

Regulatory History Striped Bass

Effective date: September 3, 1990 (17:17 Md. R. 2077)

1990 September .11 adopted to establish a Recreational Trophy Fishery for anglers.

Regulation .11 adopted as an emergency provision effective May 10, 1991 (18:8 Md. R. 860); emergency status expired May 28, 1991

1991 May .11 adopted to establish a Recreational Trophy Fishery for anglers.

Regulations .03—.06, .08, and .10 amended and new Regulations .11—.13 adopted as an emergency provision effective July 30, 1991 (18:16 Md. R. 1806); adopted permanently effective November 11, 1991 (18:22 Md. R. 2395)

1991 July .03 amended to modify the designated spawning rivers and areas by adding where the designated areas are upstream from.

.04 amended so that the 1991-1992 quota year target is 1,074,700 pounds, and also outlined allotments for commercial fisherman, recreational fishermen and fishing guide anglers.

.05 amended in accordance to the time period established in Regulation .10 and .12.

.06 amended in accordance to the time period established in Regulation .10 and .12 and modified so that the commercial season for all gears is December through March 15th.

.08 amended so to require the notification of a Natural Resources Police Officer of a harvest which exceeds a licensee's daily allowable harvest plus 10%.

.10 amended to establish specifications for the 1991-1992 quota year for commercial fisheries; these specifications consist of: intent, seasons and prohibited and limitations in fishing.

.11 amended to add specifications for the 1991-1992 quota year for recreational fisheries.

.12 amended to add specifications for the 1991-1992 quota year for charter boat fisheries.

.13 added general restrictions. These restrictions included: A) Gill net licensee may not take striped bass; B) Person may not use a gaft or similar device on Striped Bass; and C) Between 8:00pm and 5:00 am a person cannot possess a striped bass while on the water or while fishing.

Regulation .10C amended as an emergency provision effective January 1, 1992 (18:26 Md. R. 2826); emergency status expired February 28, 1992

1992 January .10C amended so that more than 4 licenses with individuals permits may not harvest striped bass on a boat on any day.

Regulation .12-1 adopted effective April 13, 1992 (19:7 Md. R. 745)

1992 April .12C established specifications for the 92-93 quota year trophy fishery.

Regulations .04, .08, .10, and .12 amended as an emergency provision effective July 1, 1992 (19:14 Md. R. 1272);

1992 July .04, .08, .10 and .12 amended to change the year requirements from 1991-1992 to 1992-1993.

.04 amended to make the 1992-1993 harvest 1,636,000 pounds.

.06 amended to change the reference from .12 to .12-1, and change “shall” to “may”.

.08 amended to add in changes to Permits and Tags section, adding in the requirements to: provide tamper evident locking tags; specifying what a person needs to have in possession when catching Striped Bass, (for commercial, tidal fish license, an allocation permit and unused tamper evident tags); tag must be made of plastic, nylon, or metal; the tag must indicate the state of origin; and the tag must be affixed through mouth and one gill opening on each tagged fish.

Regulations .04, .06, .08, and .10—.12 amended effective September 14, 1992 (19:18 Md. R. 1655)

1992 September .10-.12 amended to modify seasons for the Chesapeake Bay, Pound net and haul seine season is now August 31, 1992-November 13, 1992. Drift gill net season is now December 8, 1992 through December 19, 1992 and January 4, 1993 through February 26, 1993. Hook & Line season is now November 16, 1992 through December 7, 1992. Also, amended to modify the season for the Atlantic Ocean, all gears are now December 8, 1992 through December 19, 1992 and January 4, 1993 through February 28, 1993. Also, you may not set up drift gill net Saturday or Sunday. Also, cannot set up drift gills between 6pm and 6am during December 1 through January 31 and may not set drift gill between 6pm and 5 am during February 1 through February 28.

Regulation .10B amended as an emergency provision effective November 23, 1992 (19:24 Md. R. 2123); emergency status expired February 28, 1993

1992 November .10B amended to change the Atlantic Ocean season from December 1992 through December 19, 1992 to December 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992.

Regulation .02B amended effective March 29, 1993 (20:6 Md. R. 580); Regulation .12-1 amended effective March 29, 1993 (20:6 Md. R. 580); Regulation .13G adopted effective March 29, 1993 (20:6 Md. R. 580)

1993 March Regulations amended to fix grammatical errors, as well as to change the year from 1992-1993 to 1993-1994. Also, added regulation on a striped bass permit stamp, which is a form obtained from the Department or the Department's agent, which authorizes a person to fish for and possess striped bass during a striped bass recreational or trophy fish season.

Regulations .02, .04, .05, .07, .08, .10—.12, and .13 amended as an emergency provision effective September 15, 1993 (20:20 Md. R. 1554); emergency status expired March 31, 1994

1993 September

Regulation .12-1 amended as an emergency provision effective April 1, 1994 (21:8 Md. R. 665); emergency status expired September 27, 1994

- 1994 April Emergency Action for amendments to .12-1
- Altered season, quota and size limit of trophy season, prohibited use of whole eels

Regulations .01, .02, and .05—.13 amended as an emergency provision effective July 1, 1994 (21:15 Md. R. 1298); emergency status extended and Regulations .04 and .10—.12 amended at 21:21 Md. R. 1810; emergency status extended at 22:6 Md. R. 470; emergency status expired April 27, 1995

- 1994 July Emergency Action for amendments to .01, .02, .05, and .07-.13
- .01: Removes “incidental” to provision under which catch and immediate return of striped bass to water unharmed a non-violation
 - .02: Adds definition of cull and pound net, removes definition of take
 - .05: Requires declaration of intent to participate and commercial striped bass fishery and sets out rules for commercial striped bass fishery
 - .06: Alters season language
 - .07: Removes maximum legal size striped bass catches
 - .08: Added that a striped bass must be tagged before removing a boat from the water (in addition to before a striped bass is removed from a boat); Altered Importation Requirements to allow striped bass fillets to be imported without a tag
 - .09: omitted the word “daily” from requirement that packers and dealers maintain logs of striped bass transactions
 - .10: Set out requirements for Commercial Fishery, including quota, minimum size, and season for Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and Tributaries, also including prohibitions and limitations on commercial fishing (such as legal gear and flag marker requirements) and licensing provisions (such as intent to fish requirements and legal seasons/times).
 - .11: Specified rules for Recreational Fishery including quota, minimum size, and season for Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and Tributaries

- .12: Specified rules for Charterboat Fishery including quota, minimum size, and season for Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and Tributaries
- .12-1: Specified rules for Trophy Fishery including quota, minimum size, and season for Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and Tributaries
- .13: Clarified language in general restrictions; noted that failure to submit required report could result in license revocation

Regulations .01, .02, and .05—.13 amended as an emergency provision effective July 1, 1994 (21:15 Md. R. 1298); emergency status extended and Regulations .04 and .10—.12 amended at 21:21 Md. R. 1810; emergency status extended at 22:6 Md. R. 470; emergency status expired April 27, 1995

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| 1994 October | Emergency Action for amendments to .01, .02, .05-.13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended emergency status of July Amendments • Added Amendments: • .04: Altered quota; minor language changes • .10: Altered commercial fishing season • .11: Altered recreational fishing season • .12: Altered recreational fishing season; minor language changes |
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| 1995 March | Extended Emergency Status of amendments to .01, .02, and .04 – .13 enacted in July and October 1994 |
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Chapter revised as an emergency provision effective April 28, 1995 (22:10 Md. R. 701)

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| 1995 May | Emergency Regulation amending .01 and .02, amending and recodifying existing Regulations .05, .08, .09, and .13, repealing Regulations .04, .06, .07, and .10 - 12.1, and adopting new Regulations .07-.11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .01: Adds “incidental” to provision under which catch and immediate return of striped bass to water unharmed a non-violation • .02: Removes definition of “take” and changes the quota year • .05: Became .04; Department issued commercial license was added with limitations • .08: Became .05; Added that a striped bass must be tagged before removing a boat from the water (in addition to |
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before a striped bass is removed from a boat); Altered Importation Requirements to allow striped bass fillets to be imported without a tag

- .09: Became .06; omitted the word “daily” from requirement that packers and dealers maintain logs of striped bass transactions
- New Regulation .07: Set out requirements for Commercial Fishery, including quota, minimum size, and season for Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and Tributaries, also including prohibitions and limitations on commercial fishing (such as legal gear and flag marker requirements) and licensing provisions (such as intent to fish requirements and legal seasons/times).
- New Regulation .08: Set out requirements for the Recreational and Charter Boat Spring Season, including dates, size and catch limit, intent to participate requirements, fishing area, prohibition of eels as bait, and disposition of catch requirements (tagging and reporting requirements)
- New Regulation .09: Set out requirements for the Recreational and Charter Boat Summer Fishery, including season, minimum size, and catch limit
- New Regulation .10: Set out requirements for the Recreational and Charter Boat Fall Fishery, including season, minimum size, and catch limit
- New Regulation .11: Set out requirements for the Atlantic Ocean Recreational and Charter Boat Fishery, including season, minimum size, and catch limit
- Regulation .13: Changed to .12; set out possession of striped bass requirements under general restrictions, including restriction on culling, restrictions for Charter Boats, and failure to report penalty (possible license revocation)

Chapter revised effective September 25, 1995 (22:19 Md. R. 1472)

1995 September Adopted emergency regulations contained in the May 1995 proposed regulation.

Regulations .07—.12 amended as an emergency provision effective April 25, 1996 (23:10 Md. R. 726); amended permanently effective September 9, 1996 (23:18 Md. R. 1316); Regulation .09A, B amended as an emergency provision effective March 21, 1997 (24:8 Md. R. 613); emergency status expired September 21, 1997

1996 April Emergency Regulation for amendments to .07 - .12

- .07: Altered quota and fishing season for Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries
- .08: Altered season, quota, fishing area, and reporting method (to phone number) for Recreational and Charter Boat Spring Fishery- Chesapeake Bay
- .09: Altered minimum legal length for catches during Recreational and Charter Boat Summer Fishery- Chesapeake Bay
- .10: Altered Season for Recreational and Charter Boat Fall Fishery- Chesapeake Bay
- .11: Removed Season limitations contained in the Recreational and Charter Boat Season for the Atlantic Coast
- .12: Removed annual target harvest language; made it so that for recreational striped bass seasons, persons may not possess striped bass from 9 pm to 5 am uniformly

1996 August Regulations adopted as emergency regulations May 1996 adopted as final regulations

Regulations .05D and .07A, G amended as an emergency provision effective November 11, 1996 (23:24 Md. R. 1675); emergency status expired March 31, 1997

1996 November Emergency Regulation for amendments to .05 and .07

- .05: Loosened regulations on disposition of catch to allow more time for commercial licensees to have their harvest counted and weighed
- .07: Altered season and time for Commercial Striped Bass fishery

Regulation .08A amended as an emergency provision effective March 21, 1997 (24:8 Md. R. 613); emergency status expired September 21, 1997; Regulation .09A, B amended as an emergency provision effective March 21, 1997 (24:8 Md. R. 613); emergency status expired September 21, 1997; Regulation .10A amended as an emergency provision effective June 2, 1997 (24:13 Md. R. 927); emergency status extended at 25:2 Md. R. 72; emergency status expired March 30, 1998

1997 April Emergency Regulation for amendments to .08 and .09

- .08: Altered recreational and charter boat spring fishery
- .09: Altered recreational and charter boat summer fishery

Regulation .07 amended as an emergency provision effective June 2, 1997 (24:13 Md. R. 927); emergency status extended at 25:2 Md. R. 72; emergency text changed at 25:8 Md. R. 594; emergency status expired March 30, 1998

1997 June

Emergency Regulation for amendments to .07 and .10

- .07: Altered commercial fishery quota and season; Added limitations on commercial striped bass hook and line fishery, including crew limit and flag requirement

.07A Chesapeake Bay and its Tidal Tributaries

(1) Quota. The annual target harvest for the commercial fishery is [1,816,000] 2,348,500 pounds.

(2) (text unchanged)

(3) Seasons. The commercial seasons for taking striped bass are as follows.

(a) The pound net season is [July 8 through November 8] *June 23 through November 28;*

(b) The haul seine season is [August 26 through November 8] *June 23 through November 28;*

(c) The hook and line season is [November 12 through November 27; and] *July 7 through November 28; and*

(d) The drift gill net season is [November 25 through February 28] *December 1 through February 27, which may be extended to March 15, if a portion of the quota is available.*

.07D [Prohibitions and Limitations on Fishing] *Drift Gill Fishery Limitations*. This section was amended for grammatical issues.

.07E *Commercial Hook and Line Fishery Limitations*.

(1) *A total of two crew members may assist a commercial tidal fish licensee with appropriate permit to catch striped bass with hook and line.*

(2) *A maximum of four individuals including crew members may be present on a vessel which is engaged in commercial hook and line fishing.*

(3) *A flag specified by the Department shall be displayed on the vessel at least 3 feet above the surface on which it is mounted and clearly visible to approaching vessels if the individuals on board are engaged in commercial hook and line fishing.*

.07F. Commercial Tidal Fish Licensee. A commercial tidal fish licensee.

- (1) May not set a drift gill net [between 6 p.m. and 5 a.m.] *before 3 a.m.*
 - (2) – (3) (text unchanged)
 - (4) May not [take] *catch* striped bass [between 6 p.m. Friday and 5 a.m. Monday] *on Saturday or Sunday;*
 - (5) (text unchanged)
 - (6) May not harvest striped bass, using another licensee's permit, until the licensee's own seasonal allocation has been harvested; [and]
 - (7) May not harvest more than one permit's daily allocation per day[.]; *and*
 - (8) *May not catch striped bass between 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour before sunrise while using commercial hook and line.*
- .10: Altered recreational and charter boat fall fishery
.10 Recreational and Charter Boat Fall Fishery
A. Season. The recreational and charter boat fall season for taking striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries is [August 30 through November 17] *August 24 through November 23.*

Regulation .05D amended as an emergency provision effective December 12, 1997 (25:1 Md. R. 14); emergency status expired March 30, 1998

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| 1998 January | Emergency Regulation for amendments to .05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .05: Loosened regulations on disposition of catch to allow more time for commercial licensees to have their harvest counted and weighed • .07 and .10: Emergency Regulation to extend emergency status of amendments to June 1997 |
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| 1998 March | Emergency Regulation for amendments to .07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .07: Altered gill net regulations |
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Regulation .04B amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131); Regulation .05D amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131) ; Regulation .08 amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131) ; Regulation .07 amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131); Regulation .08 amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131);

Regulation .09 amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131); Regulation .10A amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131) ; Regulation .12 amended as an emergency provision effective April 17, 1998 (25:9 Md. R. 674); amended permanently effective July 12, 1998 (25:14 Md. R. 1131)

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| 1998 April | <p>Emergency Regulation for amendments to .04, .05, .07-.10, and .12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .04: Added alternative that gill net and hook and line could be used together as a possible method of fishing under commercial license • .05: Loosened regulations on disposition of catch to allow more time for commercial licensees to have their harvest counted and weighed • .07: Altered quota and seasons for commercial fishery; altered hook and line limitations • .08: Altered recreational and charter boat spring fishery and length limitations • .09: Altered recreational and charter boat summer fishery, length limitations, and take limitations • .10: Altered recreational and charter boat fall fishery • .12: Altered possession prohibitions in general restrictions |
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| 1998 July | Adopted Regulations submitted as emergency regulations in April 1998 |
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Regulation .03C amended as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .12H, I amended as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .07A, F amended as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .08A, B amended as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .09 repealed and new Regulation .09 adopted as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .10 repealed and new Regulation .10 adopted as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000; Regulation .12H, I amended as an emergency provision effective March 31, 1999 (26:9 Md. R. 726); emergency status expired February 29, 2000

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| 1999 April | Changed sections of rivers and other special conservation areas known as striped bass spawning reaches- |
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used to be area within and bounded by the shoreline and lines connecting Worton Point to Abbey Point in the Chesapeake Bay, *Carpenter Point to Red Point*, Scotland Point to Old Frenchtown Wharf in the Elk River, the Maryland/Delaware state line in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town Point to Ford Landing at the mouth of the Bohemia river, Grove Point to Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, and Meeks Point to Rocky Point at the mouth of Still Pond Creek; *now* area within and bounded by the shoreline and lines connecting Worton Point to Abbey Point in the Chesapeake Bay, *Sandy Point to Turkey Point*, Scotland Point to Old Frenchtown Wharf in the Elk River, the Maryland/Delaware state line in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town Point to Ford Landing at the mouth of the Bohemia river, Grove Point to Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, and Meeks Point to Rocky Point at the mouth of Still Pond Creek

- 1999 April Changed commercial seasons for taking striped bass as follows:
Pound net season *was* June 1 through November 27; *changed to* June 1 through November 30
Haul seine season *was* June 8 through November 27; *changed to* June 7 through November 30
Hook and line season *was* June 15 through November 27; *changed to* June 14 through November 30
Drift gill net season *was* November 15 through February 28; *changed to* December 1 through the last day of February
- 1999 April Added exception to prohibition on commercial tidal fish licensee catching of striped bass between 6 p.m. on Friday and 5 a.m. Monday *for use of pound nets on Saturdays*
- 1999 April Set minimum legal size for the spring season at 28 *inches* for all areas (previously 32 inches for some areas)
- 1999 April Made the following rules for recreational and charter boat striped bass fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and its Tidal Tributaries, except for the tributaries of the Potomac River:
Set Summer and Fall Season at June 1 through November 30
Set minimum legal size for June 1 through June 13 at:
One striped bass between 18 inches and 28 inches in total length
One striped bass at least 28 inches in total length
Set minimum legal size for June 14 through November 30 at 18 inches in length
Set catch limit at two striped bass per person per day

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| 1999 April | Made following rules for recreational and charter boat striped bass fishery in the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River: Set Summer and Fall Season at July 1 through December 31 Set minimum size at 18 inches in total length Set catch limit at two striped bass per day per person |
| 1999 April | Changed restriction on the Captain and Mate of a chartered fishing trip, which said that they may not land or possess striped bass during the Chesapeake Bay summer season to permit them to land and possess one striped bass per day for personal consumption only |
| 1999 April | Changed language to read that a person who employs a fishing guide licensee authorized to participate in a striped bass season is not required to obtain a striped bass permit stamp in accordance with section <i>F</i> of the regulation instead of with section <i>G</i> . |
| 1999 April | Changed season limitations on the Secretary to read that the gill net season must be set within the period December through February instead of November through March 15. |
| ***NOTE*** | April 1999 Regulations Were Emergency Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations |

Regulation .02B amended effective April 3, 2000 (27:6 Md. R. 640); Regulation .03C amended effective April 3, 2000 (27:6 Md. R. 640); Regulation .07A, F amended effective April 3, 2000 (27:6 Md. R. 640); Regulation .08A, B amended effective April 3, 2000 (27:6 Md. R. 640); Regulation .09 repealed and new regulation .09 adopted effective April 3, 2000 (27:6 Md. R. 640).

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| 2000 March | Removed the prohibition on hook and release fishing for striped bass in the Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Northeast River from April 3 through April 30 for individuals who held a valid Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, while leaving the prohibition on gill netting activities in these areas in effect |
| 2000 March | Changed the definition of “quota year” for striped bass <i>from July 1 through June 30 to January 1 through December 31</i> |
| 2000 March | Changed sections of rivers and other special conservation areas known as striped bass spawning reaches- <i>used to be</i> area within |

and bounded by the shoreline and lines connecting Worton Point to Abbey Point in the Chesapeake Bay, *Carpenter Point to Red Point*, Scotland Point to Old Frenchtown Wharf in the Elk River, the Maryland/Delaware state line in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town Point to Ford Landing at the mouth of the Bohemia river, Grove Point to Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, and Meeks Point to Rocky Point at the mouth of Still Pond Creek; *now* area within and bounded by the shoreline and lines connecting Worton Point to Abbey Point in the Chesapeake Bay, *Sandy Point to Turkey Point*, Scotland Point to Old Frenchtown Wharf in the Elk River, the Maryland/Delaware state line in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town Point to Ford Landing at the mouth of the Bohemia river, Grove Point to Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, and Meeks Point to Rocky Point at the mouth of Still Pond Creek

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| 2000 March | For the striped bass commercial fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and its Tidal Tributaries set minimum legal size at 18 inches in total length and the maximum legal size at 36 inches in total length |
| 2000 March | <p>Changed commercial seasons for taking striped bass as follows: Pound net season <i>was</i> June 1 through November 27; <i>changed to</i> June 1 through November 30 Haul seine season <i>was</i> June 8 through November 27; <i>changed to</i> June 7 through November 30</p> <hr/> <p>Hook and line season <i>was</i> June 15 through November 27; <i>changed to</i> June 14 through November 30</p> <p>Drift gill net season <i>was</i> November 15 through February 28; <i>changed to</i> December 1 through the last day of February</p> |
| 2000 March | Added exception to prohibition on commercial tidal fish licensee catching of striped bass between 6 p.m. on Friday and 5 a.m. Monday <i>for use of pound nets on Saturdays</i> |
| 2000 March | For areas governed by sections F(1) and (2) (Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland Tributaries), the recreational and charter boat spring season was changed from April 24 through May 31 to April 25 through May 31 |
| 2000 March | For areas governed by section F(3) (Maryland Tributaries of the Potomac River), the recreational and charter boat spring season was changed from April 25 through May 10 to April 22 through May 31 |
| 2000 March | For the striped bass recreational and charter boat spring season the minimum legal size was set at 28 inches total length for all areas. |
| 2000 March | Made following rules for recreational and charter boat striped bass fishery in the Maryland tributaries of the |

Potomac River downstream of Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95):
Set Summer and Fall Season at June 1 through December 31. Set minimum size at 18 inches in total length and set a maximum size for one of the fish at 28 inches in total length Set catch limit at two striped bass per day per person

2000 March Changed restriction on the Captain and Mate of a chartered fishing trip, which said that they may not land or possess striped bass during the Chesapeake Bay summer season to permit them to land and possess one striped bass per day for personal consumption.

2000 March Changed language to read that a person who employs a fishing guide licensee authorized to participate in a striped bass season is not required to obtain a striped bass permit stamp in accordance with section *F* of the regulation instead of with section *G*.

2000 March Changed season limitations on the Secretary to read that the gill net season must be set within the period December 1 through the last day of February instead of November through March 15.

Regulation .08A amended as an emergency provision effective April 1, 2001 (28:8 Md. R. 758); amended permanently effective June 25, 2001 (28:12 Md. R. 1105)

2001 April Changed dates for hook and release fishing for striped bass in the Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Northeast River from April 3 through April 30 to April 1 through April 30 for individuals who held a valid Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, while leaving the prohibition on gill netting activities in these areas in effect

2001 April For areas governed by sections F(1) and (2) (Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland Tributaries) of the striped bass regulations, the recreational and charter boat spring season was changed from April 25 through May 31 to April 20 through May 31

2001 April For areas governed by section F(3) (Maryland Tributaries of the Potomac River), the recreational and charter boat spring season was changed from April 22 through May 31 to April 21 through May 31

NOTE April 2001 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations

2001 June April 2001 Emergency/Proposed Regulations Adopted as Final

Regulation .07B, D, and F amended as an emergency provision effective January 22, 2002 (29:3)

2002 February For the Commercial Striped Bass Fishery, the number of licensees allowed to catch striped bass with their individual permits from a boat on any day was limited to three

2002 February For the Commercial Striped Bass Fishery, the definition of stretched mesh size for drift gill nets was made to conform to COMAR 08.02.05.02A.

2002 February For commercial tidal fish licensees, language pertaining to daily tolerance allowances was altered.

Previously, it read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *harvest* more than the licensee's *daily allocation plus 10 percent*.

It was changed to read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *catch* more than the licensee's *catch limit and the tolerance allowance in pounds as follows:*

**For a daily catch limit, there is a 50-pound tolerance allowance*

**For a weekly catch limit, there is a 50-pound tolerance allowance*

**For a seasonal catch limit, there is a 50 pound tolerance allowance*

2002 February For commercial tidal fish licensees, language pertaining to permits was altered.

Previously it read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *harvest* striped bass, using another licensee's permit, until the licensee's own season allocation has been harvested.

It was changed to read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *catch* striped bass, using another licensee's permit, until the licensee's own season allocation has been harvested.

2002 February For commercial tidal fish licensees, language pertaining to permits was altered.

Previously it read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *harvest more than one permit's daily allocation per day*.

It was changed to read: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not *catch more than one permit's allocation, except as*

permitted by a valid tidal fish license transfer under Natural Resources Article, section 4-701(i), Annotated Code of Maryland.

2002 February For commercial striped bass fishing, limitations to the striped bass allocation permit were defined. Such a permit must be assigned to the permittee's tidal fish license, transferred only with the tidal fish license, and assigned tamper-evident tags in accordance with Natural Resources Article, section 4-701(i), Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOTE February 2001 Regulations Were Emergency Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations

Regulation .09A amended as an emergency provision effective March 29, 2002 (29:8 Md. R. 695); amended permanently effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .10A amended as an emergency provision effective March 29, 2002 (29:8 Md. R. 695); amended permanently effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882).

2002 April Changed dates for hook and release fishing for striped bass in the Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Northeast River from *April 1* through *April 30* to *March 15* through *May 3* for individuals who held a valid Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, while leaving the prohibition on gill netting activities in these areas in effect

2002 April Limited the number of pound net sites a commercial licensee may have registered with the Department of Natural Resources to a maximum of eight and prohibited fisherman from registering non-active sites.

2002 April Set the dates of the striped bass recreational and charter boat Spring Season at *April 20* through *May 15* for all areas described in sections F(1), F(2), and F(3) of the regulation (Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River).

2002 April Set the dates of the striped bass recreational and charter boat Summer and Fall Seasons at *May 16* through *May 31* for areas described in Regulation .08F(1) and (2); at *June 1* through *December 15* for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries except the tributaries of the Potomac River; and at *June 1* through *December 31* for Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River downstream of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95)

NOTE April 2002 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations

Regulation .02B amended effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .03A amended effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .04 amended effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .05A, D amended effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .06B repealed effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .08C amended and D, E repealed effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882); Regulation .12 amended effective June 10, 2002 (29:11 Md. R. 882).

2002 May Emergency/Proposed Regulations listed above at April 2002 were adopted as Final

2002 May Definitions were added and clarified:
 “Harvest” was defined at “take, fill, trap, gather, catch, or in any manner reduce any fish to personal possession or to attempt to engage in this conduct.
 “Striped bass permit stamp” was replaced by “striped bass allocation permit,” which means “a permit issued by the Department which allows a person to commercially harvest striped bass.

2002 Mary It was clarified that for purposes of this chapter, the designation of a spawning river, area, and reach includes all tributaries to the river, area, or reach.

2002 May Language pertaining to Registration of a Tidal Fish Licensee Intent to Fish was altered.

Previously it read:

A commercial tidal fish licensee or fishing guide licensee shall declare intent to participate in a striped bass season in accordance with B(1) or (2)(a) or this regulation, within the time period established in this chapter.

It was changed to read:

A commercial tidal fish licensee shall register for a striped bass allocation permit to participate in a striped bass season in accordance with sections (A)(2), (A)(3), and B(1) or (2)(a) of this regulation, within the time period established in this chapter. A fishing licensee shall register to participate in the striped bass season in accordance with section A(3) of this regulation.

In addition, a registration schedule was added:

A tidal fish licensee shall submit an application to the Department by March 31 of each year; a tidal fish licensee who has not registered by March 31 of the current year, and who has not registered late in any of the three preceding years, may apply up to April 14 of the current year to the Director of Fisheries Service if the licensee can show good

reason why the application should be validated; an individual that does not register by April 14 of the current year, or the close of business the next business day when April 14 occurs on a weekend, is not eligible to participate in the striped bass fishery for the current year; and an exception to the April 14 deadline will be considered only for an individual who can provide satisfactory documentation of a physical or mental incapacity that prevented that individual from meeting the registration time period established in this subsection.

The Department's Actions concerning registration were also defined:

The Department shall make registration applications available to eligible tidal fish license holders at regional licensing centers not later than March 12 of each year and shall use the registrations received as of April 14 of each year to determine gear and net allocations for the striped bass fishing season.

A fishing guide licensee's requirements were defined:

A fishing guide licensee shall register to carry paying customers to fish for striped bass within the time period established by the Department.

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| 2002 May | It was clarified that a tidal fish licensee must specify and be authorized to use one of the listed fishing alternatives when registering for fishing in both the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and their tributaries. |
| 2002 May | It was specified that a fishing guide licensee is not required to register to participate in the striped bass season for the Atlantic Ocean, but a commercial tidal fish licensee must possess a Department issued striped bass allocation permit while fishing during the appropriate season |
| 2002 May | Restrictions on commercial tidal fish licensees who had not registered to catch striped bass for sale or participate during the Chesapeake Bay Season was expanded to include the entire commercial striped bass season |
| 2002 May | Pound net registration requirements for participation in the striped bass season were added and clarified to conform to the previously recorded registration requirements. A requirement that a pound net is required to have a heart or funnel leading into the pound net crib were specified. Other requirements were also added: A commercial tidal fish licensee may not register to participate in the striped bass season for more pound nets |

than the number of pound nets registered to that licensee and for no more than four pound nets

New certification is required if a licensee wishes to increase the number of pound nets from that registered from the previous year or the licensee has not previously had pound nets certified for the fishery

In addition to the above requirements, it was specified that the net body or crib shall have a bottom panel and that latitude and longitude coordinates from a GPS shall be on record with the Department for each registered pound net site.

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| 2002 | May | It was specified that a commercial tidal fish licensee who catches striped bass must have license transfer paperwork if applicable, along with previously required items |
| 2002 | May | It was specified that assigned allocation permits must be returned to the department within 10 days of the end of the season |
| 2002 | May | It was specified that striped bass tags may be transferred only in accordance with a Department approved license transfer pursuant to Natural Resources Article section 4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland. |
| 2002 | May | Check in time requirements were altered to require that a commercial tidal fish licensee registered with a hook and line striped bass allocation permit must have his striped bass harvest counted and weighed by the Department representative at the check station not later than 9 p.m. on the day of harvest or 9 a.m. on the day immediately following harvest |
| 2002 | May | The requirement that at check-in a person shall surrender the allocation permit to the Department representative upon achieving his allowable harvest for the season was removed |
| 2002 | May | The term "landing ticket" was replaced by "daily logsheet" |
| 2002 | May | The requirement that a commercial tidal fish or fishing guide licensee participating in a striped bass season shall maintain current daily logs and transmit weekly reports to the Department postmarked not later than Tuesday following the end of the reporting week was repealed. |
| 2002 | May | For the commercial fishery in the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and their tributaries, language was added permitting the Secretary to modify the number for licensees with individual permits that |

may catch striped bass on a boat on any day by publishing notice in a daily newspaper of general circulation at least 48 hours in advance of the time of modification, stating the effective hour and date.

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| 2002 | May | It was clarified that the definition of stretched mesh size for attended drift gill nets for commercial fishing in tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay is that specified in COMAR 08.02.05.02A(6) |
| 2002 | May | It was added that the Secretary an proportionally increase the weekly allocation of all commercial tidal fish licensees during the season (as well as the daily and seasonal allocations) |
| 2002 | May | Language proscribing catch limitations for a commercial tidal fish licensee was altered to remove daily allocation plus 10 percent and to substitute that with daily, weekly and seasonal 50-pound tolerance allowances and substituted the term “harvest” with “catch” |
| 2002 | May | It was clarified that a commercial tidal fish licensee may not catch more than one permit’s allocation unless permitted by a valid tidal fish license transfer according to section 4-701. Assignment and transfer of a valid tidal fish license is attached to tidal fish license and tamper-evident tags in accordance with section 4-701. |
| 2002 | May | For the Recreational and Charter Boat Spring Fishery, seasonal catch limit language was eliminated, the requirement to have a permit-stamp to fish was repealed for private recreational anglers, and the requirement to report possession of a striped bass at the end of the trip was repealed. |
| 2002 | May | Requirements for filleting striped bass were clarified: Dockside landings of striped bass must be of the whole fish except that a licensed charter boat captain or mate may fillet striped bass taken on a vessel with a charterboat decal where: <ul style="list-style-type: none">*The total length or species of the fish may still be identified*The fish is available at dockside unmixed after all passengers from the vessel have left the dock area and is included in the possession limit*All striped bass carcasses from a previous trip must be disposed of before any person begins to fish on a subsequent trip |

2002 May The striped bass permit stamp requirement was repealed along with restrictions and exceptions pertaining thereto

Regulation .05D amended as an emergency provision effective December 1, 2002 (30:1 Md. R. 20); emergency status expired February 28, 2003; Regulation .07A amended as an emergency provision effective December 1, 2002 (30:1 Md. R. 20); emergency status expired February 28,

2003 January A provision was added that during the month of December and not later than 9 a.m. on the day immediately following harvest, a commercial tidal fish licensee registered with a gill net striped bass allocation permit shall have the licensee's striped bass harvest counted and weighed by a Department representative at a check station

2003 January The hook and line commercial season was altered to be *Monday through Thursday* June 14 through *December 12* from June 14 through *November 30*

2003 January The drift gill net commercial fishery limitations were altered to state that a commercial tidal fish licensee may not fish with, but may maintain on a boat more than 600 linear yards of drift gill net; the total length of drift gill net allowed aboard a boat was changed from 2400 to 3200 yards; the language was altered to require that a licensee must be on board a boat for every 600 yard increment of drift gill net in the water; time restrictions were added such that from January 1 through February 28 a drift gill net may not be set before 3 a.m. and shall be retrieved and in the boat by 6 p.m.; and from December 1 through December 31, a drift gill net may not be set before 3 a.m. and shall be retrieved and in the boat by 10 p.m.

****Note: This Emergency Regulation Went Into Effect December 2002 and was never adopted as a final regulation through N&C rulemaking

Regulation .04 amended effective July 21, 2003 (30:14 Md. R. 936); Regulation .06C-F amended effective July 21, 2003 (30:14 Md. R. 936); Regulation .07B amended effective July 21, 2003 (30:14 Md. R. 936).

2003 July Fishing guide licensees are no longer required to register to participate in the striped bass fishing season

2003 July The registration schedule for tidal fish licensees was changed such that a tidal fish licensee shall submit an application to the

Department by *August 31* of each year instead of *March 31* of each year.

2003 July The registration schedule for tidal fish licensees was changed such that a tidal fish licensee who has not registered by *August 31* instead of *March 31* of the current year, and who has not registered late in any of the three preceding years, may apply up to *September 14* instead of *April 14* of the current year to the Director of Fisheries Service if the licensee can show good reason why the application should be validated

2003 July The registration schedule for tidal fish licensees was changed such that an individual that does not register by April 14 of the current year, or the close of business the next business day when *September 14* instead of *April 14* occurs on a weekend, is not eligible to participate in the striped bass fishery for the *next calendar* instead of the *current* year;

2003 July The registration schedule for tidal fish licensees was changed such that an exception to the *September 14* instead of *April 14* deadline will be considered only for an individual who can provide satisfactory documentation of a physical or mental incapacity that prevented that individual from meeting the registration time period established in this subsection.

2003 July The Department's Actions concerning registration were also defined:
The Department shall make registration applications available to eligible tidal fish license holders at regional licensing centers not later than *August 1 of each year* instead of *March 12 of each year* and shall use the registrations received as of *September 14* instead of *April 14* of each year to determine gear and net allocations for the striped bass fishing season.

2003 July A new pound net registration requirement that an affidavit signed by the licensee shall be on record with the Department and shall include a specific time period during which the net or nets shall be set and available for inspection was created

2003 July New requirements for the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and their tributaries commercial striped bass fishery were created:
Striped bass caught in the waters of the state must be landed in the state
The Department may waive the provisions set forth in section B(4) of this regulation if an individual files with the

Department an affidavit signed by the individual which specifies out of state landing location and Maryland check station where fish will be counted and weighed

Regulation .05D amended as an emergency provision effective December 1, 2003 (30:25 Md. R. 1842); emergency status expired December 31, 2003; Regulation .07D amended as an emergency provision effective December 1, 2003 (30:25 Md. R. 1842); emergency status expired December 31, 2003

2003 December A provision was added to make it so that check-in in the month of December and not later than 9 a.m. on the day immediately following harvest, a commercial tidal fish licensee registered with a gill net striped bass allocation permit shall have his striped bass harvest counted and weighed by a Department representative at a check station

2003 December For the Drift Gill Net fishery, language was altered such that a commercial tidal fish licensee may not fish, but may maintain upon a boat more than 600 linear yards of drift gill net; total length of drift gill net aboard a boat shall not exceed 3200 yards rather than *2400 yards*; a licensee must be on the boat for every 600 yards of drift gill net in the water; time restrictions were added such that from January 1 through February 28 a drift gill net may not be set before 3 a.m. and shall be retrieved and in the boat by 6 p.m.; and from December 1 through December 31, a drift gill net may not be set before 3 a.m. and shall be retrieved and in the boat by midnight

Regulation .03B amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .03C amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .03D adopted effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .07A amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .07B amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .08 amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .09A amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .10A amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583); Regulation .12H amended effective April 12, 2004 (31:7 Md. R. 583).

2004 April

Regulation .06 amended effective January 17, 2005 (32:1 Md. R. 27); Regulation .09A amended effective January 17, 2005 (32:1 Md. R. 27); Regulation .12 amended effective January 17, 2005 (32:1 Md. R. 27).

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| 2005 | January | For spawning rivers, areas, and reaches exceptions to the regulation that a person may not catch, harass, harm, pursue, hint, shoot, wound, or attempt to catch striped bass hybrids in the striped bass spawning rivers and areas listed in section b of the regulation were limited to those contained in regulation.09 (omitting regulation .08) |
| 2005 | January | New reporting requirements were added (Chapter .06): A tidal fish licensee shall return the forms containing catch and landing information tot the Department in the time period specified by the Department; In addition to any other penalty, failure to submit a report as required by this chapter may result in license revocation under Natural Resources Article section 4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland |
| 2005 | January | Language pertaining to the Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall fishery was corrected to clarify that .09 applies to the Chesapeake Bay, but not its tributaries and removes an exception of regulation .08 that allows fishing in the Susquehanna Flats during March 1 through May 1, thus clarifying a general restriction in Regulation .03D(1) |
| 2005 | January | The general restriction that a failure to submit a report as required by chapter .12 was removed (it was added to .06 as noted above. |

Regulation .03D amended as an emergency provision effective April 4, 2006 (33:9 Md. R. 794); emergency status expired August 4, 2006; Regulation .08B amended as an emergency provision effective April 4, 2006 (33:9 Md. R. 794); emergency status expired August 4, 2006

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| 2006 | April | The period during which a recreational angler may hook striped bass was changed from <i>March 1</i> through May 3 to <i>March 15</i> through May 3.for Susquehanna flats upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting the Susquehanna State Park Boat Ram in Lapidum to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit. It is also added that the Secretary may extend the season for catch and release fishing as described in section B(5) of this regulation by public notice. |
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NOTE April 2006 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations

Regulation .12B amended as an emergency provision effective October 16, 2006 (33:23 Md. R. 1793); emergency status expired December 1, 2006.

2006 November The restriction against culling striped bass was altered to include the exception that an individual may cull Striped bass if the bass is released unharmed by an individual who is a registrant participating in a catch and release fishing tournament authorized by the Secretary

NOTE November 2006 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations

Regulation .03D amended as an emergency provision effective April 9, 2007 (34:9 Md. 823); emergency status expired October 6, 2007; Regulation .08B amended as an emergency provision effective April 9, 2007 (34:9 Md. R. 823); emergency status expired October 6, 2007

2007 April .03 amended to modify areas where recreational anglers for finfish may hook fish and immediately release to include the line connecting the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf.
.08 amended to modify the size limits for recreational and charter boat spring fishery from 25 inches to "25 inches to 35 inches" or 41 inches or greater.

NOTE April 2007 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations.

Regulation .12F adopted as an emergency provision effective May 11, 2007 (34:15 Md. R. 1345); emergency status expired November 7, 2007.

2007 July .12 amended to create the Mycobacteriosis Tagging Study.

NOTE July 2007 Regulations Were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations.

Regulation .03B, D amended effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512); Regulation .07 amended effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512); Regulation .08A amended effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512); Regulation .09 amended effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512); Regulation .12F adopted effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512); Regulation .12H amended effective February 25, 2008 (35:4 Md. R. 512).

2008 February .03 amended to include a reference to COMAR 08.02.01.06B(6); amended to modify by N&C the where recreational angle finfishing may occur; it is modified to include the Susquehanna River downstream from the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf; amended to add in the regulating where recreational angle finfishing may occur in the area of Chester River.
.07 amended the organization of catch limits.
.08 amended the season for recreational and charter boat spring fishery from the third Saturday in April through May 15 to April 19, 2008 through May 13, 2008.
.09 amended to include provisions concerning Susquehanna Flats and Northeast River's catch restrictions; also amended to include catch restrictions during the summer and fall season.
.12 amended to include the Mycobacteriosis Tagging Study as a finalized N&C regulation.

Regulation .04E amended effective August 11, 2008 (35:16 Md. R. 1390); Regulation .05A amended effective August 11, 2008 (35:16 Md. R. 1390)

2008 August .04 amended to establish that when a commercial tidal fish licensee has registered and certified pound nets, a recipient of the transfer of the registered nets does not have to recertify pound nets.
.05 amended: to modify how permits and tags are affixed and to affix within 200 yards of the pound net to a striped bass; to allocate a permit card and striped bass tags for one fishing-gear type on vessel.

Regulation .03D amended effective March 23, 2009 (36:6 Md. R. 489); Regulation .09A, B amended effective March 23, 2009 (36:6 Md. R. 489); Regulation .08D amended effective March 23, 2009 (36:6 Md. R. 489); Regulation .09A, B amended effective March 23, 2009 (36:6 Md. R. 489). Regulation .12H amended effective March 23, 2009 (36:6 Md. R. 489)

2009 March

Regulation .02B amended effective April 6, 2009 (36:7 Md. R. 521) Regulation .04 amended effective April 6, 2009 (36:7 Md. R. 521).; Regulation .05 amended effective April 6, 2009 (36:7 Md. R. 521) ; Regulation .06B amended effective April 6, 2009 (36:7 Md. R. 521); Regulation .07 amended effective April 6, 2009 (36:7 Md. R. 521)

2009 April

**Regulation .04 amended effective November 30, 2009 (36:24 Md. R. 1857);
Regulation .07A, D amended effective November 30, 2009 (36:24 Md. R. 1857)**

2009 September .04 amended to modify the allocation permit or permits or the hook and line portion from the period of April 1, 2009 through April 24, 2009, to March 1 through March 31, or the allocation permit or permits described in §B of this regulation during the period August 1 through August 31; and establish that a tidal fish licensee may not receive a permit to be authorized to use gears mentioned in this section for regulating harvest; and establish limitations for commercial tidal fish licensees in harvesting from the Chesapeake Bay waters.
 .07 amended to include a floating marker, with a volume of at least 460 cubic inches.

Regulation .03E adopted effective March 22, 2010 (37:6 Md. R. 476)

2010 March .03 amended to add fishing restrictions for the period of March 1 through to the third Friday in April, when recreationally angling. Also dictates that no more than six lines may be used on a vessel. `