

# 2003 MAINE STRIPED BASS REGULATIONS

Maine's striped bass regulations cover all Maine coastal waters up to the head of tide in all rivers. In addition, there are special regulations in effect from December 1 through June 30 in the Kennebec, Sheepscot and Androscoggin Rivers and all related tributaries (see below).

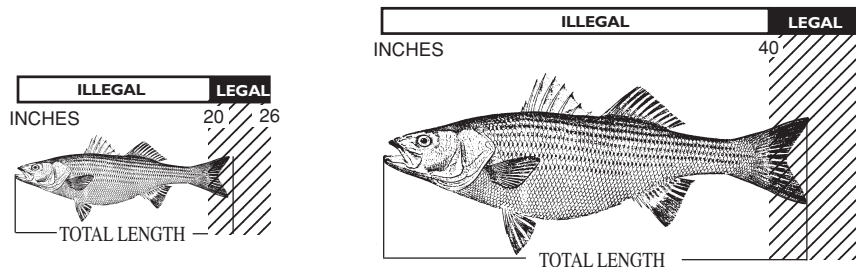
## STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

**OPEN SEASON** January 1 through December 31, inclusive (except the Kennebec watershed, see below).

**BAG & SIZE LIMITS** A person may take and possess 1 fish per day. The fish may be between 20 and 26 inches total length, inclusive, **OR** 40 inches or greater in total length.

**DISPOSITION** Personal Use Only, sale is prohibited. Fish must remain whole and intact.

**GENERAL GEAR RESTRICTIONS** Hook and line only, no gaffing of striped bass.



## SPECIAL KENNEBEC\*\* REGULATIONS

(including the Sheepscot and Androscoggin Rivers and all related bays and tributaries)

**CATCH & RELEASE SEASON WITH SPECIAL GEAR RESTRICTIONS** From May 1 through June 30, inclusive. Fishing in this area is restricted to single hooked\* artificial lures only and use of or possession of marine bait, dead or alive, is prohibited.

**OPEN SEASON** July 1 through November 30, inclusive.

**CLOSED SEASON** Striped bass fishing is prohibited from December 1 through April 30, inclusive.

(\*may be a single treble hook)

**\*\*The Kennebec watershed is defined as all coastal waters inside and upstream of a line drawn from the outer extremity of Cape Small, in Phippsburg, to the outer extremity of Salter Island, thence to the outer extremity of Cape Newagen, in Southport. This area includes the coastal waters of Popham Beach and the adjoining State Park, Reid State Park, and all riverine waters of the Kennebec, Sheepscot, and Androscoggin Rivers including all bays and tributaries of those rivers to the head of tide. Due to the removal of Edwards dam, the "head of tide" in the Kennebec River is now at the downstream side of the power line located approximately 4,200 feet upstream of the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta for enforcement purposes.**



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