

New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife 2002 Marine Recreational Fishing Seasons Possession & Minimum Size Limits

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Harvest & Possession Limit (per person unless noted)
American Eel	No Closed Season	6"	50
Black Drum	No Closed Season	16"	3
Black Sea Bass	No Closed Season	11 1/2" Excluding tail filaments	25
Bluefish	No Closed Season	No Minimum	15
Cobia	No Closed Season	37"	2
Cod	No Closed Season	21"	No Limit
Haddock	No Closed Season	21"	No Limit
King Mackerel	No Closed Season	23"	3
Pollock	No Closed Season	19"	No Limit
Porgy (Scup)	July 1–Oct. 31	10"	50
Red Drum	No Closed Season	18"	5, only 1 over 27"
River Herring	No Closed Season	No Limit	35
Shad	No Closed Season	No minimum	6
Shark+ **except prohibited species	No Closed Season	48"	2 per vessel
Spanish Mackerel	No Closed Season	14"	10
Striped bass or hybrid striped bass —Del. River & tributaries (Rt. 1 bridge to Salem River & tributaries) —Del. River & tributaries (upstream of Rt. 1 bridge) —Atlantic Ocean 0-3 miles from shore —All other waters	Mar. 1–Mar. 31 and June 1–Dec. 31 Mar. 1–Dec. 31 No Closed Season Mar. 1–Dec. 31	28" AND Greater or equal to 24" but less than 28"	1 AND 1
Summer Flounder	May 18–September 24	16 1/2"	8
Tautog	Oct. 10–May 31 June 1–Oct. 9	14" 14"	10 1
Weakfish	No Closed Season	14"	14
Winter Flounder	March 1–May 31 Sept. 15–Dec. 31	11"	No Limit
No species of fish with a minimum size limit listed above may be filleted or cleaned at sea (except striped bass if fillet is at least 28" long). (Party boats licensed to carry 15 or more passengers may apply for a permit to fillet the above species, except striped bass, at sea.)			
Blue Crab			
—peeler or shedder	No Closed Season*	3"	
—soft	No Closed Season*	3 1/2"	1 bushel
—hard	No Closed Season*	4 1/2"	
Lobster (carapace length)	No Closed Season	3 1/4" (see page 16)	6
Hard Clam—license required	No Closed Season	1 1/2"	150 clams
* Unless using non-collapsible, Chesapeake-style crab pots. See section on crab pots, pages 16 and 22. **Prohibited Sharks Species: basking shark, whale shark, white shark, sand tiger shark, bigeye tiger shark + Not including dogfish: see description on page 15.			
Regulations in red are new this year.			

Motor Boat Regulations

For information write:
Division of Motor Vehicles
PO Box 403, Trenton, NJ 08625-0403
or contact your local DMV office
for a boat "NJ" number.
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