

Table 9. Summary of Atlantic Striped bass recreational regulations in 2016. Source: Annual State Compliance Reports. Minimum sizes and slot size limits are in total length (TL).

STATE	SIZE LIMITS	BAG LIMIT	GEAR RESTRICTIONS	OPEN SEASONS
ME	≥ 28" minimum size	1 fish/day	Hook & line only; circle hooks only when using live bait	All year, except spawning areas are closed 12.1 – 4.30 and catch and release only 5.1 – 6.30
NH	≥ 28" minimum size	1 fish/day	Gaffing and culling prohibited	All year
MA	≥ 28" minimum size	1 fish/day	Hook & line only; no high-grading	All year
RI	≥ 28" minimum size	1 fish/day	None	All year
CT	≥ 28" minimum size	1 fish/day	Spearing and gaffing prohibited	All year
NY	Ocean and Delaware River: 28" minimum size Hudson River: 18-28" slot limit, or ≥40"	1 fish/day	Angling only. Spearing permitted in ocean waters. Catch and release only during closed season.	Ocean: 4.15 – 12.15 Hudson River: 4.1 – 11.30 Delaware River: All year
NJ	1 fish at 28 to < 43", and 1 fish ≥ 43"			Closed 1.1 – 2.28 in all waters except in the Atlantic Ocean, and 4.1 – 5.31 in the lower Delaware River and tributaries (spawning ground closure)
PA	Upstream from Calhoun St Bridge: 1 fish at ≥ 28" minimum size Downstream from Calhoun St Bridge: 1 fish at ≥ 28" minimum size, from 4.1 – 5.31, a 2 fish at 21-25" slot size limit			
DE	28" min, no harvest 38-43" (inclusive). In Del. River, Bay & tributaries, may only harvest 20-25" slot from 7.1-8.31	2 fish/day	Hook & line, spear (for divers) only. Circle hooks required in spawning season.	All year except 4.1-5.31 in spawning grounds (catch & release allowed).

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STATE	SIZE LIMITS	BAG LIMIT	OTHER	OPEN SEASON
MD	Ocean: 28" min [^] Bay Trophy: 28 to ≤36" slot, OR ≥40" Bay Summer/Fall: (2) 20-28" slot OR (1) 20-28" slot, (1) > 28" minimum size	Ocean: 1 fish/day Bay Trophy: 1 fish/day Bay Summer/Fall: 2 fish/day	See compliance report for specifics.	Ocean: All year Bay SF: 1.1-5.3 Bay Spring (C&R): 3.1-4.15 Bay Trophy: 4.16-5.15 Bay Summer/Fall: 5.16-12.20
PRFC	Spring Trophy: 35" minimum size limit Summer/Fall: 20" min with 1 fish >28"	Trophy: 1 fish Summer/Fall: 2 fish	No more than two hooks or sets of hooks for each rod or line	Spring Trophy: 4.16 -5.15 Summer/Fall: 5.16-12.31
DC	2 fish at ≥ 20" minimum, only one fish >28"		Hook & line only	5.16-12.31
VA	Ocean: 28" Bay/Coastal Trophy: 36" min (28" max in tribs) CB Spring: 20-28"; only 1 fish can be >36" CB Spring: 20-28"; only 1 fish can be >28"	Ocean: 1 fish/day Bay/Coast Trophy: 1 fish/day Bay Spring/Fall: 2 fish/day	Hook & line, rod & reel, hand line only. Gaffing is illegal in Virginia marine waters.	Ocean: 1.1-3.31, 5.16-12.31 Bay/Tribs Trophy: 5.1-6.15 Coastal Trophy: 5.1-5.15 Bay Spring: 5.16-6.15 Bay Fall: 10.4-12.31
NC	Ocean: 28" min size	Ocean: 1 fish/day	No gaffing allowed.	Ocean: All year

[^] 2 fish at 28-38" slot size limit, or >44", effective June 1