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Marine Regulations

Fishing rules and regulations seem to change with the tide these days, and they vary greatly from state to state. That's why *The Fisherman* posts the current size and bag limits, seasons and licensing information covering all your favorite local species. Before heading out, check here for a state-by-state breakdown of current restrictions to ensure you'll be in compliance no matter how, when or where you fish.

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Atlantic Menhaden (Bunker): Minimum length: None,

*Daily creel limit: 50 fish per angler or 5 gallons
(whichever is the greater amount), Open Season: Open
Year Round

Black Sea Bass: 15-inch minimum (Excluding Tail Fin
Filament/Tendril), 5 fish bag limit, Open May 1 to
December 31

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler (including
"snappers,") no closed season

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

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charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod,
consistent with federal rules.*

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no
closed season

Hickory Shad & American Shad: No size limit, 6/angler
(both species aggregate,) no closed season

***American Shad: all state waters closed except the
Connecticut River

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no
closed season

Scup / Porgy: Private Vessel: 10-inch minimum, May 1 –
December 31, 30 fish per person.

For-Hire Bonus Season: September 1 – October 31, 45
fish per angler.

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1
fish per person; bonus voucher program through CT
DEEP

Summer Flounder/Fluke: 19-inch Minimum, 3 fish bag
limit, Open May 17 to September 21

Tautog / Blackfish: Minimum length: 16 inches

Open Season: April 1 - April 30, 2 fish per angler

Open Season: July 1 - August 31, 2 fish per angler

Open Season: October 10 - Dec. 6 4 fish per angler

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: 7" minimum size, 30/angler, no closed
season

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, April 1 -
December 31



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June 9-11, 2017: This event features:
Casting expert Ed Jaworowski; Interview

MARYLAND

Black Sea Bass: May 19-Sept. 21, Oct. 22-Dec.31 12.5

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~~Bluefish: 8" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season~~

Croaker: 9" minimum size, limit 25/angler, no closed season

Flounder: Effective April 1, 2017, four fish at 17 inches per person/day.

Herring: Moritorium

Red Drum: 18" - 27" slot limit, 1/angler, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: One fish, 28 inches along Coast. In Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, one fish, 28 to 36 inches or one fish larger than 40 inches from 4/18-5/15; from 5/16-12/15 two striped bass over 20 inches, but only one may be over 28 inches. From 5/16-5/31, one fish, 20 to 26 inches on Susquehanna Flats and the Northeast River.

Tautog: 16" minimum size, 2/angler, 4/angler from January 1 - May 15 and from November 1 thru November 14; 2/angler from May 16 thru Oct 31

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Yellow Perch: 9" minimum size, 10 per day per person, no closed season

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American Eel: 6" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

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~~Black Sea Bass: May 21 - August 31, 5 fish, 15-inch~~

minimum.

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Cod: NORTH OF CAPE COD - Private Angler: no closed season, 1 fish, 19-inch minimum.

SOUTH OF CAPE COD - Private Angler: no closed season, 10 fish, 22-inch minimum.

Haddock: NORTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 12 fish, 17-inch minimum.

SOUTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, no bag limit, 18-inch minimum.

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

Pollock: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: Private Angler: May 1 - December 31, 30 fish or 150 fish/vessel if 5 or more anglers on board, 10-inch minimum.

For-Hire Bonus: May 1 - June 30, 45 fish, 10 inch minimum.

For-Hire Regular: July 1 - December 31, 30 fish, 10-inch minimum.

Shad: No minimum size, 6/angler, no closed season

Smelt: No minimum size, 50/angler, June 16 - March 14

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Summer Flounder/Fluke: May 22 - September 24, 4 fish, 17-inch minimum.

Tautog / Blackfish: 16" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

White Perch: 8" minimum size, 25/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: NORTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 8 fish, 12-inch minimum.

SOUTH & EAST OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 2 fish, 12-inch minimum.

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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American Eel: 6" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

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~~American Shad: No minimum size, 2/angler, no closed~~

season

Atlantic Salmon: 15" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed

season, snagging not allowed

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Cod: 24" minimum size, 10/angler, November 1 - April

15; April 1 - June 30, Gulf of Maine Spawning Protection

Area closed.

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

season

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler/vessel, no closed

season

Pollock: 19" minimum size if taken in federal waters, no

creel limit, no closed season

Striped Bass: 28" minimum size, 2/angler (only 1 fish

may be greater than 40"), no closed season

Summer Flounder/Fluke: TBD

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 8/angler, season

closed May 15 - May 24

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit,

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Black Sea Bass: 12-1/2" minimum open 5/26-6/18 (10 fish); 12-1/2" minimum open 7/1-8/31 (2 fish); 12-1/2" minimum open 10/22-12/31 (15 fish)

Blue Crab: 3" minimum size for peeler/shedder 3-1/2" for for soft shell 4-1/2" hard shell Limit one bushell

Bluefish: No minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

Cobia: 37" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season.

No possession allowed in federal waters (beyond 3 miles)

Cod & Haddock: 21" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

King Mackerel: 23" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy : 9" minimum size, 50/angler, Jan 1- Feb 28 and July 1-Dec 31

Red Drum: 18"-27" slot size, 1/angler, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: One fish from 28 inches to less than 43 inches, one fish greater than 43 inches. No closed season 0-3 miles from shore; Delaware River from Trenton to Salem River open 3/1-3/31 and from 6/1-12/31; all other marine waters open 3/1-12/31 except beyond 3 miles which is closed year-round.

Summer Flounder: 18" minimum size, 3/angler, May 25 - Sept 5 (17" minimum size, 3/angler west of COLREGS on Delaware Bay; 16" minimum size, 2/angler at IBSP)

Tautog: 15" minimum size, January 1 - February 28 (4 fish), April 1 - April 30 (4 fish), July 17 - Nov. 15 (1 fish) and November 16- December 31-(6 fish)

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, Mar. 1- Dec 31

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American Shad: Moratorium

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~~Black Sea Bass: 15" minimum size, 3/angler, June 27~~

Aug 31; 8/angler, Sept 1 - October 31; 10/angler Nov 1 - Dec 31.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip) 4.5" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, 3" peeler/shedder, 50 creel limit, no closed season; All other crab species: no minimum size, 50 creel limit, no closed season

Bluefish: No minimum size for first ten fish, 12 inch minimum for additional fish, 15/angler total, no closed season

Cod: Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season;

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Fluke (Summer Flounder): 19 " minimum size, 3/angler, May 17 - September 21

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Hickory Shad: No minimum size, 5/angler, no closed season

Monkfish (goosefish): 17" minimum size(11" tail length,) no creel limit, no closed season

Oyster Toadfish: 10" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy (Scup): 10" minimum size, 30/angler, May 1 - December 31; charter and open boat creel limit expands to 45/angler from September 1 - October 31.

Red Drum: No minimum size, 27" maximum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: Marine: 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person, April 15 - December 15

Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge: 1 fish per person 18 - 28 inches OR greater than 40 inches, April 1 - November 30

Tautog (Blackfish): 16" minimum size, 4/angler, October 5 - December 14

Weakfish: 16" minimum size (10" filleted/12" dressed,)

RHODE ISLAND**American Eel:** 6" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed

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Black Sea Bass: 15-inch minimum, May 25 – August 31,

3 fish. September 1 – September 21, 7 fish. September

22 – October 21, CLOSED. October 22 – December 31, 7

fish.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip,) 5"

hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, no creel limit, May 1 -

November 30

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season**Haddock:** 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

season

Scup / Porgy: SHORE & PRIVATE BOAT – May 1 –

December 31, 10-inch minimum, 30 fish per angler.

PARTY & CHARTER BOAT: 10-inch minimum, May 1 –

August 31 & November 1 – December 31, 30 fish per

person. September 1 – October 31, 45 fish per person.

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1

fish per person.

Summer Flounder/Fluke: 19-inch minimum, May 1 –

December 31, 4 fish.

Tautog / Blackfish: 16-inch minimum - April 15 – May

31, 3 fish per person; June 1 – July 31 CLOSED; August

1 – October 14, 3 fish per person; October 15 –

December 15, 6 fish per person. Maximum per vessel

possession limit is 10 fish regardless of number of

anglers on board.

Weakfish: March 1 – December 31, 16-inch minimum, 1

fish per person.

Winter Flounder (Blackback): No closed season, 12-

inch minimum, 2 fish per person. See website for

restricted waters.

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit,

no closed season

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