

# 2011 MARYLAND FISHING GUIDE

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Dear Angler:

Here in Maryland, we need only look to our State Seal — depicting the fisherman and the ploughman — for proof that fishing really is part of our heritage. It's a fun, affordable and accessible activity for all ages, and a great excuse to get our children away from video and computer games and into the great outdoors!

Approximately 700,000 adults and thousands of young people fish each year in Maryland, with an estimated annual impact of \$1 billion on our economy. More than a third of our anglers visit from out of state, testimony to the value and quality of our great fishing resources.

We are very fortunate to have expert biologists and managers — working together with our Sport Fisheries, Tidal Fisheries and Oyster Advisory Commissions, and our Coastal Fisheries Advisory Committee, to guide fisheries management across our State. We are also very fortunate to have you — committed conservationists and advocates — working with us.

Your license revenues support protection and enhancement of Maryland's fishery resources, research and management activities, expanded public access and enhanced law enforcement.

And we look forward to strengthening our partnership with you as we work toward our goals for a restored Chesapeake Bay, thriving freshwater streams, and healthy abundant fish populations.

Thank you for being a part of a great cultural tradition, and here's wishing you a terrific year of fishing in Maryland.



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### ***About the Cover:***

This edition of the Maryland Fishing Guide is dedicated to Frances McFaden, who retired from public service after 43 years as a steadfast, ever-helpful, and resourceful Maryland state worker.

Frances was the linchpin of the Fisheries Service and the person to call if you needed information. She was always, and forever, the most amiable and true voice of the agency; serving as the glue holding everything together through the inevitable transitions of administration and staff over the decades.

Some months after Frances announced her retirement, we began the melancholy task of sorting through her archives. Frances had the good sense to keep virtually everything. Among many significant items in the McFaden trove, was a collection of vintage photos, including those on the cover.

We immediately knew that we had our cover concept and an opportunity to publicly express our gratitude to Frances McFaden for all that she accomplished, and for who she is as a person.

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# 2011 Maryland Fishing Licenses & the National Saltwater Angler Registry

Beginning in 2010, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) required anglers to register with the National Saltwater Angler Registry before going fishing for anadromous species. The registry is an important tool that will help NOAA survey anglers to estimate recreational fishing impacts to anadromous species and coastal economies.

Maryland changed its recreational fishing license structure for 2011 in order to comply with the angler registry requirements. Because of these changes, Maryland is able to apply for exempt status to the angler registry. As an exempt State, anglers in Maryland will not have to register with NOAA. The contact information required by the angler registry will be automatically provided to NOAA for Maryland licensed or registered anglers.

## Some of the key changes to the 2011 license system are:

Unless individually licensed, a free registration is required for waterfront property owners or family members, those fishing in a designated free fishing areas, and passengers on a vessel displaying a consolidated sport boat license. Anglers may register at: [www.dnr.maryland.gov/service](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/service).

Unless exempt below, anglers fishing in the Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays or tributaries must be licensed or registered with the State.

You do not need to be licensed or registered with the State if you:

- are under 16 years of age;
- are fishing from a licensed charter boat;
- are fishing on a free fishing day – the first two Saturdays in June and July 4;
- possess a valid commercial tidal fish license;
- possess a Virginia Saltwater recreational fishing license; or
- possess a Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing license.

These license structure changes allow Maryland anglers to fish in tidal waters of the State without an additional cost for the National Saltwater Angler Registry.

2011 LICENSES AND FEE SCHEDULE	
Non-Tidal (Resident)	\$20.50
7 Day Non-Tidal (Resident)	\$7.50
Non-Tidal (Non-resident)	\$30.50*
7 Day Non-Tidal (Non-resident)	\$7.50*
3 Day Non-Tidal (Non-resident)	\$5.00*
Trout Stamp (Resident)	\$5.00
Trout Stamp (Non-resident)	\$10.00
Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License (includes coast)	\$5.00
Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Resident)	\$15.00
7 Day Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Resident)	\$6.00
Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Non-resident)	\$22.50
7 Day Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Non-resident)	\$12.00
Pleasure Boat Decal (includes coast)	\$50.00
Boat Decal Passengers	Free Registration
Free Fishing Area	Free Registration
Waterfront Property Owners & Family	Free Registration
Under 16; fishing exclusively on licensed charter, party or guide boats; or fishing commercially under a valid license.	<b>EXEMPT</b> from State license and Federal registration

\*or other State fees

# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

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## License Requirements

A person may not fish the nontidal waters of Maryland without first obtaining a license. No fee is charged for licenses issued to blind persons or to former prisoners of war. The license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. **However, a person may fish for finfish without a license in Maryland's nontidal waters if the person is:**

1. Under 16 years of age.
2. A resident of Maryland on active duty with Armed Forces, on leave with official orders.
3. A patient of a veterans hospital hospitalized for service connected disability (contact Fisheries Service for permit information).
4. A patient under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility or an individual who attends or resides in a State-approved retardation facility.
5. A caregiver, family member or designee of a mental health care facility or private group home of a patient who is under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility (must provide a letter of proof to the Department).
6. A person who fishes in nontidal waters of the State on free fishing days designated by the Secretary. (First two Saturdays in June and July 4)
7. An owner or tenant, their spouse, children or the spouses of their children residing on the property may fish from their riparian shoreline on nontidal waters. Anglers should confirm riparian ownership before fishing as some impoundments and waterways are surrounded by buffers; in these areas, there are no riparian shoreline owners and fishing licenses are required. Anglers with riparian shorelines must comply with all fishing laws and regulations.
8. A resident of Virginia possessing a valid Virginia fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in nontidal waters of the Potomac River (mainstem only) opposite the shore of Virginia.
9. A resident of West Virginia possessing a valid West Virginia fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in nontidal waters of the Potomac River (mainstem only) opposite the shore of West Virginia, including the North Branch of the Potomac River and the Jennings Randolph Reservoir (opposite the shore of West Virginia).
10. A resident of Pennsylvania possessing a valid Pennsylvania fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in the waters of the Conowingo and Youghiogheny Reservoirs.

## A Trout Stamp Is Required

1. For anyone 16 years of age or older to fish in a "special catch-and-return trout management area" or possess trout taken from nontidal waters. Maryland residents holding a valid Consolidated Senior Resident Sport Fishing License or lifetime service disabled veteran or former POW license are exempt.
2. Trout stamps are not required to possess trout taken from privately owned lakes or ponds or licensed fee fishing lakes or ponds that are stocked with trout artificially propagated by, or purchased from, persons licensed by the State to sell fish.

## Fishing Guide License

### *Types Available*

- NT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services only in nontidal waters
- NTT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services in nontidal waters and designated tidal areas
- L – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services (on foot, paddle and oar only) in all waters of the State

### *Documents Required by Applicant*

1. A valid freshwater angler's license, if applicable;
2. A valid Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing license, if applicable;
3. Any necessary stamps issued by the Department;
4. A valid license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, if operating a vessel;
5. A valid copy of a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR); and
6. A valid copy of an American Red Cross First Aid certificate or equivalent.

*Requirements differ for each license type. Contact a DNR Service Center for fees, fishing locations and restrictions.*

# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

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## It Is Unlawful

1. To use more than 3 rods at one time (except for ice fishing) and to use any rod with more than 2 hooks per line.
2. To use more than 5 rods (hand held devices) or tip-ups for ice fishing.
3. To cut a hole through the ice measuring more than ten (10) inches in any direction for the purpose of ice fishing.
4. Bait Fish
  - a. To use a seine that exceeds 6 feet in length or 4 feet in depth to catch bait fish.
  - b. To take bait fish of any description from any Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.
5. Spear Gun
  - a. To use a spear or spear gun within 100 yards of any private or public swimming areas, scuba diver's flag, (other than that used by the spear fisherman), vessel in the water or human being without specific advance permission.
  - b. To use a spear or spear gun in State owned ponds, lakes or Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Management Areas for Trout.
  - c. To shoot any trout, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, large and smallmouth bass, muskellunge or tiger muskie, with a spear gun or spear in the nontidal waters of the State.
6. To use a trotline:
  - a. Except in the mainstem of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers.
  - b. In any waters during April, May and June.
  - c. In any waters between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., E.S.T.
  - d. Made of metallic material.
  - e. Having more than 75 single hooks.
  - f. More than 300 feet in length.
  - g. Baited with scale bait.
  - h. To catch walleye, smallmouth bass or largemouth bass.
  - i. Not identified with a metal tag securely attached to it showing the name and address of the person operating it.
  - j. Anchored from one shore to the other.
7. In Deer and Swan Creeks in Harford County:
  - a. For a person to catch or attempt to catch fish other than by hook and line, with line held in hand, attached to a pole or rod held in hand, or attended in a manner that the fish voluntarily takes bait or lure in its mouth.
  - b. For a person to possess or use minnows for bait while fishing.
8. Bush-bobs/bank poles
  - a. For anyone other than a resident to use bush-bobs or bank poles.
  - b. For residents to use more than 25 bush-bobs or bank poles, or any bush-bobs or bank poles having more than 1 hook to a pole or bob.
  - c. To use bush-bobs or bank poles except in the mainstems of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers within Carroll, Washington and Frederick counties.
  - d. To use bush-bobs or bank poles between sunrise and sunset.
  - e. To use bush-bobs or bank poles on any streams stocked with trout.
  - f. To use a bush bob or bank pole baited with scale bait or live bait to catch suckers, catfish, carp, eels, gudgeons and every species of sunfish, including bluegills and rockbass, commonly known as redeye.
9. Dip net
  - a. For anyone other than a resident to use a dip net in:
    1. the Susquehanna River in Cecil and Harford counties.
    2. Allegany and Washington counties.
    3. the Monocacy and Potomac Rivers in Carroll and Frederick counties.
  - b. To use a dip net from April 16 to December 31 inclusive.
  - c. To use a dip net within 50 yards of the mouth of a tributary or the breast of any dam.
  - d. To use a dip net in waters of the State stocked with trout, any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area or Special Fisheries Management Area for Trout. (Landing nets used to land fish are not considered dip nets.)



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- e. To use a dip net to fish for any trout species, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, or muskellunge hybrids (including tiger muskie).
  - f. For anyone to use a baited dip net by attaching an attractant to the net material or frame.
10. For a nonresident:
    - a. To fish in nontidal waters of the State with nets of any description. However, nonresidents may use a net commonly known as a landing net to land fish caught by hook and line.
    - b. To gig at any time.
  11. To use a gig to catch all trout species, frogs, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, muskellunge, muskellunge hybrids including tiger muskie and largemouth and smallmouth bass. See page 7 for eel requirements.
  12. To snag fish with hooks, except for snakeheads.
  13. To use a trap in nontidal waters.
  14. To remove the head and tail of fish in possession while at the fishing location, except for snakeheads. The head and tail shall remain attached in such a manner as to permit identification of fish species and total length.

A person may take snakehead fish from Maryland waters by any legal means provided that the head of the snakehead fish is immediately removed, or the body is gutted, or the gills are removed from both sides of the fish, or the fish is filleted upon capture.
  15. To disturb, take, destroy or possess the nest or eggs of a terrapin or snapping turtle.
  16. For a person to catch snapping turtles from waters of the State by hook and line, trotline, bow and arrow, net, seine, fishpot, or other fishing rig, spear, gig or iron or any device capable of piercing any part of the turtle at any time.
  17. To use a bow and arrow:
    - a. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in a Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.
    - b. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in state-controlled community ponds or lakes. However, the Department may permit the taking of carp with bow and arrow, if the angler first obtains a valid freshwater fishing license.
    - c. To shoot all trout species, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, muskellunge, muskellunge hybrids including tiger muskie and largemouth and smallmouth bass.
  18. To trespass or fish any waters closed to the public for fishing by the Department.
  19. To operate any vehicle on any lands owned or controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division without written permission from the Division except on those roads, lanes or areas which are open to automobile traffic or which are specifically marked by the Division.
  20. To camp on lands owned and controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division except on designated sites or with written permission.
  21. To swim in any State-controlled lake except in designated areas.
  22. To cut any brush, trees or shrubbery on the C&O Canal National Historical Park unless authorized by the National Park Service of the Federal Government.

## General Definitions

*The following definitions are included as a guide to the angler in interpreting fishing regulations contained in this booklet.*

**Artificial Fly** – A lure constructed by winding natural or synthetic material such as feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, wire, plastic, cork, or rubber on or about the hook, and designed to be cast by means of a fly rod.

**Artificial Lure** – Following is a partial list of items considered artificial lures: spinners, spoons, plugs and molded facsimiles of worms, insects and fish. For the purposes of these regulations, artificial flies and streamers are considered to be artificial lures.

**Bait** – Any item that emits an odor or scent such as worms, minnows, crayfish, insects, doughballs, corn, cheese, bread, meat and marshmallows. The addition of any scent to an artificial lure or fly to make it smell like bait, makes it bait.

**Possession** – refers to any condition where a fish cannot freely swim away.

**In Aggregate** – A catch of related fish species counted together.

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23. Battie Mixon Fishing Hole
  - a. To fish in Battie Mixon Fishing Hole in Allegany County between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
  - b. To use boats propelled by gasoline or diesel power on the waters of Battie Mixon Fishing Hole (electric motors only).
24. To throw, dump, deposit, or cause to be thrown, dumped or deposited, any trash, junk or other refuse upon any of the waters of this State.
25. To fish any streams or nontidal waters that contain trout between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. (This does not apply to freshwater impoundments of five acres or more.)
26. To cull trout. "Replacing a trout in possession with another trout." "Possession" refers to any condition where a trout cannot freely swim away.
27. To use a seine:
  - a. Within 50 yards of the mouth of any river or tributary or the base of a dam.
  - b. In waters of the State stocked with trout, any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area or Special Fisheries Management Area for Trout.
28. Crayfish:
  - a. To catch any species of crayfish in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture.
  - b. To use any species of crayfish as bait in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is removed behind the eyes.
  - c. To possess any species of crayfish while fishing in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is removed behind the eyes.
  - d. To catch and possess a female crayfish with eggs attached to the underside of the abdomen in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins.
29. To buy, sell, or offer to buy any fish harvested from the nontidal waters of the State.
30. To use a cast net in nontidal waters.
31. To feed any wildlife in Fisheries Management Areas.

## Sport Fish Advisory Commission

The Sport Fish Advisory Commission has the duty of advising the Director of Fisheries Service on all matters referred to the commission by the Director. SFAC is comprised of individuals from across the State who represent the interests of various constituencies in recreational fisheries.

The meeting schedule, agenda, summaries of past meetings, member affiliations and contact information can be found at [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreational/sfac/sfacindex.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreational/sfac/sfacindex.html)

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# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

## Maryland Nontidal Hook & Line Fishing Seasons

*Size, Season, Daily Creel Limits and Possession Limits of Certain Species in Nontidal Waters (these rules subject to change).  
Possession refers to any condition where a fish cannot freely swim away.*

### **BASS** (Largemouth And Smallmouth In Aggregate)

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches or as provided for by special regulations.

**Creel Limit:** Daily 5 and Possession 10; in aggregate.

**Season:** Closed March 1 through June 15.

Catch and release is permitted during closed season.

### **WALLEYE**

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches year round, and during January 1 through April 15 the minimum size is 15 inches with a maximum size of 20 inches, in the Potomac River mainstem approximately 0.5 miles upriver from Chain Bridge upstream to the spillway in Cumberland.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5

**Season:** There is no closed season for Walleye, except on Deep Creek Lake and the Youghiogheny River downstream of the Route 42 bridge from March 1 through April 15.

### **CHAIN PICKEREL**

**Minimum Size:** 14 inches **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5

### **NORTHERN PIKE**

**Minimum Size:** 30 inches **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 2

### **MUSKELLUNGE AND HYBRID** (Tiger Muskie)

**Minimum Size:** 36 inches **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 1

### **HERRING**

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Season:** January 1 through June 5

**Creel Limit:** None

### **AMERICAN EEL**

**Minimum Size:** 6 inches **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 25

**Eels may not be taken by gig in any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.**

### **STRIPED BASS** (Rockfish And Hybrid Striped Bass)

Special Regulations – See page 16

### **YELLOW PERCH – STATEWIDE**

**Minimum Size:** 9 inches **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 10

No minimum size or creel if caught in nontidal lakes or ponds. (See page 16 for rivers, streams and tidal information.)

### **YELLOW PERCH – DEEP CREEK LAKE**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily 10 and Possession 20

### **AMERICAN (WHITE) SHAD AND**

### **HICKORY SHAD – NO OPEN SEASON**

### **CATCH & RELEASE IS PERMITTED**

### **WHITE PERCH**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: None

### **TROUT – STATEWIDE** (All Species Of Trout)

**Minimum Size:** None – Except when otherwise noted.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 2 daily and possession, in aggregate. Except as provided for by special regulations.

**Season:** Open Year Round – except when otherwise noted.

### **TROUT – PUT-AND-TAKE AREAS** (All Species Of Trout)

**Minimum Size:** None

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5 in aggregate.

See pages 12 and 18 for specific requirements.

### **CRAPPIE**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily 15 and Possession 30; in aggregate

### **CARP**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 15 daily; 30 possession

### **CHANNEL CATFISH**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily 5 and Possession 10

### **BAIT, including Madtoms**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 35 in aggregate

### **SUNFISH, INCLUDING BLUEGILLS AND ROCK BASS**

(Commonly known as Red Eye or Goggle-Eye)

**Minimum Size:** None

**Creel Limit:** Daily 15 and Possession 30; in aggregate

**Open Year Round**

### **SUCKERS**

**Minimum Size:** None **Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily 30 and Possession 60; in aggregate

### **BIVALVE/SHELLFISH ( MUSSELS & CLAMS) No Open Season**

*All Other Nontidal Fish Species have no size or creel limits and no closed season. Any species caught during its closed season shall be returned to waters of the state immediately after being caught. Fish with size limits are measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin.*

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## Youghiogheny Reservoir Special Fishing Area

The portion of the Youghiogheny Reservoir lying within the State constitutes a special fishing area and is subject to the following season, minimum size limits and creel limits. These laws and regulations have been set forth for 2010 by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in accordance with a reciprocal agreement between Maryland and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON**

**Regular Season:** 8 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to midnight Labor Day.

**Minimum Size:** 7 inches

**Daily Limit:** 5 (combined species)

**Extended Season:** All approved trout waters and downstream plus lakes and ponds. January 1 through the last day of February, and the day after Labor Day through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 7 inches

**Daily Limit:** 3 (combined species)

### **BASS – LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED**

**Season:** January 1 through the day before opening day of regular trout season and November 1 through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches / **Daily Limit:** 4 (combined species)

**Season:** The opening day of regular trout season through the first Friday after June 11.

**No Harvest – Catch and immediate release only, no tournaments permitted.**

**Season:** The first Saturday after June 11 through October 31.

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches

**Daily Limit:** 6 (combined species)

### **MUSKELLUNGE AND MUSKELLUNGE HYBRID**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** 40 inches

**Daily Limit:** 1 (combined species)

### **PICKEREL**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** 18 inches

**Daily Limit:** 4

### **PIKE NORTHERN**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** 24 inches

**Daily Limit:** 2

### **WALLEYE**

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches

**Daily Limit:** 6

### **SAUGER**

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches

**Daily Limit:** 6

### **HERRING AND GIZZARD SHAD**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** None

**Daily Limit:** 50 (combined species)

### **STRIPED BASS AND STRIPED BASS/WHITE BASS HYBRID**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** 20 inches

**Daily Limit:** 2 (combined species)

### **SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, WHITE PERCH, CRAPPIES, CATFISH, ROCK BASS, SUCKERS, CARP AND WHITE BASS**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** None

**Daily Limit:** 50 (combined species)

### **BAIT FISH, FISH BAIT (EXCEPT MUD BUGS)**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** None

**Daily Limit:** 50 (combined species)

### **MUD BUGS (*Dragonfly Nymphs*)**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** None

**Daily Limit:** Unlimited if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from rivers and streams.

### **AMERICAN EEL (*As Bait Fish*)**

**Season:** *Open Year Round*

**Minimum Size:** 6 inches to 8 inches

**Daily Limit:** 50

### **PADDLEFISH**

**Season:** *Closed Year Round*

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## Special Fisheries Management Areas

### Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas - *Limited to Artificial Fly Fishing Only*

#### 1. Special provisions in effect for these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers constructed in a normal fashion using natural and/or synthetic materials (which may include feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, plastic, cork, wire and rubber) on a single hook with the components wound on or about the hook. Specifically prohibited are the use of molded replicas of insects, earthworms, fish eggs, fish or any invertebrate or vertebrate either singly or in combination with other materials, or other lures commonly described as spinners, spoons, or plugs made of metal, plastic, wood, rubber or similar substance or a combination of these.
- c. A person may fish only with conventional fly fishing tackle (fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet of leader or monofilament line attached). Any method of angling when the fly is cast directly from the reel is prohibited. The use of spinning, spincast, and casting reels is prohibited.
- d. Except for artificial flies and streamers, a person may not use or possess any natural bait, or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.
- e. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

#### 2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Big Hunting Creek, Frederick County. All waters of Big Hunting Creek and its tributaries within Cunningham Falls State Park and Catocin Mountain Park except Owens Creek, Little Hunting Creek, Cunningham Falls Lake and Frank Bentz Pond.
- b. Beaver Creek, Washington County. From the confluence with Black Rock Creek downstream approximately 1 mile to a red post located 0.1 mile above Beaver Creek Road.
- c. Patuxent River, Montgomery and Howard Counties. From red bank posts located on both sides of the river, approximately 400 yards below Brighton Dam downstream to Mink Hollow Road

## Catch a Poacher...

Poaching deprives the public of the opportunity to use and enjoy Maryland's natural resources. Preserving our natural resources for our present and future enjoyment is everyone's responsibility.

#### **It's Illegal**

Taking sportfish or game out of season • Taking of banned sportfish or non-game wildlife • Exceeding creel or bag limit (legal quantity in possession) • Taking game or sportfish with illegal methods or equipment • Taking sportfish or game outside of established hours

#### **Reward**

Citizens who supply the Natural Resources Police will receive cash rewards for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of a violator. Be specific in the description of individuals. When possible, give name, addresses and vehicle descriptions. The anonymity of the information/caller is guaranteed.

#### **Report a Poacher**

This is a cooperative program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Association of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting and Sport Fishing Associations, and citizens of Maryland. For additional information on the Catch-A-Poacher program, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the reward fund contact:



**CALL TOLL-FREE: 800-635-6124**

THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas - *Limited to Use of Artificial Lures Only*

### 1. Special provisions in effect for these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies (See definition on Page 13).
- c. The use or possession of any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with scent capable of catching fish is prohibited.
- d. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

### 2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Patuxent River, Howard and Montgomery counties. The mainstem of the Patuxent River from the crossing of Maryland Route 97 upstream to the crossing of Maryland Route 27 and Cabin Branch from its confluence with the Patuxent River upstream to Hipsley Mill Road.
- b. Morgan Run, Carroll County. From bridge on London Bridges Road upstream to bridge on Maryland Route 97.
- c. Paint Branch and tributaries, Montgomery County. Upstream of Fairland Road.
- d. Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore County. Mainstem from Prettyboy Reservoir Dam downstream to Bluemount Road.
- e. North Branch Potomac River from an overhead cable and red bank post located approximately 510 yards below the Jennings Randolph Reservoir spillway downstream approximately one mile to a red post, located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia, and from a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, downstream approximately 4 miles to the confluence of Piney Swamp Run.
- f. Youghiogheny River, Garrett County. Mainstem beginning at a red post approximately 100 yards upstream of the Deep Creek Lake tailrace and extending downstream 4 miles to the Sang Run Bridge.
- g. Little Hunting Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from a red post located approximately 0.25 mile downstream of Route 806, upstream approximately 1 mile to the upper boundary of Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area.

## Trophy Trout Fishing Areas - *Limited to Use of Artificial Lures and Flies Only*

### 1. The following provisions apply to this area:

- a. Open Season – There is no closed season.
- b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
- c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
- d. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.
- e. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies. Treble hooks are prohibited. Each artificial lure is restricted to a single hook with a single hook point.
- f. Except for artificial lures and artificial flies, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish while fishing in this area.

### 2. Area subject to these provisions:

- a. Savage River mainstem from the downstream side of the Rt. 135 bridge upstream for a distance of approximately 2.7 miles to the lower suspension bridge (Allegany Bridge).

## Trophy Trout Fishing Areas - *Limited to Use of Artificial Flies Only*

### 1. The following provisions apply to this area:

- a. Open Season – there is no closed season.
- b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
- c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
- d. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.

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- e. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers.
- f. The use or possession of any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish, other than artificial flies, is prohibited in this area.
- g. A person may fish only with conventional fly fishing tackle (fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet of leader or monofilament line attached). Any method of angling when the fly is cast directly from the reel is prohibited. The use of spinning, spincast, and casting reels is prohibited.

## **2. Area subject to these provisions:**

- a. Savage River mainstem from the Savage River Reservoir Dam downstream to the lower suspension bridge (Allegany Bridge).

## **Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas**

### **1. Group I**

#### **a. Areas:**

- i. Catoctin and Little Catoctin Creek (Frederick County) from U.S. Route 40 near its intersection with Maryland Route 17 within Doubs Meadow Park downstream to the lower park boundary near Myersville.
- ii. Middle Patuxent River (Howard County) from U.S. Route 29 downstream to Murray Hill Road.
- iii. Town Creek mainstem (Allegany County) within Green Ridge State Forest, from a red post located approximately 3/4 mile downstream of the upper ford on Lower Town Creek Road, just south of the Wagner Road intersection, downstream to a red post located just upstream of the lower ford on Lower Town Creek Road (Mallory Place), and from a post located approximately 1/2 mile downstream of Manifold Road to a red post located approximately 1 3/4 miles downstream (Bull Ring Ranch).

#### **b. Restrictions for these areas:**

- i. From June 1 through September 30, inclusive, the daily creel limit and possession limit is five trout (all species of trout in aggregate), with no tackle restrictions.
- ii. From October 1 through May 31, inclusive, a person:
  - (a) May not have any trout in possession while fishing.
  - (b) Shall immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
  - (c) Except for artificial lures, may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.

### **2. Group II**

#### **a. Areas**

- i. Casselman River mainstem (Garrett County) from a boundary marked by two red posts on both stream banks located on the south side of the Interstate 68 eastbound bridge downstream to the Pennsylvania state line.
- ii. North Branch Potomac River mainstem (Garrett County) from the lowermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest near Lostland Run to the uppermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest at Wallman.
- iii. Youghiogheny River mainstem (Garrett County) below Friendsville from a site located 50 yards downstream of Maple Street (at the confluence of Minnow Run) downstream 1.8 miles to the powerline crossing upstream of the Youghiogheny Reservoir.

#### **b. Restrictions for these areas:**

- i. From June 16 through September 30, inclusive, the daily creel limit and possession limit is five trout (all species of trout in aggregate), with no tackle restrictions.
- ii. From October 1 through June 15, inclusive, a person:
  - (a) May not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas.
  - (b) Shall immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
  - (c) Except for artificial lures, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.

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## Under Sixteen Years of Age, Sixty-Five Years Old or Older and Blind Persons Fishing Areas

### **1. Special provisions in effect on these areas:**

- a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old, persons 65 years old and older and blind persons.
- b. All regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas, shall apply to these special trout management areas. (See page 16)

### **2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:**

- a. Jones Falls, Baltimore County. That portion of Jones Falls and tributaries above Stevenson Road to their source.
- b. Laurel Run (Moscow) Allegany County.
- c. Avalon Pond, Baltimore County.
- d. Pangborn Pond, Washington County.
- e. Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County. Restrictions for 16, 65, Blind in effect from March 1 through May 15. On May 16, the area returns to limited harvest with no age restriction.
- f. Lion's Park Pond, (Frostburg) Allegany County.

## Youth and Blind Fishing Areas

### **1. The following special regulations are in effect on these areas:**

- a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old and blind persons.
- b. Regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas shall apply to these areas. (See page 16)

### **2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:**

- a. Carroll Creek, Frederick County, from a red post located 300 yards upstream of Baughmans Lane, downstream to the dam at College Avenue.
- b. George's Creek, Allegany County, within Town Park in Westernport.
- c. Glades Park Pond, Garrett County, on Liberty Street in Oakland.
- d. Little Tonoloway Creek within Weidmeyer Park in Hancock.
- e. Little Antietam Creek, Washington County, at Keedysville, from Coffman Farms Road downstream to Maryland Route 34.
- f. Grantsville Parkview Pond, Garrett County, off Hershberger Lane

## Put-and-Take/Catch-and-Return Trout Fishing Area

### **1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:**

- a. From March 1 through May 31 the daily creel limit and possession limit is 5 trout, all species in aggregate. During this period no special bait, lure, or tackle restrictions are in effect. The stream is subject to 1 and 4 Put-and-Take stream closure dates.
- b. From June 1 through the last day of February, a person may not keep or have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. Except for artificial lures, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in this area.

### **2. Area subject to these provisions:**

- a. Owens Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road.

## Zero Creel Limit for All Trout Species

### **1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:**

- a. Open season - no closed season
- b. Creel and possession limits, all trout species in aggregate: daily - 0, possession - 0
- c. No tackle restrictions.

### **2. Area subject to these provisions:**

North Branch of the Potomac River from the Upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge at Westernport downstream to the Route 956 bridge at Pinto.

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## Zero Creel Limit Areas for Brook Trout

### 1. The following provisions apply to these areas:

- a. Open Season - no closed season.
- b. Creel limit. Brook Trout - Daily 0; possession - 0. All other trout species: daily - 2, possession - 2
- c. Tackle is restricted to artificial flies and lures.
- d. A person may not possess or use any natural or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish while fishing in these areas.

### 2 Areas subject to these provisions:

Savage River mainstem and tributaries upstream of the Savage River Reservoir dam; (Savage River Reservoir, Savage River from Savage River Reservoir upstream to Poplar Lick Run, and New Germany Lake).

## Trophy Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass Fishing Areas

### 1. The following special regulations are in effect for these areas during the open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass:

- a. A person may possess 5 bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass in aggregate) per day while fishing in these areas.
- b. A person may not possess any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass from 11 inches up to, but not including 15 inches total length while fishing in these areas.
- c. A person may possess one largemouth or smallmouth bass per day, 15 inches or over, as part of the 5 bass per day limit, in these areas.

### 2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- a. Blair Valley Lake, Washington County.
- b. Centennial Lake, Howard County.
- c. All ponds located within the Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Calvert County.
- d. Johnson Pond, Wicomico County.
- e. Leonard Mill Pond, Wicomico County.
- f. Little Seneca Lake, Montgomery County.
- g. All ponds located within the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center, St. Mary's County.
- h. St. Mary's Lake, Maryland Route 5, St. Mary's County.

## Catch-and-Return Bass Fishing Areas

### 1. Special provisions in effect for Catch-and-Return bass areas are that a person:

- a. who catches a largemouth or smallmouth bass shall immediately release that bass in the water where it was caught.
- b. may not possess largemouth or smallmouth bass while within the designated Catch-and-Return areas.

### 2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- a. Potomac River from Dam No. 2 (Seneca Breaks) upstream to the mouth of the Monocacy River.
- b. Monocacy River from the Potomac River upstream to Buckeystown Dam.
- c. North Branch Potomac River, from the spillway in Cumberland upstream approximately 25 miles to U.S. Route 220 bridge at Keyser, West Virginia.
- d. Patapsco River from Interstate 70 downstream to Maryland Route 144 (Frederick Road).

## Private Property Rights

We urge anglers to respect property rights and seek permission before attempting to park, fish or trespass on private property. The privilege of fishing and right of entry to private property is at the owner's discretion. Respect for landowners and their property helps to ensure continued fishing access; poor behavior encourages them to post their property to prevent access. Remember that every angler pays for the improper actions of a few; always be courteous and respectful.

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e. Wheatley Lake, Charles County.

## Limited Harvest Fishing Areas Special Management – All Species

### 1. The following special requirements are in effect in these areas:

- A person may possess not more than 10 fish, only one of which can be a largemouth bass, while fishing in these areas.
- If these areas are also on the put-and-take trout fishing list, up to 5 fish of the 10 fish limit may be trout species.
- A person may possess one largemouth bass per day not to exceed 15 inches maximum size while fishing in these areas.
- There is no minimum size for largemouth bass in these areas.

### 2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- Allens Pond, Prince George's County.
- Bowie Town Center Pond, Prince George's County.
- Cosca Lake, Prince George's County.
- Farm Museum Pond, Carroll County.
- Greenbelt Lake, Prince George's County.
- Hughesville Pond, Charles County.
- Hutchins Pond, Calvert County.
- Lake Artemesia, Prince George's County.
- All ponds located within the Merkle Wildlife
- Milltown Landing Pond, Prince George's County.
- Myrtle Grove Pond, Charles County.
- Pemberton Pond, Wicomico County.
- Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County.
- Roberts Field Pond, Carroll County.
- Robert's Mill Pond, Carroll County.
- Tucker Pond, Prince George's County.
- Westminster Community Pond, Carroll County.
- South Germantown Park Pond, Montgomery County, in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road.

## Mind Your Stream Manners

- Use good manners on the stream today to ensure access to your favorite fishing spots tomorrow. If fishing on private land, remember – you are a guest of the landowner.
- Ask permission of the landowner before entering.
- Treat the area, including trees, shrubs, grass, fences, etc., with respect.
- When departing, leave the area as clean as you found it – littering is unlawful as well as bad manners.
- Do not obstruct driveways, cattleways or fields, or dig in or drive over cleared or cultivated lands – these actions are also unlawful.



## Fish Consumption

Fish are an excellent source of protein, vitamins, beneficial fats and are recommended as part of a healthy and balanced diet.

The Maryland Department of the environment (MDE) monitors Maryland fish and provides detailed fish consumption recommendations online at <http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Marylander/CitizensInfoCenterHome/Pages/citizensinfocenter/fishandshellfish/home/index.aspx> For more information, call 410-537-3906



## Leave No Trace Fisherman Outdoor Ethics

Take your trash and that of others with you. Pack it in – Pack it out. Do not dispose of unused bait on or near the water and clean your fish at home. Be considerate of others and their outdoor experience. Avoid impacting stream banks and lake sides. Know your local and state fishing regulations. Recycle fishing line.





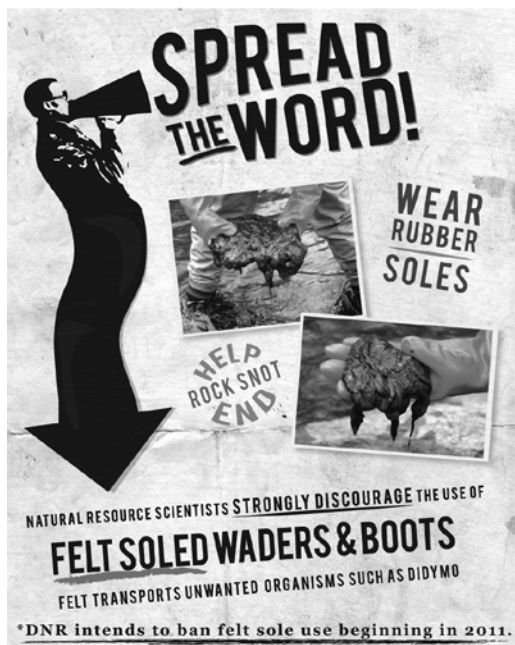


# Maryland's MOST UNWANTED

Non-native species can invasively colonize our waters and push out native species leading to negative impacts on water quality, fish habitat, and recreation.

**Prevent the spread of harmful species in your waters by:**

- REMOVING** and disposing of aquatic plants, mud, and debris from your boat, motor, trailer and gear before launching and after haul out.
- DRAINING** all water from live wells, bilge, bait buckets, coolers, and motor after use.
- DISPOSING** of all unused bait far away from the water. (Immediately remove the heads of crayfish in the Upper and Middle Potomac and Susquehanna River Basin)
- RINSING** boat, motor, trailer, tackle, buckets and all gear, including SCUBA gear, with hot or high-pressure water.
- DON'T STOCK** do not stock non-native fish in Maryland waters.
- DON'T RELEASE** unwanted aquatic pets into or near Maryland waters.



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## Hellbender

Please Do Not Kill – Help Save One Of Maryland's Endangered Species

The hellbender is a large, dark aquatic salamander that lives for more than 30 years and may grow to over two feet long. Hellbenders do not have a poisonous bite, but are difficult to handle because they are covered with a coating of protective slime. To release a hellbender, cut the line as close to the hook as possible. If you have seen or caught a hellbender we would like to hear from you.



John White

Please telephone Heritage and Biodiversity Conservation Programs at 410-260-8540.

Management Area, Prince George's County.

### Impoundments Limited to Catch-and-Return Fishing

1. The following provisions shall apply to these areas:
  - a. A person may not possess any fish caught from these areas or have any fish in possession in these areas. All fish caught shall be released and returned live to the water.
2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
  - a. Lake Hashawha, Carroll County.
  - b. Upper John Owings Pond, Carroll County.
  - c. Waterworks Park, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County.
  - d. Governor's Bridge Natural Area Pond (old Izaak Walton Pond), off Governor's Bridge Road, Prince George's County.

### Yellow Perch

1. Yellow Perch cannot be harvested from the following areas during February, March and April
  - a. Magothy River from the base of Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet.
  - b. Severn River or Severn Run from Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.
2. Creel Limit – 10 in possession per person per day from the waters of the State, except 20 possession and 10 per day in Deep Creek Lake.
3. Minimum Size: 9 inches, except no minimum size in Deep Creek Lake.
4. It is unlawful to catch or possess yellow perch eggs from State waters without prior authorization.

NOTE: There is no minimum size or creel limits for yellow perch caught in reservoirs, lakes, ponds or freshwater impoundments.

### Nontidal Striped Bass

Striped bass and hybrid striped bass in nontidal waters may be taken only from Liberty Reservoir, Piney Run Reservoir, Triadelphia Reservoir, Conowingo Reservoir, Broadford Lake, Jennings Randolph Reservoir and Rocky Gorge Reservoir

Open Season: No closed season

Minimum Size: 18 inches

Creel Limit: 2 striped bass/striped bass hybrid per day, only one of which may be over 30 inches.

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## Import of Fish for Stocking

To prevent the introduction of fish that will compete with native or naturalized species, it is unlawful to introduce any fish species except bait fish on a hook for the purpose of angling.

To import fish to Maryland, suppliers must register with the Department and comply with Maryland Fish Health Requirements to ensure that stocked fish do not impact resident fish. Please do not release aquarium fish to the wild, and never transfer fish from one area to another. This includes game species such as blue catfish.

To see a list of prohibited invasive species and those prohibited from transport, visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/invasives/index.asp#pis](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/invasives/index.asp#pis)



Blue Catfish – Anal Fin Squared (30-36 fin rays)



Channel Catfish – Anal Fin Rounded (24-29 fin rays)

## Please Catch and Kill Snakeheads

Maryland anglers are required by regulation to kill Northern Snakehead fish when they catch them.

The non-native Northern Snakehead population is now thriving in the Potomac River and its tributaries after being illegally introduced several years ago.

Maryland fishing regulations allow the taking of snakeheads, so long as the fish is immediately killed and its head removed, or the fish is gutted, or the gill arches removed, or the fish is filleted.

The capture and possession of dead and dismembered snakeheads is not subject to any season, creel limit or size limit.



Maryland does not require the reporting of snakehead catches. DNR asks that anglers report any snakeheads caught outside of Potomac tidal waters by contacting Don Cosden at [dcosden@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:dcosden@dnr.state.md.us) or call (410) 260-8287. This will help DNR track the expansion of the species.

Anglers in Virginia waters who catch a snakehead must immediately kill the fish and subsequently report the catch. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fish hot line is (804) 367-2925.

Federal law prohibits the import of live snakeheads in to the U.S. or across state lines without a permit from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Natural Shorelines are Good for Fishing

By keeping shorelines natural, you can help protect water quality and improve fish habitat. A shoreline without trees and shrubs can get washed away, making the water muddy and unsuitable for fish. If you live near a lake or a river, plant a buffer strip along the water's edge using trees, shrubs, wildflowers or other native plants. Trees and other vegetation filter pollution and provide shade, shelter, habitat and foods critical for bass, trout and other fish to thrive and reproduce. Keep your favorite fishing spots well vegetated! The US Fish & Wildlife Service has produced a comprehensive list of plants for Chesapeake regional wildlife and conservation landscaping at [www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/Newsletter/Spring05/BayScapes.htm#native](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/Newsletter/Spring05/BayScapes.htm#native)



# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

## 2011 Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas

Put-and Take Trout Fishing Areas are closed to all fishing from 10:00 p.m. of the first date, to 5:30 a.m. of the second date, during each of the closure periods listed in the following schedule.

### 2011 Closure Schedule

Closure 0 – No Closure

Closure 1 – March 6 to March 26

Closure 2 – March 20 to March 26

Closure 3 – April 10 to April 16

Closure 4 – April 17 to April 23

Trout stocking information: 1.800.688.3467

For latest updates:

[www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/stocking/index.asp](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/stocking/index.asp)

**Hours** From 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except as provided for by special regulation or where more restrictive fishing hours are posted.

**Creel and Possession Limits** (all species of trout in aggregate) – 5 daily /5 in possession

**Minimum Size** (all species of trout) – No minimum size restriction

*The following areas are subject to these regulations:*

### ALLEGANY COUNTY

Battie Mixon Ponds .....	0
Cotton Cove Pond in Lion's Park Glendening Recreational Complex at Frostburg .....	2
Dans Mountain Pond .....	0
Evitts Creek – mainstem upstream of Interstate Route 68 .....	1, 3
Evitts Creek Ponds .....	0
Fifteen Mile Creek Watershed .....	1, 4
Flintstone Creek Watershed .....	1, 3
Georges Creek – mainstem from the upper extent of Town Park in Westernport upstream to Neff Run.....	1, 3
Jennings Run – mainstem downstream of the confluence of North Jennings Run .....	2, 3
Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap Lake) .....	0
North Branch Potomac River mainstem – from Allegany County line downstream to the upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge in Westernport .....	0
North Jennings Run Watershed .....	1, 3
Orchard Pond .....	0
White Sulfur Pond .....	0
Wills Creek – mainstem upstream of the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project at The Narrows above Cumberland .....	1, 3

### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Lake Waterford.....	0
Severn Run – mainstem upstream of Maryland Route 3 .....	1, 4

### BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY

Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from a red post located 1.6 miles downstream of Corbett Road downstream to the hiker/biker bridge located approximately one mile downstream of Phoenix Road; and from Cromwell Bridge downstream to the Interstate Route 95 bridge.....	1, 4
Gwynn Oak Park Pond .....	0
Gwynns Falls – mainstem below Maryland Route 140 .....	0
Jones Falls – mainstem below Lake Roland .....	0
Little Falls – mainstem from Wiseburg Road upstream to Valley Mill Road .....	1, 4
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Route 165 .....	1, 4
Patapsco River – mainstem from the B&O Viaduct upstream to Blodes Dam .....	1, 3
Stansbury Park Pond.....	0

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## CALVERT AND CHARLES COUNTIES

Calvert Cliffs Pond .....	0
Hughesville Pond .....	0
Hutchins Pond .....	0
Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management area - all ponds .....	0
Wheatley Lake .....	0

## CAROLINE AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES

Tuckahoe Creek and impoundment above abandoned stone railroad bridge upstream of Route 404 .....	0
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## CARROLL COUNTY

Beaver Run – upstream of Maryland Route 91 .....	1, 3
Farm Museum Pond .....	2
South Branch Patapsco River – mainstem from West Friendship Road (Howard County side) and Main Street (Carroll County side) at Sykesville downstream to its confluence with the North Branch Patapsco River .....	1, 3
Piney Run – mainstem downstream from Arrington Road .....	1, 3
Piney Run Reservoir .....	0
Robert's Mill Pond .....	0

## CECIL COUNTY

Big Elk Creek – mainstem from the bridge at Maryland Route 277 upstream to the Pennsylvania State Line.....	1, 4
Howards Pond.....	0
Principio Creek – mainstem upstream of Maryland Route 7 .....	1, 4

## FREDERICK COUNTY

Cunningham Falls Lake .....	0
Fishing Creek – mainstem upstream of Fishing Creek Reservoir including left fork (Steep Creek) .....	1, 4
Frank Bentz Pond .....	2
Friends Creek Watershed .....	1, 4
Hamburg Pond .....	2
Middle Creek – mainstem from the Maryland Route 17 bridge near the junction of Bittle Road upstream to the confluence of Spruce Run .....	1, 4
Middletown Pond .....	0
Owens Creek – mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road (see page 27).....	1, 4
Rainbow Lake .....	2
Urbana Lake .....	0
Whiskey Springs Pond .....	2
Whittier Lake.....	0
Woodsboro Community Pond .....	0

## GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Pond.....	1, 4
Bear Creek – mainstem .....	1, 3
Broadford Lake.....	0
Deep Creek Lake.....	0
Herrington Creek – mainstem.....	1, 4
Herrington Lake.....	0
Jennings Randolph Lake.....	0
Little Youghiogheny River – mainstem from Maryland Route 219 downstream to the Youghiogheny River .....	1, 4
Mill Run – mainstem downstream of uppermost bridge on Mill Run Road .....	1, 4
Muddy Creek – mainstem.....	1, 4
New Germany Lake.....	1



# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

## 2011 Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas *(continued)*

North Branch Potomac River mainstem – from Jennings Randolph Lake upstream approximately 6 miles to the lower boundary of Potomac State Forest; from the uppermost boundary of Potomac State Forest at Wallman upstream approximately 8.5 miles to a bridge at Old Wilson Road; from a red post located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia, downstream to a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, and from Piney Swamp Run downstream to the Allegany County line .....		0
Piney Reservoir.....		0
Sand Run Watershed .....		0
Savage Reservoir.....		0
Savage River – mainstem from Savage Reservoir upstream to Poplar Lick .....		2
Snowy Creek mainstem .....		0
Youghiogheny River – mainstem upstream of the junction of Muddy Creek and from the upstream side of the Maryland Route 42 bridge downstream 0.4 miles to a site 50 yards downstream of Maple Street (at the confluence of Minnow Run) .....		0

### HARFORD COUNTY

Deer Creek – mainstem from 1 mile south of Rocks State Park upstream to the bridge at Maryland Route 23.....	1, 3
Forest Hill Pond.....	2
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Maryland Route 165 .....	1, 4

### HOWARD COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Allen's Pond .....	0
Centennial Lake .....	0
Cosca Lake .....	0
Elkhorn Lake.....	0
Great Seneca Creek – from Maryland Route 28 upstream to Maryland Route 355.....	1, 3
Greenbelt Lake .....	0
Izaak Walton Pond .....	2
Lake Artemesia.....	0
Lake Needwood .....	0
Laurel Lakes.....	0
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond.....	2
Melwood Pond .....	0
Northwest Branch Watershed – upstream of Maryland Route 410 to Norwood Road .....	2
Patuxent River – mainstem from base of Rocky Gorge Reservoir Dam in Laurel downstream to the B&O Railroad crossing .....	1, 3
Pine Lake .....	2
Schoolhouse Pond .....	0
South Branch Patapsco River – mainstem from West Friendship Road (Howard County side) and Main Street (Carroll County side) at Sykesville downstream to its confluence with the North Branch Patapsco River .....	1, 3
South Germantown Park Pond – in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road .....	0
Tucker Pond .....	0

### WASHINGTON COUNTY

Antietam Creek – mainstem from upstream boundary of Devil's Backbone Park to the mouth of Beaver Creek.....	0
Beaver Creek – from the downstream side of the bridges on the private farm lane located below the Albert Powell State Trout Hatchery downstream to Black Rock Creek, and from Beaver Creek Road downstream to the confluence with Antietam Creek. ....	1, 3
Blairs Valley Lake .....	0
Greenbrier Lake .....	0

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Indian Springs Pond.....	2
Israel Creek .....	0
Licking Creek Mainstem.....	1, 3
Sharpsburg Community Pond .....	0
Sideling Hill Creek Watershed. ....	1, 4
WICOMICO COUNTY	
Beaverdam Creek - in Salisbury from Schumaker Dam downstream to the bridge crossing at Memorial Plaza Road .....	0
WORCESTER COUNTY	
Shad Landing Pond .....	0

## Lakes And Ponds Open To Public Fishing

### Boats on Ponds and Lakes

The use of boats and/or motors on ponds and lakes is subject to local restrictions. Consult with local authorities before making your trip. Refer to the spring stocking schedule to determine which impoundments are stocked with trout. Contact Inland Fisheries Division for a detailed guide listing Maryland piers and ramps locations.

### 🚤 Designates locations with boat ramp facilities.

Name of Property .....	Acreege
ALLEGANY COUNTY	
Battie Mixon Fishing Hole – Maryland Route 51; at Oldtown .....	33
Cotton Cove Pond - Lion’s Park Glendening Recreational Complex in Frostburg.....	1
Dan’s Mountain Pond – Maryland Route 36; two miles east of Lonaconing.....	1
Evitts Creek Community Ponds – I-68, Exit 46; four miles east of Cumberland .....	4
Lions Park Pond - Frostbourg.....	1
Orchard Pond – Maryland Route 51; Green Ridge State Forest.....	2
🚤 Rocky Gap Lake (Lake Habeeb) – I-68, Exit 50; five miles northwest of Flintstone.....	243
White Sulphur Community Pond – I-68, Exit 62; Green Ridge State Forest, 12 miles east of Flintstone .....	1
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	
Friendship Park Pond – Route 778, Friendship .....	1
Friendship Pond – Maryland Route 170 .....	1
Lake Waterford – Route 648 near Severna Park.....	11
Patuxent Ponds – Patuxent Road near Conoways.....	3.2
Waterworks Park – by permit only.....	1.5
BALTIMORE COUNTY	
Avalon Pond – within Patapsco Valley State Park, Glen Artney Area (entrance on South St. off Maryland Rt.1).....	1
Gwynbrook Community Pond – off U.S. Route 140; near Owings Mills.....	1.3
Hillcrest Pond – Maryland Route 144 at Lansdowne.....	4
Lake Roland – Maryland Route 139; Baltimore .....	98.2
🚤 Liberty Reservoir – Maryland Route 26 near Ward’s Chapel .....	3100
🚤 Loch Raven Reservoir – Maryland Route 146; Dulaney Valley Road .....	2400
🚤 Prettyboy Reservoir – off Maryland Route 25 and U.S. Route 111, Beckleysville Road .....	1500
CALVERT COUNTY	
Calvert Cliffs Park Pond – Route 4, near Lusby.....	1
Hutchins Pond – off Mt. Harmony Road, off Route 2, near Sunderland .....	2.3

# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

## CAROLINE COUNTY

Chambers Lake – Maryland Route 306 in Federalsburg .....	6
☞ Smithville Lake – U.S. Route 404 east to Noble Road .....	40

## CARROLL COUNTY

Bennett Cerf Pond – off Maryland Route 27 within Random House Industrial Park .....	1
Farm Museum Pond – west of Maryland Route 32; near Westminster .....	4.7
Lake Hashawha – off Rinehart Road .....	1
Liberty Reservoir – Route 26 near Wards Chapel .....	3,100
North Carroll Community Pond – Maryland Route 30 at Manchester .....	1.2
☞ Piney Run Reservoir – Maryland Route 32 near Eldersburg .....	300
Robert's Mill Pond – east of Taneytown, north of Route 140 .....	2
Upper John Owings – John Owings Road .....	0.5
Westminster Community Pond – U.S. Route 140 at Westminster .....	1.3

## Cecil County

☞ Conowingo Reservoir – U.S. Route 1 at Conowingo .....	4000
Elkton Community Pond – Maryland Route 281 east of Maryland Route 213 .....	1.3
Rising Sun Community Pond – Maryland Route 273 in Rising Sun .....	1
☞ Stemmers Lake – Stemmers Run Road at Maryland Route 282 – (telephone 410-356-9272 for permission) .....	90

## CHARLES COUNTY

☞ Gilbert Run Park (Wheatley Lake) – Maryland Route 6; east of Olivers Shop .....	75
Hughesville Community Pond – Maryland Route 5 at Hughesville .....	1
☞ Myrtle Grove Lake – Maryland Route 225 near Ripley .....	23

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

Galestown Lake – Galestown Road east of Maryland Route 313 .....	15
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## FREDERICK COUNTY

Brunswick Community Pond – U.S. Route 79 at Brunswick .....	1
☞ Cunningham Falls Lake – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont .....	42
Emmitsburg Reservoir (Rainbow Lake) – Hampton Valley Road; near Emmitsburg .....	8
Frank Bentz Memorial Pond – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont .....	2
Gambrill's Community Pond – U.S. Route 40 near Frederick .....	1
Libertytown Community Pond – Maryland Route 75 at Libertytown .....	1
Urbana Community Pond – Dixon Road off Route 80 at Urbana .....	5

## GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Community Pond – U.S. Route 219; Accident .....	1
☞ Broadford Lake – Maryland Route 135 at Mt. Lake Park .....	230
☞ Deep Creek Lake – U.S. Route 219, McHenry .....	3900
☞ Herrington Manor Lake – U.S. Route 219 five miles north of Oakland .....	44
☞ New Germany Lake – I-68, Exit 22; six miles south of Grantsville .....	10
Piney Reservoir – U.S. Route 40 Alt.; north on Piney Run Road; east of Grantsville .....	18
Pleasant Valley Lake – Maryland Route 495; twelve miles south of Grantsville .....	18
☞ Jennings Randolph Lake – Maryland Route 135; south on Mt. Zion Road; five miles from Kitzmilller on West Virginia Route 46 .....	952
☞ Savage Reservoir – Maryland Route 135 on Savage River Road .....	350
☞ Youghiogheny Reservoir – Maryland Route 42; two miles north of Friendsville .....	800

## HARFORD COUNTY

Bynum Run Community Pond – Maryland Route 22 at Bel Air .....	1.1
☞ Conowingo Reservoir .....	4000

# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

Churchville Community Pond – Maryland Route 155 at Glenville Road.....	1.5
Dublin Dell Community Pond – Maryland Route 136 in Dublin.....	1
Forest Branch Park – Joppatowne, Foster Branch Road.....	1
Forest Hill Community Pond – Maryland Route 23 at Forest Hill .....	1.3
HOWARD COUNTY	
☞ Centennial Lake – Columbia .....	50
Lake Elkhorn – Columbia.....	37
Guilford Park Pond – Maryland Route 32 off Interstate 95 .....	0.5
Lake Kittamaqundi – Columbia .....	31
Wilde Lake – Columbia .....	22
KENT COUNTY	
Millington Wildlife Management Ponds (4) –Massey Delaware Line Road, east of Massey telephone 410-928-3650 for permission.....	3.7
Sassafras NRMA Pond .....	2
☞ Urieville Community Lake – Maryland Route 213 north of Chestertown .....	35
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	
Clopper Lake – within Seneca State Park .....	90
☞ Duckett Reservoir – Maryland Route 198 and U.S. Route 29; Burtonsville.....	800
Kings Community Pond – U.S. Route 355 and Maryland Route 121; Clarksburg.....	1
Lake Frank – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck .....	54
Lake Needwood – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck .....	74
☞ Little Seneca Lake – near Boyds .....	505
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond .....	5
Pine Lake – Maryland Route 97 near Wheaton. ....	5
☞ Triadelphia Reservoir – off Maryland Route 650 near Brighton .....	800
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	
Allens Pond – Maryland Route 197 near Bowie .....	10
Bowie Town Center Pond – off Mitchellville Road, Bowie .....	8
Cedarville Pond – off Cedarville Road in Cedarville State Forest.....	4
Cosca Lake – Thrift Road south of Clinton .....	11
Duck Pond – U.S. Route 193 and Adelphi Road in University Hills Park .....	1
Greenbelt Lake – off Crescent Road in Greenbelt Park .....	21
Lake Artemesia – Branchville Road, Bervyn Heights.....	38
Laurel Lake – Route 1 and Cherry Lane, Laurel.....	11
Melwood Community Pond – Maryland Route 223, Woodyard Road between Maryland Routes 4 and 5. ....	1.3
Merkle Ponds – Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, off Fenno Road .....	2
Milltown Landing Pond – Patuxent River Park, off Milltown Landing Road .....	1
Schoolhouse Pond – across from County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro .....	4
Tucker Pond – Tucker Road near Oxon Hill. ....	1.4
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	
Tuckahoe Lake .....	43
☞ Unicorn Lake – Maryland Route 313 south of Millington .....	45
☞ Wye Mills Community Lake – Maryland Route 662 south of U.S. Route 50 .....	50
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	
☞ St. Mary's Lake – Maryland Route 5, Calloway.....	250

# Maryland Nontidal Sport Fishing

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Big Pool – I-70, exit 12; Maryland Route 56; east of Fort Frederick State Park ..... 88

Blairs Valley Lake – Blairs Valley Road north from Clearspring ..... 35

↻ Brownsville Community Pond – Maryland Route 67 at Brownsville ..... 1.2

↻ Greenbrier Lake – Greenbrier State Park, U.S. Route 40 near Hagerstown ..... 42

Indian Springs Community Pond – Mooresville Road; eight miles west of Clear Spring ..... 1.3

Little Pool – off Maryland Route 615; east of Hancock ..... 18

WICOMICO COUNTY

↻ Johnsons Lake – Isabella Street at U.S. Route 50 to Lake Street ..... 108

Leonards Mill Lake – U.S. Route 13 north of Salisbury ..... 30

Powellville Pond – Maryland Route 354 in Powellville ..... 4

Shumaker Lake – Maryland Route 12 in Salisbury ..... 35

WORCESTER COUNTY

Big Mills Lake – Big Mills Road west of Maryland Route 12 ..... 10

Moore’s Pond – U.S. Route 13 near Pocomoke City ..... 2

## Contact Information for Restricted Areas

Baltimore City Reservoirs

For Prettyboy and Liberty (boat permits required) information, rules, and regulations, call Watershed Control Division (410) 795-6150 or Loch Raven Fishing Center (410) 887-7692.

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Lakes

Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge fishing by permit only. For permits, rules and regulations call Brighton, Maryland (301) 774-9124.

## River Flow Information

1. North Branch Potomac and Savage River Flows 410-962-7687 or email: webmaster@nab02.nab-wc.usace.army.mil
2. Potomac River Flows at Hagerstown 301-223-6377
3. U.S. Geological Survey Flow Information on the internet at md.usgs.gov
4. Youghiogheny River white water release schedule 315-413-2823 or email: www.deepcreekhydro.com

## Potomac River

### Regulations And Safety Tips

A person aboard a vessel, raft or tube shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while underway on the upper Potomac River and its tributaries, during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each November 15, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding May 15. This regulation is in addition to class III, IV, and VI White Water Stream segment regulations which require PFDs to be worn at all times by persons underway.

1. ALWAYS – wear an approved personal flotation device while using the Potomac.
2. Leave a float plan with someone at home describing where you are going, who you’re with and when you expect to return.
3. REMEMBER – the river currents are strong and unpredictable, especially after heavy rains.
4. Wading should NOT be attempted when the river levels exceed the normal level.
5. Know the weather predictions for the area. Keep an AM radio handy for the latest updates.

# Tidal - Nontidal Dividing Lines

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## Dividing Lines

### HARFORD COUNTY

- Bynum Run – Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7
- Deer Creek – railroad bridge located at the mouth of Deer Creek
- Gray's Run – CSX Railroad crossing upstream of U.S. Route 40
- James Run – Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7
- Winter's Run – dam located one half mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road.

### BALTIMORE COUNTY

- Big Gunpowder Falls – three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge
- Little Gunpowder Falls – three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge
- Stansbury Park Pond – Base of dam
- Stemmers Run – Golden Ring Road Bridge

### BALTIMORE AND HOWARD COUNTIES

- Patapsco River – B&O viaduct at Relay

### ANNE ARUNDEL AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES

- Anacostia River – Northeast Branch Bridge at northbound lane of Alternate Route 1 Bladensburg Road, Northwest Branch Bridge at southbound lane of Rhode Island Avenue
- Furnace Branch – Maryland Route 2
- Patuxent River
  - Mainstem: bridge on Maryland Route 214
  - Lyons Creek: Maryland Route 4
  - Stocketts Run: confluence with the river
  - Rock Run: confluence with the river
  - Ferry Branch: confluence with the river
- Magothy River – Catherine Avenue
- Marley Creek – Maryland Route 10
- Severn River – bridge on Maryland Route 3
- South River and its tributaries –
  - North River: Rutland Road
  - Bacon Ridge Branch: Chesterfield Road
- Beards Creek: Maryland Route 214
- Broad Creek: Harry S. Truman Parkway

### CHARLES, MONTGOMERY AND

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES

- Henson Run – bridge on Old Broad Creek Road

- Hoghole Run – Maryland Route 6
- Mattawoman Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 225
- Nanjemy Creek
  - Mainstem: Maryland Route 6
  - Mill Run (Burgess Creek): Maryland Route 6
  - Hill Top Fork: Maryland Route 6
  - Wards Run: Maryland Route 6
- Oxen Creek (Run) – Maryland Route 210
- Patuxent River
  - Swanson Creek: Maryland Route 381
  - Mataponi Creek: St. Thomas Church Road
  - Spice Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
  - Full Mill Branch: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
  - Black Swamp Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
- Piscataway Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 224 (Livingston Road)
- Pomonkey Creek – Fenwick Road
- Port Tobacco Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 6
- Potomac River – Little Falls at man-made dam
- Western Branch – bridge on Maryland Route 4
- Wicomico River – Allens Fresh, bridge on Maryland Route 234

### KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES

- Chester River – 500 yards upstream from the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge at Millington at the point where the Cypress Branch empties into the Chester River
- Herring Branch – Maryland Route 299
- Morgan Creek – Wallis Road
- Red Lion Branch – at its confluence with the Chester River
- Sassafras River – Maryland Route 299
- Unicon Branch – U.S. Geological Survey weir just east of Maryland Route 313
- Wye East River - Wye Mills Lake Dam

### CAROLINE COUNTY

- Chapel Branch – Maryland Route 313 near Piney Grove Church
- Choptank River – bypass on Maryland Route 313 on the outskirts of Greensboro
- Fowling Creek – wooden bridge on Stratum Road about one mile below Maryland Route 16
- Hunting Creek – Maryland Route 331
- Marshy Hope Creek – at its confluence with Faulkner Branch
- Mill Creek – Maryland Route 16



# Tidal - Nontidal Dividing Lines

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## Dividing Lines (*continued*)

Tuckahoe Creek – abandoned stone railroad bridge  
upstream of Maryland Route 404  
Watt's Creek – bridge on American Legion Road

### **WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES**

Beaverdam Creek – dam just upstream of U.S. Route 13 (Business)  
Nassawango Creek – Furnace Road  
Pocomoke River – bridge on Whiton Crossing, three miles south of Powellville  
Wicomico River – Isabella Street in Salisbury

### **ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

Buds Creek – Maryland Route 234  
Chaptico Run – Chaptico Bridge on Maryland Route 234  
Dynard Run – Maryland Route 242  
Eastern Branch – Maryland Route 5  
Gilbert Swamp Run – Maryland Route 234  
Great Mills Run – bridge on Maryland Route 5  
McIntosh Run – Maryland Route 5  
Park Hall Run – Maryland Route 5  
St. Clements Creek – Maryland Route 234  
bridge at town of Clements  
Tomakokin Creek – Maryland Route 470  
Town Run – bridge on Maryland Route 5

### **CALVERT COUNTY**

Battle Creek – bridge about two miles east of Bowens (Sixes Road)  
Fishing Creek – one and one-half miles upstream from the mouth of the creek at Chesapeake Beach  
Hall's Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 4  
Hellen Creek – Mill Branch Road, near Solomons  
Hunting Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 263 about 100 yards west of Maryland Route 4  
Island Creek – Ross Road, near Brooms Island  
Lyon's Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 4  
Mills Creek – Maryland Route 760  
Parker's Creek – Maryland Route 765  
Plum Point Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 263  
Quaker Swamp – Maryland Routes 2/4  
St. Johns Creek – Maryland Route 4  
St. Leonard's Creek – Parran Road

### **SUSQUEHANNA RIVER**

Conowingo Dam – at U.S. Route 1

### **CECIL COUNTY**

Big Elk Creek – Maryland Route 213  
Bohemia River – Telegraph Road  
Happy Valley Branch – confluence with Susquehanna River  
Little Elk Creek – U.S. Route 40  
Mill Creek – Old Elk Neck Road  
North East River – Maryland Route 7  
Octoraro Creek – bridge on U.S. Route 222  
Principio Creek – Amtrack crossing below Maryland Route 7  
Rock Run – confluence with the Susquehanna River

### **DORCHESTER COUNTY**

Chicamomico River – U.S. Route 50  
Transquaking River – dam at Higgins Mill Pond

### **MARYLAND – PENNSYLVANIA DIVIDING LINE**

Cecil County – Railroad Tunnel White Marker  
Harford County – Michaels Run

# Tidal Sport Fishing

## The Chesapeake Bay, its Tributaries, Coastal Bays and Atlantic Ocean

### Maryland Tidal Sport Fishing Licenses

Maryland Tidal Sport Fishing License Fees (includes coastal anglers)

Resident.....	\$15
Nonresident.....	\$22.50
Consolidated Senior Resident 65 years old or older.....	\$5
Blind Person.....	Free license required
7-day Resident.....	\$6
7-day Nonresident license.....	\$12
Consolidated Sport Boat License.....	\$50

1. Anglers onboard licensed boats do not need a license. However, they must register with the State at [www.dnr.maryland.gov/service](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/service).
2. A complimentary Tidal Sport Fishing License is issued to the boat owner who purchases this license.
3. Guests must register for free online at [www.dnr.maryland.gov/service](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/service)

### Reciprocal Tidal Licenses

The Commonwealth of Virginia, Maryland, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will honor valid recreational fishing licenses issued by any of these jurisdictions for use in tidal waters as follows:

**Chesapeake Bay**—any portion of the Chesapeake Bay and tidal tributaries.

**Potomac River**—any portion of the main stem of the Potomac River downstream of the I-95 Woodrow Wilson Bridge including the tidal tributaries of Maryland and Virginia.

**Atlantic Ocean** - the reciprocal agreement will be revised to include the Atlantic Ocean , Coastal bays and tributaries.

### You May Fish For Finfish Without A License In Tidal Waters of the State if you:

1. are less than 16 years of age.
2. possess a valid commercial Tidal Fish License.
3. fish from private property as an owner, family member of an owner and have registered with the State.
4. fish a hook and line (rod and reel) from a public bridge or pier which has been designated by the Department as a free fishing area and have registered with the State. Go to [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries) for a list of areas.
5. are fishing from a licensed charter boat.
6. are a resident of Maryland, on active duty with the Armed Forces, on leave with official leave orders.
7. fish on a free fishing day designated by the DNR. (First two Saturdays in June and July 4)
8. are registered with the State and are fishing from a boat with a Consolidated Boat License.

### It Shall Be Lawful

1. between June 15 and December 31 of each year, for an individual to take or shoot fish, within specific seasons and limits established by the Department, with a spear gun or spear.
2. to take or shoot carp, garfish, skate, bullfish, oyster toads, swelling toads (blowfish), American eel, sea lamprey, stingrays or other ray fish with a spear gun or spear at any time.
3. to take or shoot carp, garfish, skate, bullfish, oyster toads, swelling toads (blowfish), sting rays or any other ray fish with a bow and arrow (except crossbow).
4. to use a seine up to 50 feet in length and 5 feet wide to obtain bait minnows.
5. to use a cast net by hand with a radius of 10 feet or less to catch baitfish in any tidal water of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.
6. to keep any size white perch if caught by hook and line.
7. to use an "umbrella rig" that has no more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks
8. to catch-and -release American or hickory shad.

### It Shall Be Unlawful

1. to have in one's possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland any striped bass cut up or filleted at any time. Striped bass must be landed whole.
2. to have in one's possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland more than 15 pounds of any fish cut up upon which a size or weight limit is prescribed by law or regulations.
3. to have in one's possession American or hickory shad.
4. to use more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks for each rod or line. Artificial lures or plugs with multiple hooks are considered 1 set of hooks.

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5. **for a person to use eels as bait while fishing for striped bass with hook and line from December 16 through May 15, inclusive.**
6. To cull striped bass. (To cull means that after a person is in possession of a striped bass, that person discards or exchanges that striped bass to possess another striped bass).
7. to possess striped bass from 12 midnight to 5 AM while fishing on the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
8. to use a gaff to land striped bass.
9. to take or shoot striped bass with a spear gun and spear in the tidal waters of the state.
10. to fish for striped bass by any means or practice catch-and-release of striped bass in designated spawning areas from March 1 through May 31.
11. to intentionally snag a fish.
12. to use a dip net in the Susquehanna River above the mouth of Deer Creek except to land a fish caught by hook and line.
13. to operate a boat within the area 400 yards below or 400 yards above the Conowingo Dam.
14. to take American shad, hickory shad, Atlantic sturgeon and shortnose sturgeon.
15. Clams must measure 1 inch thick.

## Striped Bass Rules

### Susquehanna Flats, Lower Susquehanna River & Northeast River Only

Location: Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting the Susquehanna State Park Boat Ramp at Lapidum to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit and Northeast River.

**Jan 1 – Feb 28 inclusive:** catch & release in these areas and all other areas.

**Mar 1 – May 3 inclusive:** catch & release with specific gear restrictions, which are:

*From March 1 - April 15: the following restrictions are in effect*

- stinger hooks are prohibited
- barbless hooks are required when trolling
- non-offset circle or J hooks with less than ½" gap when using bait
- no more than 6 lines per boat when trolling

**May 4 – May 15 inclusive:** Susquehanna Flats closed at this time. Fishing areas and closures may be seen by map: [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no\\_page2.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap03a.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no_page2.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap03a.html)

**May 16 – May 31 inclusive:** Susquehanna Flats reopen to fishing.

Fishing Locations Allowed: Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting the Susquehanna State Boat Ramp at Lapidum to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit; and Northeast River.

Creel and Size Limit: One striped bass per person per day between 18" and 26" inclusive.

Eels may not be used.

**June 1 – December 15 inclusive:** Susquehanna Flats and all Bay waters open to striped bass fishing.

Creel Limit and Size: Two striped bass per person per day between 18 and 28", or one fish between 18" and 28" and one fish over 28" inclusive.

### Chesapeake Bay Spring Gear Restrictions for Catch & Release

**Mar 1– April 15** – In 2010, DNR implemented regulations to reduce the sub-lethal impacts of preseason fishing on pre-spawn striped bass that move up the bay to their spawning areas in March and April.

These restrictions apply in all open catch and release areas until April 16 at 5:00 a.m. when the spring trophy season begins. The catch and release fishing areas include the Chesapeake Bay from the Brewerton Channel to the Virginia line including Tangier and Pokomoke Sounds. Spawning rivers and the Upper Bay spawning area are off limits until June 1 to striped bass fishing.

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### The Preseason Regulations:

- Stinger (trailing) hooks are prohibited.
- Barbless hooks are required when trolling.
- Non-offset circle hooks or J hooks with a gap of less than a half-inch are required when using natural bait.
- No more than 6 lines may be employed while trolling regardless of the number of anglers on board.

To view a chart of open catch and release and spring trophy season areas go to [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no\\_page2.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap03a.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no_page2.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap03a.html).

### Why Eels for Bait are Prohibited in Spring

The use of eels as bait is prohibited during the "Pre-season Catch & Release" and "Spring Trophy" seasons. Strippers engulf eels and swallow the hooks. Eels are not allowed in the spring to reduce deep hooking. Deep hooked fish experience about 50% mortality. Shallow hooked fish have about 3.5% mortality over the course of the year and about 0.8% mortality in March and April.

### Definitions:

**Stinger Hook** means any hook which trails another hook, either by direct physical attachment to the lead hook or by a connective device such as a swivel or chain, and is part of the same bait or lure.

**Trolling** means the method of angling in which fish are attracted to a lure or bait being trailed from a boat which is being moved by mechanical power.

**Circle hook** means a non-offset hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank. Circle hooks used in bait fisheries should be "non offset". That is, if the hook is laid on a flat surface, all parts of the hook lie flat on the surface.

### Chesapeake Bay Spring Trophy Season

#### April 16 – May 15

**Fishing Locations Allowed:** Chesapeake Bay from Brewerton Channel to the Maryland-Virginia Line, excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers, except Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound.

**Creel and Size Limit:** One fish per person per day over 28".

**Special Rules:** Culling is prohibited. Eels may not be used as bait.

#### May 16 – May 31

##### Fishing Locations Allowed:

Chesapeake Bay downstream from a line drawn from the south corner of Hart-Miller Island Dike to the end of Maryland route 21 at Tolchester and south to the MD/VA line, excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers. EXCEPT: Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound; Chester River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Hail Point to Long Point to Ferry Point; Patuxent River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Point Patience to the west point of land at the entrance of Little Kingston Creek; and Choptank River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Holland Point to a point of land at the west entrance of Chapel Creek are open. See maps at:

[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no\\_page.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap01.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/no_page.asp?page=/fisheries/regulations/sbrecseasons/sbregmap01.html)

Main Bay Waters Creel and Size Limit: Two fish per person per day between 18 and 28", or one fish between 18 and 28" and one fish over 28" inclusive.

### Summer/Fall Season

#### June 1 – December 15

Fishing Locations Allowed: All Maryland Chesapeake Bay waters and tributaries.

Creel and Size Limit: Two fish per person per day between 18 and 28", or one fish between 18 and 28" and one fish over 28" inclusive.

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## Rules for Certain Fish

*Size, season and daily creel limits of certain species in Chesapeake tidal waters  
Open year round unless otherwise noted.*

### **CROAKER (HARDHEAD)**

**Minimum Size:** 9"

**Creel Limit:** 25 per person per day

### **BLUEFISH**

**Minimum Size:** 8"

**Creel Limit:** 10 per person per day

### **CHAIN PICKEREL (PIKE)**

**Minimum Size:** 14"

**Creel Limit:** 10 per person per day

**Closed Season:** March 15 – April 30

### **CATFISH (EXCEPT BULLHEADS)**

**Minimum Size:** 10"

### **LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS**

**Minimum Size:** 15" March 1 thru June 15

12" June 16 thru last day in February

**Creel Limit:** 5 per person per day; in aggregate\*

### **BLACK DRUM**

**Minimum Size:** 16"

**Creel Limit:** 1 per person per day

**Daily Catch Limit:** 6 per boat

### **SPOTTED SEATROUT**

**Minimum Size:** 14"

**Creel Limit:** 10 per person per day

### **RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)**

**Minimum Size:** 18" – 27" maximum

**Creel Limit:** 1 per person per day

### **WEAKFISH**

**Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries**

**Minimum Size:** 13"

**Creel Limit:** 1 per person per day

### **WHITE PERCH**

**Minimum Size:** None if caught with hook & line

8" minimum if caught with other gear

### **FLOUNDER**

**Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries**

**Creel, minimum size and seasons to be announced**

### **BLACK SEA BASS**

**Creel, minimum size and season to be announced.**

### **SPANISH MACKEREL**

**Minimum Size:** 14"

**Creel Limit:** 15 per person per day

### **YELLOW PERCH**

**Minimum Size:** 9"

**Creel Limit:** 10 per person per day

**Closed Areas:** Magothy River from Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet; Severn River and Severn Run from the Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.

### **WALLEYE**

**Minimum Size:** 15"

**Creel Limit:** 5 per person per day

### **EELS**

**Minimum Size:** 6"

**Creel Limit:** 25 per person per day

The taking of American shad, Hickory shad and Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon is prohibited.

\* Aggregate - The Combined Total

*These rules are subject to change*

# Crabbing

## The Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries

### Chesapeake Bay Recreational Crab Season And Size Limits

#### CRAB SEASON: APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 15

##### MINIMUM SIZE:

<b>HARD CRAB</b> .....	5 inches from April 1 to July 14
	5 1/4 inches from July 15 to December 15
<b>PEELER CRAB</b> .....	3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14
	3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 15
<b>SOFT CRAB</b> .....	3 1/2 inches from April 1 to December 15

##### NO RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF FEMALE HARD OR PEELER CRABS.

### Recreational Crab License Fees For The Chesapeake Bay

<b>Maryland Resident</b> .....	\$5.00
<b>Nonresident</b> .....	\$10.00

#### Maryland Resident who possesses a Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License or a Resident

<b>Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License</b> .....	\$2.00
<b>Recreational Crab Boat License</b> .....	\$15.00
<b>Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License for Maryland Resident or Nonresident*</b> .....	\$50.00

*An individual under 16 years of age may crab without a license in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and is restricted to the same limits as an unlicensed crabber.*

*\* One individual complimentary crabbing license will also be issued.*

### Time Restrictions

Crabbing using crab pots from private piers, seines, dip nets, and handlines is permitted 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week.

It is unlawful to set, place or fish crabbing gear prior to or after the prescribed time restrictions.

### Permitted Times

#### For Rivers, Creeks And Tributaries

##### April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to sunset

##### May through September

One half hour before sunrise to sunset

#### For the Chesapeake Bay

##### April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

##### May through September

One half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

#### No crabbing on Wednesdays except:

1. when using crab pots from private piers;
2. when using seines, handlines or dip nets; or
3. On a Wednesday during a week when a state or federal holiday falls on a Wednesday or Thursday

### It Shall Be Unlawful For A Recreational Crabber:

1. To sell crabs without a commercial license.
2. To possess an egg-bearing (sponge) crab or any female crab.
3. To set or fish a trotline, collapsible trap or crab net ring within 100 feet of another individual's trotline.
  - a. Collapsible crab traps must have a flat bottom measuring no more than 20" X 15" and have no more than four articulated sides.
  - b. Crab rings must have a rim less than or equal to 30" in diameter.
4. To fish crab pots which belong to another person.
5. To set a trap or ring without a bouy bearing the name of the owner unless attached to a pier, wharf or boat.
6. To use a diving apparatus by itself or in conjunction with any other gear.



# Crabbing

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### A Recreational Crabber Without A License May:

1. Use any number of seines, dip nets, and handlines.
2. Use not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person.
3. Regardless of the number of owners or lessees, set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property that:
  - a. are attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock; or
- b. Are not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked with a buoy, pole or sign indicating the owner's name and address; and
- c. Have 2 cull rings, one measuring at least 2 3/16 inches and one at least 2 5/16 inches, located in the exterior side panel or the top panel of the pot; and
- d. Have a turtle reduction device attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape with dimensions not larger than 1 3/4 inches high by 4 3/4 inches long.

### A Recreational Crabber With A License May Use:

1. All of the gear that an unlicensed recreational crabber may use.
2. Up to 1200 feet trotline with a float of the same color, size and shape attached to each end regardless of the number of licensees on board
3. Up to 30 or a combination of 30 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per licensee or per boat (regardless of the number of licensees on board); and
4. Up to 10 eel pots for catching your own crabbing bait. The pots must be labeled with the owner's name and not in a buoy free channel.



### Recreational Crabbing Daily Catch and Possession Limits

While using a seine, regardless of the number of individuals, the daily catch and possession limit is 2 dozen hard crabs and 1 dozen peelers, soft crabs, or combination of peelers and soft crabs.

**Recreational crabbers may not harvest female hard crabs or peeler crabs.**

**License** = 1 individual license OR 1 Recreational Crab Boat License OR 1 Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License

License	Hard Crabs	Peeler or Soft Crabs OR A Combination of Peeler and Soft Crabs
Licensed individual or Licensed boat	1 bushel	2 dozen
Unlicensed individual	2 dozen	1 dozen
Licensed boat with one licensee on board	1 bushel	2 dozen
Licensed boat with 2 or more licensees on board	2 bushels	2 dozen
Unlicensed boat with 2 or more licensees on board	2 bushels	2 dozen
Unlicensed boat with no licensees on board	4 dozen	1 dozen

# Recreational Oyster Regulations

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## Nonresident

A non-resident may not catch oysters for recreational purposes.

## Maryland Resident

License: No license is required to catch oysters for recreational purposes.

Minimum Size: 3" measured from hinge to bill along the longest part of the oyster.

Daily Limit: 1 bushel/day/person

Oyster Season: October 1st – March 31st

Permitted Times:

- Monday – Friday: Sunrise to 3 pm

- Saturday: Sunrise to noon

Methods to Catch: A person may catch oysters ONLY by:

- Hand

- Shaft tongs

- Rakes

- Diving (with or without SCUBA equipment)



## Other restrictions

- Oysters may not be taken for recreational purposes while aboard a vessel where any person is engaged in commercial oystering.

- Oysters may not be caught within a leased area, harvest reserve area\*, sanctuary or any other area closed by the state\*\*.

\* Refer to maps of Maryland Shellfish Harvesting Areas for information on areas of restricted waters, additional closures, and coordinates of sanctuaries at [http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Maryland-CitizensInfoCenterHome/Pages/citizensinfocenter/fishandshellfish/harvesting\\_notices/index.aspx](http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Maryland-CitizensInfoCenterHome/Pages/citizensinfocenter/fishandshellfish/harvesting_notices/index.aspx)

\*\* Call the MDE hotline at (800) 541-1210 or check the MDE website to find out if any conditional closures are in effect.

- Recreational shellfish regulations for the Potomac River can be found at: [www.prfc.state.va.us/sports/oyster\\_clams.htm](http://www.prfc.state.va.us/sports/oyster_clams.htm)

# Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries & Atlantic Ocean Sport Fishing

## Size, Season and Daily Creel Limits of Certain Species in the Atlantic and Coastal Bays

### **STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH)**

*Minimum Size:* 28 inches

*Creel Limit:* 2 per person per day

### **CROAKER (HARDHEAD)**

*Minimum Size:* 9 inches

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

### **BLUEFISH**

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### **BLACK SEA BASS**

*Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.*

### **SPOTTED SEATROUT**

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### **RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)**

*Minimum Size:* 18" min. – 27" max.

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### **TAUTOG**

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* Jan 1 thru May 15 and Nov 1 thru

Nov 30 4/person/day

May 16 thru Oct 31 2/person/day

*Closed Season:* December 1 – December 31

### **Dolphin (Fish)**

*Minimum size:* none

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

*Daily Catch Limit:* 60 Dolphin per boat per day

### **FLOUNDER (FLUKE)**

*Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.*

### **WEAKFISH**

*Minimum Size:* 13 inches

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### **SCUP (PORGY)**

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 50 per person per day

### **Tilefish Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 7 in Aggregate

### **Grouper Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 1 fish

### **Snapper Species\***

*Creel Limit:* 20 fish in Aggregate

### **BLACK DRUM**

*Minimum Size:* 16 inches

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

*Daily Catch Limit:* 6 per boat

### **American Eel**

*Minimum size:* 6 inches

*Creel limit:* 25

### **Spanish Mackerel**

*Minimum size:* 14 inches

*Creel limit:* 15 per person per day

### **Wahoo**

*Minimum size:* none

*Creel limit:* 2 per person per day

### **Lobster**

*Minimum size:* 3 3/8" carapace, 5 1/4" maximum.

***Must be landed whole.***

***Creel limit:*** 100 lobster/person/day or 500 lobster/trip for 5 day trip when using gear other than lobster traps.

***Gear:*** A lobster trap shall have:

- A minimum of one rectangular escape vent which shall be a minimum of two inches by 5 3/4 inches; or
- A minimum of two circular escape vents which shall have a minimum diameter of 2 5/8 inches

To catch, land, possess, sell, offer to sell, or transport any:

- Lobster that is egg-bearing or from which eggs have been intentionally removed;
- Female lobster bearing a V-shaped notch which is:
  - (a) A straight-sided triangular cut with or without setal hairs, at least 1/8 inch in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster; or
  - (b) Mutilated in a manner which could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark..

\* For complete list see: Maryland Code of Regulations or [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries)

# Crabbing Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries and Atlantic Ocean

## Recreational Crab Seasons And Size Limits

<b>Crab Season</b> .....	April 1 to December 31
<b>Size</b> .....	(measure from tip to tip of spikes)
<b>Hard Crab</b> .....	5 inches
<b>Soft Crab</b> .....	3 1/2 inches
<b>Peeler Crab</b> .....	3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14, 3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 15
<b>MATURE FEMALE CRAB NO MINIMUM SIZE. SPONGE CRABS ARE PROHIBITED.</b>	
<b>License Requirement &amp; Time Restrictions</b> .....	None

## Recreational Crabbing Daily Catch Limits

The daily catch limit in the waters of the coastal bays of the Atlantic Ocean and their tidal tributaries is:

- (1) 1 bushel per person; and
- (2) 2 bushels per boat if two or more individuals are on the boat

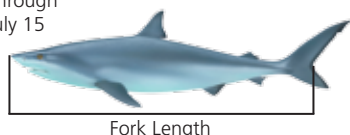
## It Shall Be Lawful

- 1. To crab** in the Coastal Bays of Maryland's Atlantic Ocean and their tributaries using:
  - a. not more than 600 feet of baited trotline, with floats of the same color, size and shape attached to each end; or
  - b. not more than two 600-foot trotlines if 2 or more persons are in the boat; or
  - c. dip nets and any number of handlines; or
  - d. not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person from docks, piers, bridges, boats or shoreline; or
  - e. not more than 25, or a combination of 25, collapsible crab traps or crab net rings, if two or more persons are in a boat.
- 2. For waterfront property owners** to set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property that:
  - a. are attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock or attached to a pole in front of the property; or
  - b. are not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked with a buoy, pole or sign indicating the owner's name and address; and
  - c. have one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on a side panel of the upper compartment and one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on the lower compartment; and
  - d. the cull ring shall be closed from April 23-May 31.
  - e. have a "turtle reduction device" attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape with dimensions not larger than 1 3/4-inches high by 4 3/4-inches long.

# Sharks

## Species Approved for Recreational Harvest

Species	Closed Season	Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic sharpnose shark ( <i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i> )		
Blacknose shark ( <i>Carcharhinus acronotus</i> )		
Bonnethead shark ( <i>Sphyrna tiburo</i> )	NONE	NONE
Finetooth shark ( <i>Carcharhinus isodon</i> )		
Smooth dogfish ( <i>Mustelus canis</i> )		
Blue shark ( <i>Prionace glauca</i> )		
Common thresher shark ( <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> )		
Oceanic whitetip shark ( <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> )	NONE	54 inches
Porbeagle shark ( <i>Lamna nasus</i> )		
Shortfin mako shark ( <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> )		
Blacktip shark ( <i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i> )		
Bull shark ( <i>Carcharhinus leucas</i> )		
Hammerhead shark, great ( <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> )	May 15 Through July 15	54 inches
Hammerhead shark, scalloped ( <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> )		
Hammerhead shark, smooth ( <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> )		
Lemon shark ( <i>Negaprion brevirostris</i> )		
Nurse shark ( <i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i> )		
Spinner shark ( <i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i> )		
Tiger shark ( <i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i> )		



**Authorized Recreational Gear:** Handlines and rod & reel only. Speargun, spear or bow & arrow are prohibited.

**No sale allowed:** A recreational angler may not sell, barter, or trade sharks or shark parts.

**Finning is prohibited:** All sharks caught by a recreational angler shall have heads, tails and fins attached naturally to the carcass through landing.

**Filleting** sharks at sea is prohibited.

**Spiny Dogfish:** There are no season, size or creel limits for spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), but finning is prohibited.

**Prohibited Species:** All other species not listed in table (except spiny dogfish).

## Recreational Shark Angler Possession Limits

**Shore Fishing** Each recreational shore-angler is allowed a maximum harvest of 1 shark from the Shark Species Approved for Recreational Harvest List, per calendar day. In addition, each recreational shore angler may harvest 1 additional bonnethead, and 1 additional Atlantic sharpnose, and 1 additional smooth dogfish per calendar day.

**Vessel Fishing** Recreational fishing vessels are allowed a maximum harvest of 1 shark from the Shark Species Approved for Recreational Harvest list, per trip, regardless of the number of people on board the vessel. In addition, each recreational angler fishing from a vessel may harvest 1 Bonnethead, and 1 Atlantic sharpnose shark, and 1 smooth dogfish per trip.

Note: Sharks that are transported by a vessel are considered "boat assisted", and regulated under the more restrictive vessel-fishing possession limits regardless of where they were caught.

## Shark Identification Links

[http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/z\\_downloads/bookstore\\_sharkplacard1.pdf](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/z_downloads/bookstore_sharkplacard1.pdf)

[www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/education/sharkkey/sharkkeynew.htm](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/education/sharkkey/sharkkeynew.htm)

**Federal Highly Migratory Species Permits (Tunas, Shark, Swordfish, Billfish)**  
1-888-872-8862 • <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>

Bluefin tuna, marlins, sailfish and swordfish landed in Maryland must be tagged before being removed from the boat. For information on obtaining tags, call Maryland DNR at 410-213-1531

# Volunteer Angler Survey

Help DNR characterize recreational catch and harvest by submitting data from your fishing trip. We need data on:



Bluefish



Bass Tournament



Striped Bass



Yellow Perch



Summer Flounder



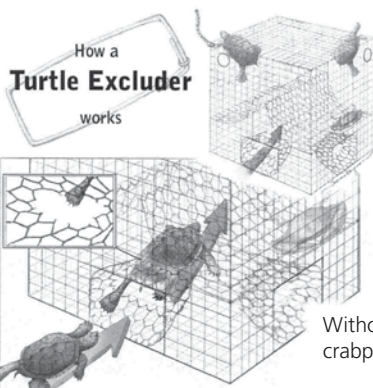
Blue Crab



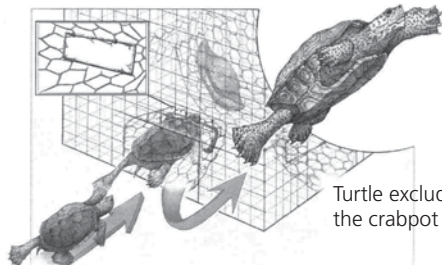
Muskellunge

## Participation is easy!

- Visit our website [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/survey/vasurvey.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/survey/vasurvey.html) to volunteer data about your fishing trip and catch
- Log in at the website for your species survey after each trip and enter your data
- You can also print survey forms from the website to mail in
- By joining the yellow perch or flounder volunteer angler survey, you will be entered in a drawing for fishing tackle donated by Bass Pro Shops and All Tackle.com



Without turtle excluders, terrapins enter the crabpot and drown.



Turtle excluders prevent the terrapins from entering the crabpot without hindering blue crab entry.

## Save the Terrapin Use turtle excluders

To get instructions to make your own visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/crabpot-trdcrappottrd.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/crabpot-trdcrappottrd.html)



# MARYLAND'S SEA TURTLE & MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING HOTLINE

## 1-800-628-9944

24 hours per day/7 days per week, toll free from any MD phone number

Call the hotline to report ALL **Sea** turtle or  
marine mammal (dolphin, whale, porpoise, seals, etc) sightings!

Call the hotline to report any marine mammal or sea turtle in Maryland waters -  
alive or dead.

- If calling from a non-Maryland phone number please use:
- Live animals: 410-373-0083 (National Aquarium,  
Marine Animal Rescue Program)
- Dead animals: 443-758-6607 (Department of Natural Resources)



### What To Do If You See

#### A Stranded Sea Turtle or Marine Mammal:

- Do not touch the animal – even if it is dead.
- Call 1-800-628-9944
- Record your location using latitude/longitude, a street address,  
and/ or a detailed description with landmarks
- Estimate and record the length, size, color, noticeable body parts,  
and movements (if alive)
- Take photos of the animal (even cell phone photos help)
- Stand by the animal until a stranding staff person contacts you



[www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/oxford/stranding.asp](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/oxford/stranding.asp)



[www.aqua.org/oceanhealth\\_mar.p.html](http://www.aqua.org/oceanhealth_mar.p.html)

# Be on the Lookout for Tagged Fish!

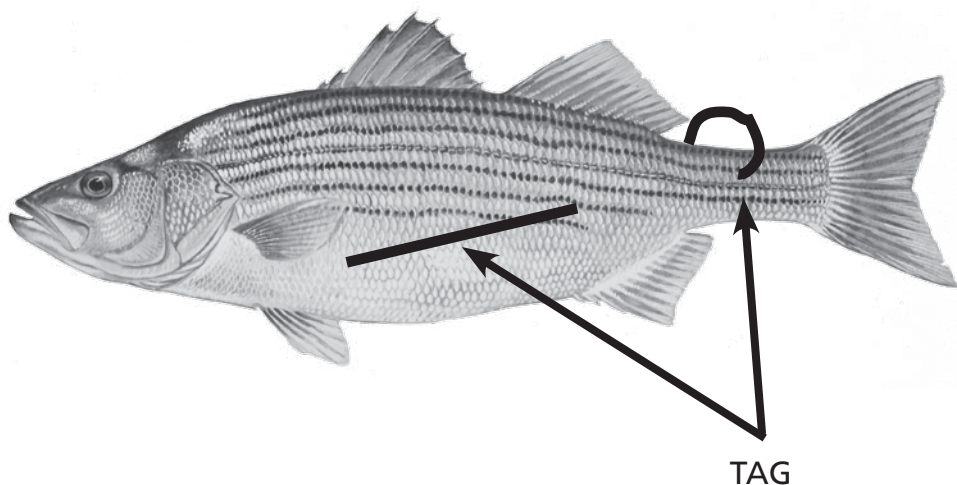
Tagging studies are an important tool to help fisheries managers learn more about fish survival and movements. There are several species of fish swimming in Maryland waters with various types of tags, including striped bass, largemouth bass, yellow perch, tautog and summer flounder.

The success of tagging studies relies on anglers like you. If you catch a tagged fish, please follow the instructions printed on the tag, or call Fisheries Service at 1-800-688-3467. Please record the tag number, capture date, fishing location, and total length.

Please be aware that the Diamond Jim component of the Maryland Fishing Challenge includes the tagging of hundreds of striped bass in Chesapeake Bay. These tagged fish could be worth between \$500 and \$25,000 to the lucky angler who lands and delivers the fish to a DNR Fisheries official for verification. Please note: The 2011 Diamond Jim tags expire on September 6, 2011. If you catch a striped bass with a Diamond Jim tag, **DO NOT REMOVE THE TAG!**

Call the number on the tag and a DNR official will follow up with you to verify your catch.

For more information on the Maryland Fishing Challenge (The World's Largest Fishing Tournament) go to page 48 or visit the Maryland Fishing Challenge pages online at [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/challenge](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/challenge)





*The World's Largest Fishing Tournament*

# MARYLAND FISHING CHALLENGE

[WWW.DNR.MARYLAND.GOV/FISHINGCHALLENGE](http://WWW.DNR.MARYLAND.GOV/FISHINGCHALLENGE)

The Maryland fishing Challenge featuring Diamond Jim is a free, year-round tournament sponsored by the Maryland DNR Fisheries Service, 27 recreational fishing organizations, and generous prize donors from across the state.

The purpose of the event is to promote the Free State's excellent fishing opportunities and the importance of kids in the outdoors as the key to future environmental stewardship.

Everyone who fishes legally in Maryland is automatically entered in the Maryland Fishing Challenge with a chance to win valuable prizes.

## There are three main components to the Maryland Fishing challenge:

1. Youth Fishing Rodeos — Anglers under the age of 16 may be chosen to advance to the Grand Awards Celebration in September from one of the many events sponsored by local community and fishing organizations.

In 2010, 21 youth anglers advanced to the awards event and won prizes including, sponsored fishing trips from the supporting fishing and conservation organizations, tackle packages from Bill's Outdoor Center and Bass Pro Shops and fishing kayaks donated by Kent Island Kayaks and Bass Pro Shops.

For information on Maryland Youth Rodeos in your area go to [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/news/story.asp](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/news/story.asp)

*Note: Not all youth rodeos are included in the Maryland Fishing Challenge program. Check with the organizer of the rodeo to find out if the winner will advance to the grand awards event.*

2. Citation Award — anyone fishing legally in Maryland has the opportunity to catch and record a citation award-winning fish by landing any of the 60 eligible species above a certain minimum size in three divisions. If you catch a fish that meets or exceeds the official citation award size, simply submit your catch at one of the official citation award centers (tackle shops) to receive your official Grand Awards Ceremony entry ticket. Complete the online registration to receive your angler award certificate and information on the awards event. Prize winners will be randomly selected from the attendees at the celebration, which will be held during the 44th Annual Maryland Seafood Festival on September 10, 2011 at Sandy Point State Park. Current Maryland Fishing Challenge citation award holders will enjoy free admission to the Maryland Seafood Festival for the day of the Grand Awards Ceremony.

Catch and Release anglers may also participate by submitting a clear photograph of the fish and the signature of a witness to a citation award center where they will receive a Grand Awards Ceremony ticket.

My First Fish anglers can participate by bringing their fish to a citation award center for verification.

3. The Return of Diamond Jim — Beginning in June, DNR Fisheries biologists and teams of young anglers take to the Chesapeake Bay to catch, tag and release hundreds of striped bass. Every tag has a unique number designating the striper as a potential Diamond Jim. All of the tagged fish are worth cash to the lucky angler who catches the fish. Each month until September, one fish will be designated as an official Diamond Jim worth thousands of dollars.

Check the DNR Fisheries website for the most current information on the values of tagged fish.

# The World's Largest Fishing Tournament

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## Maryland Fishing Challenge Official Rules:

The Maryland Fishing Challenge runs from September 7, 2010 to September 6, 2011. Anyone who catches a fish matching or exceeding the minimum citation award size requirements and checks the fish in at a citation award center will be invited to attend the Grand Awards Ceremony. Citation award winners will receive more information via letter, by email and with their Maryland Fishing Challenge Award Certificate.

Any angler is eligible except a professional guide, a charter boat captain, a crewman of a for-hire fishing boat or anyone who offers his fish for sale. No registration fee is required.

All fish registered must be caught on rod and reel. No other person may touch the rod or line until the leader is within grasp or the end of the leader has reached the rod tip.

Fish that have been snagged, shot, gaffed, speared, scaled, or mutilated are not eligible.

The catch must be lawful. Anglers should be aware of the fishing rules and eligible fish sizes.

Awards for sharks, billfish and red drum are given for released fish only. The word released must be printed on the entry blank. An exception may be allowed for state record fish, which must be weighed.

The Maryland Fishing Challenge reserves the right to refuse any application that is not complete or legible.

The decisions of the Maryland Fishing Challenge officials will be final.

Special awards may be awarded upon approval of the Maryland Fishing Challenge officials in the case of unusual catches or extenuating circumstances.

Submission of photographs authorizes DNR to use them for public promotion in any and all media including the Internet.

For information about the citation award program and the Maryland Fishing Challenge, contact Keith Lockwood at [klockwood@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:klockwood@dnr.state.md.us), (410) 226-0078, Ext 107.

## Where to Fish

All public Maryland waters including freshwater ponds, lakes, impoundments, reservoirs, streams, Chesapeake Bay tributaries, Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, Chincoteague Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight Bay, and Assawoman Bay and their tributaries bounded by the Maryland-Delaware line and the Maryland-Virginia line are included in the Maryland Fishing Challenge. Additionally, fish caught while aboard a sport fishing vessel leaving and returning to a Maryland port will be eligible if they meet the other citation award criteria.

## Maryland Youth Rodeos

*To "Catch a fish" is one of the Maryland Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, issued by Governor Martin O'Malley in April 2009 as part of the Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature, an initiative to ensure all Maryland young people have the opportunity to connect with their natural world and grow to become informed and responsible stewards.*

For information on Youth Rodeos in your area go to— [http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/news/story.asp?story\\_id=11](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/news/story.asp?story_id=11)

# 2011 Maryland Fishing Challenge

## Minimum Sizes For Citations

### FRESHWATER DIVISION

Bluegill	11 in.
Brook Trout	15 in.
Brown Trout	21 in.
Carp	36 in.
Catfish, Blue	40 in.
Catfish, Bullhead	15 in.
Catfish, Channel	30 in.
Chain Pickerel	24 in.
Crappie	15 in.
Cutthroat Trout	20 in.
Largemouth Bass	21 in.
Northern Pike	38 in.
Rainbow Trout	20 in.
Redbreast Sunfish	10 in.
Redear Sunfish	11 in.
Rock Bass	10 in.
Smallmouth Bass	21 in.
Striped Bass	36 in.
Muskellunge	40 in.
Tiger Muskellunge	40 in.
Walleye	26 in.
White Perch	13 in.
Yellow Perch	14 in.

### CHESAPEAKE BAY DIVISION

Black Drum	48 in.
Bluefish	34 in.
Carp	30 in.
Catfish, Channel	30 in.
Chain Pickerel	24 in.
Cobia	44 in.
Crappie	15 in.
Croaker	18 in.
Flounder	24 in.
Gar	36 in.
Largemouth Bass	22 in.
Red Drum*	any size
Rock Bass	10 in.
Sheepshead	24 in.
Smallmouth Bass	20 in.
Spanish Mackerel	22 in.
Spot	12 in.
Spotted Seatrout	24 in.
Striped Bass	40 in.
Walleye	26 in.
Weakfish	24 in.
White Perch	13 in.
Yellow Perch	14 in.

### ATLANTIC COAST DIVISION

Albacore (Longfin)	36 in.
Amberjack	45 in.
Atlantic Spadefish	24 in.
Black Drum	48 in.
Bluefish	34 in.
Blue Marlin*	any size
Cobia	44 in.
Croaker	18 in.
Dolphin	45 in.
False Albacore	24 in.
Flounder	24 in.
Golden Tilefish	28 in.
King Mackerel	40 in.
Northern Whiting (Kingfish)	14 in.
Red Drum*	any size
Sailfish*	any size
Seabass	20 in.
Shark, Blue*	any size
Shark, Hammerhead*	any size
Shark, Mako*	any size
Shark, Sand Tiger*	any size
Shark, Thresher*	any size
Shark, Tiger*	any size
Sheepshead	20 in.
Spot	12 in.
Spanish Mackerel	22 in.
Spotted Seatrout	24 in.
Striped Bass	40 in.
Swordfish*	any size
Tautog	24 in.
Tuna, Bigeye**	60 in.
Tuna, Blackfin**	30 in.
Tuna, Bluefin**	60 in.
Tuna, Yellowfin**	50 in.
Wahoo	60 in.
Weakfish	24 in.
White Marlin*	any size

\* Only released fish are eligible.

\*\* Use curved fork length measurements.

## Citation Centers

### ALLEGANY

Bassin Box Lavale  
Orleans Grocery Little Orleans  
Rocky Gap SP Flintstone

### ANNE ARUNDEL

Angler's Sport Center Annapolis  
Bass Pro Shops Hanover  
C&EJ's Hunting & Fishing Lothian  
Cobe Sport & Marine Center Pasadena  
Fishbone's Bait & Tackle, Inc. Pasadena  
Happy Harbor Inn Deale  
J J's Tackle Shop, Inc. Deale  
Marty's Sporting Goods Edgewater  
Warren's Bait Box Glen Burnie

### BALTIMORE

Beck's Gunsmithing Parkton  
Bluefin's Bait & Tackle Dundalk  
Bowley's Bait & Tackle Baltimore  
Clark's Sports Shop Baltimore  
Clyde's Sport Shop Baltimore  
Pearls Bait and Tackle Baltimore  
Gunpowder Falls SP Kingsville  
O.C. Outdoors Baltimore  
Set's Sport Shop Towson  
Tochterman's Baltimore  
Trophy Bait & Tackle Baltimore

### CALVERT

Bay Pro Shop Dunkirk  
Breezy Point Chesapeake Beach  
Bunky's Charter Boats Solomons  
Rod n' Reel Dock Chesapeake Beach  
Tyler's Tackle Shop Chesapeake Beach

### CAROLINE

Tuckahoe Sportsman Denton

### CARROLL

Piney Run Park Sykesville

### CECIL

Elk Neck SP North East  
Herb's Tackle Shop North East  
Sarge's Market Elkton  
Towsend Rock Run Landing Port Deposit

### CHARLES

Murphy's Store Port Tobacco  
Shymansky's Marina Cobb Island

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## **DORCHESTER**

**Taylor's Island Campground** Taylor's Island  
**Cove Bait and Tackle** Taylor's Island

## **REDERICK**

**Catfish Nation Bait & Tackle** Frederick  
**Fox's Sport and Bait Shop** Frederick

## **GARRETT**

**Bills Outdoor Center** Deep Creek Lake  
**BJ's Swanton**  
**Deep Creek Outfitters** Deep Creek Lake

## **HARFORD**

**Backwoods Sports** Joppa  
**Extreme Bait and Tackle** Havre de Grace

## **KENT**

**Cypress Creek Archery and Sporting Goods** Millington  
**Millington Hardware** Millington  
**River Rock Outdoors** Rock Hall  
**Shore Country Outdoors** Worton

## **MONTGOMERY**

**Triadelphia Reservoir (WSSC)** Brookeville

## **QUEEN ANNE'S**

**Chesapeake Outdoors** Chester  
**Kentmoor Harbour** Stevensville

## **SOMERSET**

**Crisfield Bait and Tackle** Crisfield  
**Dave's RV** Crisfield  
**L.E.Hitch & Sons** Eden  
**Somer's Cove Marina** Crisfield  
**White's Market** Princess Anne

## **ST. MARY'S**

**D'Outdoor Supplies** Calloway  
**New Market Texaco** Charlotte Hall  
**Rod n' Reel Club** Lexington Park  
**Scheible's Fishing Center** Ridge  
**The Tackle Box** Lexington Park

## **TALBOT**

**Gateway Marina** Trappe  
**Harrison's Chesapeake House** Tilghman  
**Shore Sportsman** Easton

## **WASHINGTON**

**Dungan's Sporting Goods** Hancock  
**Wolfe's on the Square** Williamsport

## **WICOMICO**

**Tin Man Customs** Quantico  
**John Henry's** Berlin

## **WORCESTER**

**AKE Marine ALLTACKLE** Ocean City  
**Bahia Marina** Ocean City  
**Buck's Place** Berlin  
**Harbor Tackle** Ocean City  
**Ocean City Fishing Center** Ocean City  
**Oyster Bay Tackle** Ocean City  
**Pocomoke River SP** Snow Hill  
**Sea Hawk Sport Center** Pocomoke City  
**Sunset Marine** Ocean City  
**Talbot Street Pier** Ocean City  
**White Marlin Marina** Ocean City

## **DELAWARE**

**Capt. Mack's Bait and Tackle** Selbyville  
**Eastern Marine** Newark

## **VIRGINIA**

**R.W.'s Sport Shop** Callao

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

**Pap's Bait and Tackle Shop** Keyser

Complete addresses and phone numbers  
for citation centers:

[http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreation/  
tournament/citationcenters.html](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreation/tournament/citationcenters.html)



# 2011 Maryland Fishing Challenge

## My First Fish

The Maryland My First Fish program recognizes an angler of any age that catches his or her fish in Maryland for the first time. Any species, regardless of length is eligible. However, if the fish is below the legal size, the application must be submitted as a catch and release entry, which requires the submission of a clear photograph and a witness signature at a citation award center. A special certificate will be awarded to the angler for this first fish. My First Fish anglers will also be invited to advance to the Maryland Fishing Challenge Grand Awards Event with a chance to win a special prize.

## Maryland Catch and Release Award Program

The Maryland Catch and Release Program rewards fishermen who release a citation award sized catch alive if the species is in season.

### Official Rules

1. Fish must be caught in Maryland waters by rod and reel and released alive.
2. Only one citation award per day per species per season.
3. Fish must be measured from tip of jaw to tip of tail.
4. Register the catch including a clear photo and the signature of a witness at a citation award center. Digital photos are acceptable. DNR will happily return your media to you after verifying the photograph.
5. In order for a catch and release angler to advance to the Grand Awards Event in the Maryland Fishing Challenge, the entry must include a clear photograph of the fish and the signature and contact information of a witness.
6. Fish must meet or exceed the minimum citation award length.

## Thank You :

The Maryland Fishing Challenge would not be possible without the passionate support of these dedicated fishing and conservation organizations and the generous sponsors who provide excellent prizes, participation and inspiration:

Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association • Baltimore City Recreation & Parks  
Bass Pro Shops • Brotherhood of the Junglecock • Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Women's Angler's Group • Coastal Conservation Association MD  
Living Classrooms Foundation • Maryland Aquatic Resources Coalition • Maryland Bass Federation Nation  
Maryland Fisherman's Annual • Maryland Charter Boat Association  
Maryland Legislative Sportsman's Foundation • Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association  
Mid Atlantic Council of Trout Unlimited • Ocean City Marlin Club • Ocean Pines Angler's Club  
Pasadena Sport fishing Group • Potomac/Patuxent Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Upper Bay Charter Boat Captains Association • Wish-A-Fish  
(LOGOS) Bass Pro Shops, Tracker Marine, WFN, Under Armour, Bill's Outdoor Center,  
Kent Island Kayaks.





# Catch & Release Tips for Handling Fish

MDNR urges everyone to be responsible in handling fish which are to be released alive. A released fish is wasted if we don't make the effort to handle it properly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Basic Fish Handling Tips

1. Don't hold fish in air for more than 30 seconds. When air temperature is greater than 85° F, reduce the time out of water.
2. Don't let fish hit the ground or the boat deck. Hold them over the water in case they are dropped.
3. Use a soft landing net (rubber or small nylon mesh) or firmly hold the fish with a wet rag or glove while removing the hook.
4. Try reviving fish that do not appear lively by opening its mouth and pulling it forward to force water over the gills.



## Fishing Techniques to Improve Survival

1. Use a non-offset circle hook when using bait. They are extremely effective in reducing injury.
2. Use barbless hooks with artificial bait. Barbs can be pinched down with pliers or filed off.
3. Always have pliers or hemostats handy for deeply hooked fish.
4. Leave hooks in fish that have swallowed them and cut the line as close to the mouth as possible.

Additional information available at: [http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/articles/catch\\_release.html](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/articles/catch_release.html)

## Special Tips for Bass and other Live Release Tournaments

1. Use an effective culling strategy that minimizes wounding the fish.
2. Wipe down live wells and transport tanks thoroughly before using them.
3. Remove dead fish from live wells and store in an ice chest.
4. Use ice and water exchanges to keep live well water temperatures within 5 – 7° F of ambient water temperature.
5. Perform partial water exchanges at least every 3 hours with good quality water.
6. Use an aerator and continuous recirculation to provide enough dissolved oxygen.

Bass Tournament Organizers are asked to register their events. Registration will allow MDNR to better monitor angler success and bass populations as well as provide tips and useful information to tournament participants. Please contact the MDNR Tidal Black Bass Manager, Dr. Joe Love at 410 260 8257 or visit <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreational/tidalbass/> for more information.

# 2011 Maryland Fishing Challenge

## State Record Rules and Procedures

Maryland DNR maintains state records for sport fish and awards a special plaque to anglers whose catch exceeds the current state record for a citation award species.

1. Entries must be submitted within two weeks of the catch.
2. Fish must be listed as a citation award species and caught by legal methods during an open season.
3. The catch must be weighed on Department of Agriculture-certified scales and confirmed by a biologist from the Department of Natural Resources.

Call (410) 279-0459 to set up an inspection of the fish and the tackle used to catch the fish.

4. Fish which are caught from pay-to-fish areas are not eligible for record consideration.
5. Citation award centers and anglers should immediately notify Maryland DNR Fisheries Service at (410) 279-0459 that a potential state record fish has been caught.
6. Positive identification of the species of the fish by a MD DNR biologist is mandatory for state record applications.
7. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to investigate the methods used in catching the fish and the accuracy of measuring and weighing. It also reserves the right to reject any application.

Citations awards are bestowed based on the length of a fish. However, fish being considered for state records must be weighed because existing records have historically been determined by weight. If the citation award center you visit does not have a Department of Agriculture-certified scale, a biologist from the Department of Natural Resources will need to verify the weight.

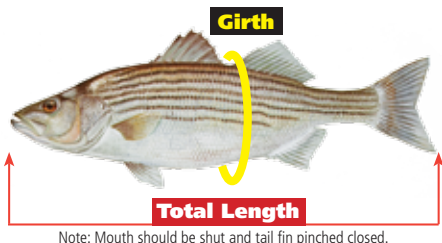
A potential record fish should be packed in ice in a cooler or immersed in ice water to help preserve the weight until a DNR biologist can personally verify the catch.

To register a potential Maryland state record, call (410) 279-0459.

## How to Measure a Fish

The total length of a fish is the maximum length with the mouth closed and the tail pinched together measured from the snout to the tip of the tail. The best way to obtain this straight line measurement is to push the fish's snout against a vertical surface with the mouth closed and with the fish lying along a tape measure and then pinch the tail fin closed to determine the total length. Do not pull a flexible tape measure along the curve of the fish. This will produce a false reading.

The girth of a fish is best measured with a fabric ruler. Knowing the girth is helpful in trying to determine if you have a possible record fish, which is determined by total weight. By using the total length and girth of a fish in inches you can get a rough estimate of the weight in pounds with this formula— $(\text{length} \times \text{girth} \times \text{girth}) \div 800 = \text{approximate weight}$ .



# 2011 Maryland Fishing Challenge

## Maryland State Records

### Freshwater Division

SPECIES	WEIGHT	ANGLER	WHERE CAUGHT	DATE
Bluegill	3 lbs., 7 oz.	Sarah Brenneman	Deep Creek Lake	08/09/98
Brook Trout	6 lbs., 1.75 oz.	Mike Fiorita, Jr.	North Branch-Potomac	04/10/99
Brown Trout	18 lbs., 3 oz.	Gary Kuhn	North Branch - Potomac	08/03/01
Carp	47 lbs., 8 oz.	Wayne Longenecker	Farm Pond	06/11/97
Catfish, Bullhead	3 lbs., 6 oz.	Zeljko Koretic	Loch Raven Reservoir	08/11/07
Catfish, Channel	27 lbs., 0.92 oz.	Steven Trent Abell	Potomac R. above Seneca Cr.	07/05/04
Chain Pickerel	7 lbs., 4 oz.	Roy Molick, Sr.	Johnson Pond	11/27/76
Crappie	4 lbs., 7 oz.	Jason D. Morrison	farm Pond	05/30/06
Cutthroat Trout	7 lbs., 9 oz.	David G. Martin	North Branch of the Potomac	05/20/00
Largemouth Bass	11 lbs., 2 oz.	Rodney Cockrell	Farm Pond	10/04/83
Muskellunge (True Strain)	28 lbs., .25 oz.	Matt Beall	Upper Potomac River	08/05/04
Northern Pike	24 lbs., 12 oz.	Shawn Jacobson	Deep Creek Lake	10/16/99
Rainbow Trout	14 lbs., 3 oz.	Dave Schroyer	Savage River Reservoir	10/21/87
Redear Sunfish	2 lbs., 5 oz.	Vittie Alkocius	Gilbert Run	06/04/85
Rock Bass	1 lb., 8 oz.	Earl W. Jenkins, IV	Thurmont Farm Pond	04/20/09
Smallmouth Bass	8 lbs., 4 oz.	Gary Peters	Liberty Reservoir	10/04/74
Striped Bass	47 lbs., 2 oz.	Robert Bruce	Liberty Reservoir	09/14/00
Tiger Muskellunge	29 lbs., 4.75 oz.	Kevin Conner	Dam #5 - Potomac River	02/14/97
Walleye	14 lbs., 4 oz.	John McCarley	Jennings Randolph Lake	05/16/98
Warmouth	9.76 oz.	Don Parantoni	Cash Lake	08/07/09
White Perch	1.62 lb.	John Williams	Loch Raven Reservoir	04/05/08
Yellow Perch	3 lbs., 5 oz.	Phillip Deere, IV	Harford County Farm Pond	03/12/06

### Chesapeake Division

*American Shad (White)	8 lbs., 2 oz.	Vance Carter	Wicomico River	05/03/75
Atlantic Spadefish	10 lbs.	Charlie Barron	Buoy 72	07/15/07
Black Drum	103 lbs., 8 oz.	Robert Messick, Jr.	Buoy #16	09/23/73
Bluefish	22 lbs.	John Davidson	off Queen Anne Marina	10/18/79
		Ronald Raffo	Hackett's Point	05/31/86
		Thomas R. Talbott	Chesapeake Beach	05/08/91
Carp	44 lbs., 6 oz.	Jimmy Lake	Morgantown Beach	04/28/78
Catfish, Blue	67 lbs, 1.6 oz	Ronald Lewis	Potomac, Ft. Washington	03/23/08
Catfish, Channel	29 lbs., 10 oz.	Kevin Kern	Mattawoman Creek	04/26/97
Chain Pickerel	6 lbs., 8 oz.	James Grant	Susquehanna River	05/19/65
Cobia	97 lbs., 12 oz.	John Scheifele	Middle Grounds	09/12/69
Crappie	4 lbs	Sid Stollings	Dundee Creek	03/30/07
Croaker	6.52 lbs.	Russell Knapp	Triangle off Point Lookout	09/04/06
Gar	16 lbs.	Thomas Pruitt	Wicomico River	07/29/06
* Hickory Shad	4 lbs.	John Schaeffer, Jr.	Susquehanna River	05/05/72
Largemouth Bass	11.18 lbs.	Justin Riley	Potomac River	01/26/08
Norfolk Spot	2 lbs.	Parlett Moore	Tangier Sound	09/05/78
* Red Drum	74 lbs., 6 oz.	Earnest Hutchison	Tangier Sound	05/15/77
Rock Bass	1 lb.	Timothy A. Adams	Susquehanna River	05/04/97
Sheepshead	13 lbs.	Margaret L. Taylor	Tangier Sound	06/11/06
Smallmouth Bass	6 lbs.	Charles Jones	Susquehanna River	07/23/71
Spanish Mackerel	12.4 lbs.	Dean Mitchell	Middle Grounds	10/06/07
Spotted Seatrout	16 lbs., 6 oz.	John Phillips	Roaring Point	05/15/77
Striped Bass	67 lbs., 8 oz.	Devin Nolan	Bloody Point	05/13/95
Summer Flounder	15 lbs.	Kenneth Grimes	Buoy #50	10/14/78
Tautog	9 lbs.	Gary Halbeisen	Point Lookout	10/29/05

# The World's Largest Fishing Tournament

Weakfish	16 lbs., 8 oz.	Wayne Lappe	Nanticoke River	05/08/79
White Perch	2 lbs., 10 oz.	Sid Stollings	Dundee Creek	05/18/79
Yellow Perch	2 lbs., 3 oz.	Niles Pethel	Marsh Creek	11/21/79

## Atlantic Coast Division

Albacore (Longfin)	74 lbs.	Victor Gardner	Baltimore Canyon	07/17/04
Atlantic Spadefish	11 lbs., 6.5 oz.	Noel Lohr	Triple Wrecks	09/02/04
Black Drum	79 lbs.	Stanley Ilyes	Bassgrounds	09/07/85
Bluefish	23 lbs., 8 oz.	Lillian Morris	Assateague Island	10/30/74
Blue Marlin	1062 lbs.	Robert Farris	Baltimore Canyon	08/07/09
Cobia	72 lbs.	Chris Toner	Great Gull Shoal	07/25/09
Dolphin	67 lbs., 8 oz.	Kim Lawson	53 miles off Ocean City	07/21/85
False Albacore	22 lbs., 8 oz.	Kevin Sheckells	Third Lump	06/25/95
Flounder	17 lbs.	Anthony Vicari	Assateague Island	10/03/74
Golden Tilefish	62 lbs.	Steve Doctor	Baltimore Canyon	10/22/09
Kingfish	2 lbs., 8 oz.	Grace Walker	Assateague Island	10/01/75
King Mackerel	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	Big Gulf	10/18/85
Porgy	6 lbs., 3 oz.	Pearl Hopple	Fenwick Shoal	07/04/66
*Red Drum	70 lbs.	Robert Light	Assateague Island	09/24/77
Seabass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	Jackspot	1978
Sheepshead	17 lbs., 8 oz.	Raymond Daniel	North Jetty, Ocean City	07/25/04
Spotted Seatrout	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	Sinepuxent Bay	08/21/73
Striped Bass	57 lbs., 2 oz.	Gary Smith	Assateague Island	05/06/06
Tautog	20 lbs., 11 oz.	Sam Beauchamp	MD's Atlantic Coast	03/11/07
Tuna, Bigeye	375 lbs., 8 oz.	Cecil Browne	Ocean City	08/26/77
Tuna, Blackfin	32 lbs.	Bob Zang	Ocean City	09/20/98
Tuna, Bluefin	625 lbs.	James Daniels IV	45 miles East Ocean City	08/03/75
Tuna, Yellowfin	236 lbs. 8 oz.	Mark Bennett	Washington Canyon	09/22/02
Wahoo	111 lbs.	Christian Tiller	Poor Man's Canyon	10/08/03
Weakfish	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	Ocean City Inlet	09/11/76
White Marlin	135 lbs.	George Pierson	Poor Man's Canyon	08/29/80
Winter Flounder	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Jeremy Kuhn	Ocean City	08/03/06
SHARKS:				
Black Tip	193 lbs.	Brian Zysk	Ocean City	08/04/91
Blue	280 lbs.	Martin Waltman	Ocean City	09/13/97
*Dusky	469 Lbs.	Jim Liberto	Ocean City	07/01/82
*Great White	467 lbs.	Jack Holmes	Ocean City	06/11/92
Hammerhead, Scalloped	254 lbs.	Jamie Gill	Massey's Canyon	08/05/09
Hammerhead, Smooth	375 lbs.	George Wilson Ford	Parking Lot	06/17/04
Mako	876 lbs.	Jim Hughes	Poor Man's Canyon	06/20/09
*Sand Tiger	334 lbs.	Billy Leidner	Ocean City	09/08/83
*Sandbar	235 lbs.	Mark Sampson	Ocean City	07/08/83
Smooth Dogfish	15 lbs., 5 oz.	Gregg Bacchien	Ocean City	05/22/93
Spiny Dogfish	11 lbs., 8 oz.	Meyels Sampson	Ocean City	05/17/93
Thresher	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	The Fingers	06/19/09
Tiger	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak	Ocean City, 20 Fathom Line	07/09/83

\* Indicates species is no longer eligible for state record consideration.



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# Maryland Fish

■ Freshwater ■ Bay



## Northern Pike - ■

30" minimum, creel 2  
*Citation Award Size 38"*



## Rainbow Trout - ■

No minimum size\*; creel 2\* in aggregate  
*Citation Award Size 20"*



## Smallmouth Bass - ■ ■

12" minimum, creel 5\*\*  
except 15" 3/1-6/15  
*Citation Freshwater Award Size 21"*  
*Citation Chesapeake Bay Size 20"*



## Walleye - ■

15" minimum, (20" max from Jan 1-April 15),  
creel 5  
*Citation Award Size 26"*



## Brook Trout - ■

No minimum size\*, creel 2 in  
aggregate  
*Citation Award Size 15"*



## Largemouth Bass - ■ ■

12" minimum\*, creel 5\*\*  
except 15" 3/1-6/15  
*Citation Freshwater Award Size 21"*  
*Citation Chesapeake Bay Size 22"*



## Brown Trout - ■

No minimum size, Creel 2\* in aggregate  
*Citation Award Size 21"*



## Muskellunge - ■

36" minimum, Creel 1  
*Citation Award Size 40"*

\* except where otherwise indicated in inland limits

\*\* smallmouth & largemouth bass in aggregate

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[www.dnr.maryland.gov/fishinginmd/](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fishinginmd/)

# Maryland Fish

■ Coastal Bays & Atlantic Ocean

■ Freshwater

■ Chesapeake Bay

Fish artwork by Duane Raver/USFWS



## Striped Bass - ■ ■ ■

**rockfish**

See pages 8, 36, 37 & 42 for size, creel and season regulations

*Citation Freshwater Award Size 36"*

*Citation Chesapeake & Coast Size 40"*



## Black Drum - ■ ■

16" minimum, creel limit 1

*Citation Award Size 48"*

## American Eel - ■ ■ ■

6" Minimum Creel limit 25



## Channel Catfish - ■ ■

10" minimum

*Citation Award Size 30"*



## Black Sea Bass - ■ ■

Check website for updates

*Citation Award Size 20"*

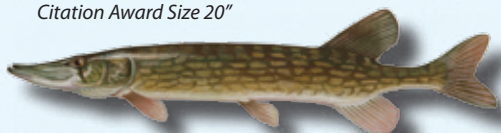


## Croaker - ■ ■

**hardhead**

9" minimum, creel limit 25

*Citation Award Size 18"*



## Chain Pickerel - ■ ■

14" minimum, creel limit 5 (inland); 10 (tidal)

*Citation Award Size 24"*



## Bluefish - ■ ■

8" minimum, creel limit 10

*Citation Award Size 34"*



## Flounder (Fluke) - ■ ■

Check website for updates

*Citation Award Size 24"*





## Red Drum - ■ ■ ■ *channel bass*

18" minimum & 27" max slot limit, creel limit 1

*Citation Award Any Size ONLY Catch & Release*



## Tautog - ■

14" minimum, creel limit 4 from Jan 1 to May 15 and month of November; 2 from May 16 to October 31

*Citation Award Size 24"*



## Scup - ■ *porgy*

8" minimum, creel limit 50



## Weakfish - ■ ■ ■

13" minimum, creel limit 1

*Citation Award Size 24"*



## Spanish Mackerel - ■ ■ ■

14" minimum, creel limit 15

*Citation Award Size 22"*



## White Perch - ■ ■ ■ ■

No minimum size or limit IF caught hook & line; 8" minimum if caught with other gear

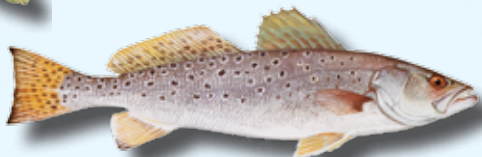
*Citation Award Size 13"*



## Yellow Perch - ■ ■ ■

9" minimum, creel 10 (tidal); no minimum size or creel in nontidal lakes except creel of 10 in Deep Ck. Lake.

*Citation Award Size 14"*



## Spotted Seatrout - ■ ■ ■

14" minimum, creel 10

*Citation Award Size 24"*

# Recreational Crabbing Rules for Chesapeake Bay

*(See page 43 for coastal bays and ocean rules.)*

**LEGAL HARVEST** – minimum allowable size – male only!

April 1 to July 14 – 5" hard crab – 3 1/4" peeler

July 15 to December 15 – 5 1/4" hard crab – 3 1/2" peeler

There is NO recreational harvest of female hard or peeler crabs.

Soft crabs April 1 – December 15 – 3 1/2"

## **Sally – CANNOT HARVEST**

An immature (adolescent) female blue crab, known as a Sally or She-Crab, is easily identified as having an inverted "V" or triangular shaped apron and red-tipped claws. →



## **Sook – CANNOT HARVEST**

A mature (adult) female blue crab, known as a Sook is identified as having an inverted "U" or bell-shaped apron and red-tipped claws.



## **Jimmy – CAN HARVEST**

A mature male blue crab, known as a Jimmy, has a long, narrow, inverted "T" shaped apron and blue-tipped claws.



Time, gear and catch restrictions are on pages 39-40 of the 2011 Fishing Guide and at [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/recregchrt.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/recregchrt.html)

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## RECREATIONAL CRAB POT REQUIREMENTS

All waterfront property owners who set crab pots in accordance with the rules on pages 40 and 43 are required to attach a Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) to each funnel or entrance to the lower chamber of the crab pot. This action was taken as a conservation effort to prevent air-breathing animals (turtles and muskrats) from entering and drowning in crab pots. BRDs have been proven to greatly reduce diamondback terrapin mortality and do not reduce the catch of blue crabs.



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