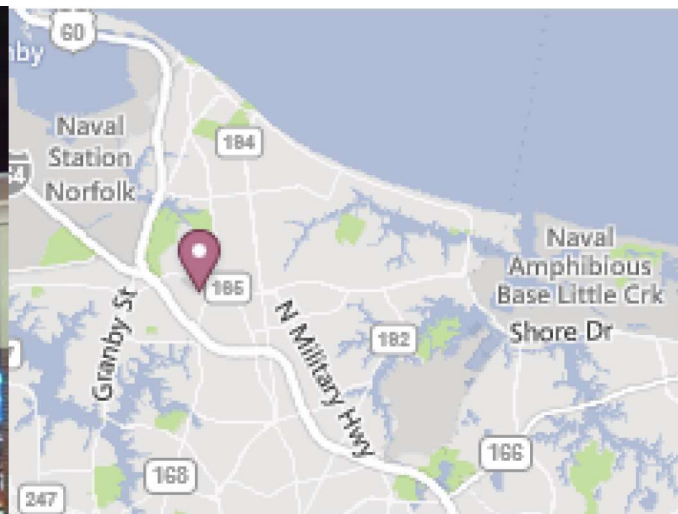


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**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION  
2015 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR  
VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS SIZE and POSSESSION LIMITS**

<b>AMBERJACK</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	32 inches
Possession Limit.....	2 per person
<b>AMERICAN EEL</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	9 inches
Possession Limit.....	25 per person (50 for charter/head boat captain and mate)
<b>BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	16 inches
Possession Limit.....	1 per person
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b>	
Open season.....	May 15–Sept 21 and Oct 22–Dec 31
Minimum Size Limit.....	12 ½ inches
Possession Limit.....	15 per person
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	None
Possession Limit.....	10 per person
<b>COBIA</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	37 inches
Possession Limit.....	1 per person
<b>GREY TROUT (WEAKFISH)</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	12 inches
Possession Limit.....	1 per person
<b>GROUPER (All species, including Wreckfish)</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	None
Possession Limit.....	1 per person
<b>KING MACKEREL</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	27 inches
Possession Limit.....	3 per person
<b>RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	18 inches
Maximum Size Limit.....	26 inches
Possession Limit.....	3 per person
<b>RIVER HERRING (ALEWIFE; BLUEBACK).....</b>	
Illegal to Possess	
<b>SCUP (PORGY)</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	8 inches in state waters; 9 inches in Federal
Possession Limit.....	30 per person
<b>SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD).....</b>	
Illegal to Possess	
<b>SHEEPSHEAD</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	None
Possession Limit.....	4 per person
<b>SPADEFISH</b>	
Minimum Size Limit.....	None
Possession Limit.....	4 per person

Where open or closed seasons are specified, dates are inclusive.



All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing. [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)  
May 2015



**SPANISH MACKEREL**

Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches

Possession Limit.....15 per person

**SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)**

Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches

Possession Limit.....5 per person

Only one speckled trout of the 5-fish limit may be 24 inches or greater

**STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)**

Regulations on seasons, size limits, possession limits, available on separate regulation card or from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information, see below.)

**STURGEON.....**

Illegal to Possess

**SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)**

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches

Possession Limit.....4 per person

**TAUTOG**

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches

Possession Limit.....3 per person

Season Closed.....May 1–September 19

**TILEFISH (Blueline, Golden & Sand Tilefish)**

Minimum Size Limit.....None

Possession Limit.....7 per person

**SHARKS**

Recreationally Prohibited Species – It is illegal to take or possess any shark from the "Recreationally Prohibited Species" list, as defined in Regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, Sandbar, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dogfish Sharks but must be landed with head and all fins attached.

Minimum Size Limit (exceptions below).....54 inches fork length (FL). All sharks must be landed with head and fins attached; hammerhead sharks must be 78 inches FL or greater, no minimum size applies to Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose, Finetooth Sharks.

Possession Limit.....1 per vessel

Possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person.

A non-boat assisted shore angler is entitled to a vessel possession limit

Season Closed.....May 15–July 15

(Includes Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, and Tiger Shark)

Federal waters, beyond the Three Mile Limit governed by different regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Sharks may only be taken by handline or rod and reel; No spearing or bow fishing.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

**Saltwater Fishing License** – Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted. For an FIP number, register at: [www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP) or call 1-800-723-2728.

**Measurements** – Size limits are in total length; fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

**Snagging** – Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.

**VMRC website:** [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)

Information may also be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 247-2200; or from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 491-5160.