



Atlantic Seasons, Sizes, & Limits



ATLANTIC OCEAN, COASTAL BAYS and TRIBUTARIES				
Species	Minimum Size Limits	Season	Creel Limit	Remarks
American eel	9 inches	January 1–August 31, except open year round for spears and baited traps or pots	Daily—25	
Black Drum	16 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1 Boat limit—6	
Black sea bass	12.5 inches	May 15–Dec 31	Daily—15	
Bluefish	Subject to change. Refer to online regulations for updates eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/ (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/)			
Cobia	Subject to change. Refer to online regulations for updates eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/ (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/)			
Croaker (Hardhead)	9 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—25	
Dolphinfish (Mahi-Mahi)	None	Open Year Round	Daily—10 Boat limit—60	Only applies to federal waters.
Grouper species	None	Open Year Round	Daily—1	Grouper species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=/comar/08.02.05.29.htm (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=/comar/08.02.05.29.htm)
Lobster	3 3⁄8–5 1⁄4 inches carapace length	CLOSED Feb. 1–March 31	100/person/24 hour period or 500 for a 5-day or longer trip when using gear other than lobster traps	Must be landed whole. Spearing is prohibited. No egg-bearing females.
Red drum (Channel Bass or Puppy Drum)	18–27 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1	

Scup (Porgy)	8 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—50	
Sharks	New Rules – See Highly Migratory Species (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/highly-migratory-sp			
Sheepshead	None	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
Snapper species (includes many species, please see list)	Subject to change. Refer to online regulations for updates eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/ (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/)			Snapper species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=(https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://www.dsd.file-08.02.05.29.htm
Spanish Mackerel*	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—15	
Spot	Subject to change. Refer to online regulations for updates eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/ (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://eregulation			
Spotted seatrout	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
Striped Bass	See Atlantic Striped Bass Section— Striped Bass (https://web.archive.org/web/20200225000021/http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/striped-bass/)			
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	16.5 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
Tautog	16 inches	CLOSED May 16–June 30	January 1–May 15: Daily—4 July 1–October 31: Daily—2 November 1–December 31: Daily—4	
Tilefish (Blue line, Golden, Sand)	Tilefish species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=08.02.05.29.htm Must follow federal limits and season.			
Wahoo	None	Open Year Round	Daily—2	Only applies to federal waters.
Weakfish	13 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1	
Alewife Herring, American Shad, Atlantic sturgeon, Blueback Herring and shortnose STURGEON	CLOSED			

* Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagic Charter/Headboat Permits for Spanish and king mackerel are available through the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office



