

May 25, 2017 — *The following was released by NOAA:*

For recreational fishermen fishing in federal waters, the black sea bass minimum size, possession limit, and fishing season will stay the same for 2017.

The measures are:

Minimum size: 12.5 inches

Possession limit: 15 per angler

Open Seasons: May 15-Sep 21 and Oct 22-Dec 31.

For more information, please read our [permit holder bulletin](#) posted online.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission recently made adjustments to recreational management measures in state waters for New Jersey through Massachusetts to limit recreational catch in 2017.

If the federal minimum size, possession limit, and/or season differ from the regulations for your state (where you will be landing the fish), you must follow the more restrictive regulations. Please contact your state for the latest information.