



## 2001 Recreational Marine Minimum Size, Possession Limits and Seasons

Below is a summary of recreational marine fish minimum size, possession limits and seasons. More detailed information is found in the **Fish & Wildlife DIGEST**, available at Division offices and most coastal bait and tackle shops. There is also a [summary sheet](#) available online.

### Prohibited Species

It is illegal to take, possess or land any of the following species:

- Atlantic sturgeon
- Basking shark
- Bigeye sand tiger shark
- Sand tiger shark
- Shortnose sturgeon
- Whale shark
- White shark

### Regulation Summary Table

Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black sea bass). Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	POSSESSION LIMIT	NOTES
American eel	6"	no limit <b>NOTE:</b> Change to 50 is pending	Watch for pending changes going into effect
Black drum	no minimum size <b>NOTE:</b> 16" size is pending	no limit <b>NOTE:</b> Change to 3 is pending	Watch for pending changes going into effect
Black sea bass	11"	25	<a href="#">see illustration</a> for measuring May 10 - Feb. 29, 2002
Blue crab	peeler or shedder - 3" soft - 3½" hard - 4½"	one bushel	measured point to point; <a href="#">see illustration</a>
Bluefish	no minimum size	15	
Cobia	37"	2	
Cod	21"	no limit	
Haddock	21"	no limit	

Hard Clam	1½"	150	<a href="#">see illustration</a>
King mackerel	23"	3	
Lobster	3¼" (carapace length)	6	
Pollock	19"	no limit	
Red drum	18"	5	only one fish over 27"
Scup (porgy)	9"	50	July 4 - Dec. 31
Shad	no minimum size	6	
Shark	23" (alternate length) or 48" (total length)	2 per vessel	<a href="#">see illustration</a>
Spanish mackerel	14"	10	
Striped bass or Hybrid striped bass	1 fish at 28" 1 fish at 24" or greater, but less than 28"		Delaware R. & tribs. (Commodore Barry Bridge to Salem R. & tribs.): Mar. 1 - 31 and June 1 - Dec. 31 Atlantic Ocean (0-3 miles from shore): no closed season Atlantic Ocean (Greater than 3 miles from shore): CLOSED All other marine waters open Mar. 1 - Dec. 31
Summer flounder (fluke)	16"	8	Open season: May 12 - Sept. 11
Tautog	14"	see notes	Open seasons: Oct. 10 - May 31: 10 fish limit June 1 - Oct. 9: 1 fish limit
Weakfish	14"	14	
Winter flounder	11"	no limit	Open seasons: March 1 - May 31 Sept. 15 - Dec. 31

