

XI. Tables**Table 1. Summary of state regulations for weakfish in 2009.**

State	Commercial	Recreational
MA	16"; open 1/1-12/31.	16", 6 fish
RI	16"; open 6/1-6/30 & 8/7-11/8. Trawl: codend mesh \geq 4.5" diamond or 4.0" square. 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% bycatch rule (except hook and line: 0 lb bycatch).	16", 6 fish
CT	16"; open 1/1-12/31.	16", 6 fish
NY	16" (12" dressed & 10" filleted); open 4/1-6/24 & 8/28-11/15. Trawl: codend mesh size \geq 4.5" diamond or 4.0" square. Gill & trammel net: mesh \geq 3.5" stretched. 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% rule (except hook & line: 0 lb bycatch).	16" (12" dressed, 10" fillet), 6 fish
NJ	Gill net: 13"; open 1/1-5/20 & 9/3-10/19 & 10/27-12/31; mesh \geq 3.25" stretched except 2.75 - 3.25" allowed within 2nm for permitted fishermen doing monthly reporting. Otter trawl: 13" 1/1-8/31 & 12" 9/1-12/31; open 1/1-7/31 & 10/13-12/31; mesh \geq 3.75" diamond or 3.375 square. Pound net: 13"; open 1/1-6/6 & 7/1-12/31. 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% rule. Hook & line: 13", 6 fish, open 1/1-12/31.	13", 6 fish
DE	Gill net: 12"; only nets with stretch mesh \geq 3.125" allowed in water 4/1-6/30, none permitted weekends and legal holidays 5/10-9/30. Drift gill net: open 1/1-12/31 except 34 specified days of gear out of water in May and June. Anchor gill net: open 1/1-5/9 and 10/1-12/31, otherwise gear out of water. Hook & line: 13"; unlimited possession 4 days/week during 5/1-10/31, 6 fish creel limit all other times.	13", 6 fish
MD	12". Ocean trawl: open 10/17-12/29 except Saturdays & Sundays. Ocean other gears: open 3/26-4/25 & 9/3-11/14 except Sundays. Chesapeake Bay all gears: open 8/5-9/30. Gillnet: mesh \geq 3.0" stretched. Trawl: mesh \geq 3.375" square or 3.75" diamond. 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% rule (except hook & line: 0 lb bycatch)	13", 6 fish
PRFC	12"; open 7/28-12/31; 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% rule for certified pound nets with approved cull panels, and 0 lb bycatch for all other gears. Pound net: limited entry.	12", 6 fish
VA	Gill net: 12"; open 3/16-5/13 & 10/21-12/30. Pound net: no minimum size; limited entry; open 4/1-4/30 & 5/23-9/12 unless exempted by license forfeit. Haul seine: no minimum size; open 4/16-6/10 & 8/21-9/24. Out of state trawl: 12" except 300 undersized fish allowed; open 4/1-9/25; codend mesh \geq 3.0". Hook & line: 12"; open 1/1-12/31. 150 lb bycatch limit (per licensee, 450 lb per vessel maximum), 50% rule.	12", 6 fish
NC	12" except 10" for long haul seines & pound nets in internal waters 4/1-11/15; open 1/1-12/31. Gill net: mesh \geq 2.875" stretch. Flynet: gear requirements & area closure south of Cape Hatteras. Long haul seine: culling panel requirement south of Bluff Shoal. 150 lb bycatch limit & 50% rule. BRDs in shrimp trawls. Hook & line: 6 fish.	12", 6 fish
SC	12", 10 fish. BRDs in shrimp trawls.	12", 10 fish
GA	13", 6 fish. BRDs in shrimp trawls.	13", 6 fish
FL	12". BRDs in shrimp trawls.	12", 4 fish