

### 2003 Commercial Tautog Regulations

STATE	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMITS	SEASONS	QUOTA	GEAR RESTRICTIONS
Massachusetts	16"	40	April 15-May 15 July 11-October 31		Yes
Rhode Island	16"	10	April 15-May 31	17,116lbs	Yes
	16"	10	August 1-September 15	17,116lbs	
	16"	10	October 15-December 31	17,116lbs	
Connecticut	14"	a	January 1-April 30 June 15-Dec 31		Yes
New York	14"	b	some gears		Yes
New Jersey	14"		April 15-June 30 November 1-January 15	103,000lbs	Yes
Delaware	14"/15"	See recreational	See Recreational		
Maryland	14"	5			Yes
Virginia	14"		Jan 1- April 30 Sept 1- Dec 31		Yes

### 2003 Recreational Tautog Regulations

STATE	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMITS	SEASONS
Massachusetts	16"	3	-
Rhode Island	16"	3	May 1-October 14
	16"	10	October 15-December 31
Connecticut	14"	4 (daily)	Jan 1-Apr 30, June 15- Nov 23
New York	14"	10	October 1-May 31
New Jersey	14"	4	January 1-May 31
	14"	1	June 1-November 14
	14"	8	November 15-December 31
Delaware	14"	10 <sup>c</sup>	Jul 1 - Mar 31
	15"	3	Apr 1 - Jun 30
Maryland	14"	5	d
Virginia	14"	7	Open

- a The trawl fishery has a possession limit of 75 fish, the commercial hook, fish pot, trap net, fyke net, and gill net fisheries the possession limit is 25 fish, and in the lobster pot fishery the possession limit is 10 fish. Holders of Connecticut Marine Pound Net Registration may possess up to twelve fish year round except that during the May 1 through June 14 closed season all female tautog must be released without avoidable injury. All possession limits are daily limits.
- b New York has a 25 fish vessel trip limit for commercially caught tautog, except only 10 per vessel are allowed when lobster pot gear and more than six lobsters are in possession.
- c Delaware has a 28 day closure from September 1 through September 28.
- d Maryland will close the tautog recreational fishing season from December 1 through December 31.