

**Table 7. State recreational regulations implemented for tautog in the 2015 and 2016 fishing years.**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>SIZE LIMIT</b> (inches)	<b>POSSESSION LIMITS</b> (number of fish/ person/ day)	<b>OPEN SEASONS</b> (dates inclusive)
Massachusetts	16"	3	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Rhode Island	16"	3	Apr 15 – May 31
		3	Aug 1 – Oct 15
		6 (up to 10 per vessel)	Oct 16- Dec 15 (private)
		6	Oct 20 – Dec 15 (party, charter)
Connecticut	16"	2	Apr 1-Apr 30
		2	July 1 – Aug 31
		4	Oct 10 – Dec 6
New York	16"	4	Oct 5 – Dec 14
New Jersey	15"	4	Jan 1 – Feb 28
		4	Apr 1 – Apr 30
		1	Jul 17 – Nov 15
		6	Nov 16 – Dec 31
Delaware	15"	5	Jan 1 – Mar 31
		3	Apr 1 – May 11
		5	July 17 – Aug 31
		5	Sept 29 – Dec 31
Maryland	16"	4	Jan 1- May 15
		2	May 16 – Oct 3
		4	Nov 1 – 26
Virginia	16"	3	Jan 1 - Apr 30 Sept 20 - Dec 31