 - 12.31	
North Carolina	Spring: 56,250 Fall: 56,250	2 fish 18" min	Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun	Spring: 68,500 Fall: 68,500	2 fish 18" min	Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun	
	112,500	3 fish 18" no fish 22" - 27"	Zone 1: 3.15 - 4.30 Zone 2: 3.1 - 4.14	137,500	2 fish 18" min no fish 22" - 27"	Zone 1: 3.15 - 4.30 Zone 2: 3.1 - 4.15	
	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	none	2 fish 28" min	All Year	