

Table 2. Summary of Atlantic Striped Bass Recreational Regulations for 2008

STATE	SIZE LIMITS	BAG LIMIT	OPEN SEASON	OTHER
ME	1 fish 20-26" OR 1 fish ≥ 40 "	1 fish	All year except 12.1-4.30 in spawning areas, with catch & release only 5.1-6.30	Hook & line only
NH	1 fish 28-40" & 1 fish 28" min	2 fish	All year	No netting; no gaffing
MA	28" min	2 fish	All year	Hook & line only
RI	28" min	2 fish	All year	
CT	28" min	2 fish	All year	
NY	Ocean Private: 1 fish 28-40" & 1 fish > 40 " Ocean Charter: 28" min Hudson: 18" min DE River: 28" min	Ocean: 2 fish Hudson: 1 fish DE River: 2 fish	Ocean: 4.15-12.15 Hudson River: 3.16-11.30 Delaware River: All year	Angling or spearing only
NJ	28" min	2 fish, plus 1 additional through Bonus Program	All year except 1.1-2.28 in intra-coastal waters plus 4.1-5.31 in lower DE River	No netting; bonus program quota: 321,750 lb
PA	28" min	2 fish	All year except 1.1-2.28 & 4.1-5.31 in tidal DE River	
DE	28" min	2 fish	All year except 4.1-5.31 in spawning grounds	Hook & line, spear (divers) only
MD	Susquehanna Flats: 18-26" Chesapeake Bay Trophy: 28" min Chesapeake Bay Regular: 18" min, 1 >28 " Ocean: 28" min	Susquehanna Flats: 1 fish Chesapeake Bay Trophy: 1 fish Chesapeake Bay Regular 1: 2 fish Ocean: 2 fish	Susquehanna Flats: 3.1-5.31; catch & release only 3.1-5.9 Chesapeake Bay Trophy: 4.19-5.13 (most tribes closed) Chesapeake Bay Regular: 5.16-12.15 (most tribes closed until 6.1) Ocean: All year	Chesapeake Bay Quota (includes Susquehanna Flats, but not trophy season harvest): 2,956,463 lb.
PRFC	Trophy: 28" Regular: 18" min, 1 >28 "	Trophy: 1 fish Regular: 2 fish	Trophy: 4.19 -5.13 Regular: 5.16-12.31	Regular Quota: 683,967 lb.
DC	18" min, 1 >28 "	2 fish	5.16-12.31	Hook & line only
VA	Trophy: 32" min (28" Potomac tribes) CB Spring: 18-28"; 1 >32 " CB Fall & Potomac Tribes: 18-28"; 1 >34 " Ocean: 28"	Trophy: 1 fish CB Spring: 2 fish CB Fall: 2 fish (1 fish 12.21-31) Potomac: 2 fish Ocean: 2 fish	Trophy: 5.1-5.15 (open 4.15 Potomac tribes), closed spawning areas CB Spring: 5.16-6.15 (no fish >32 " in spawning areas) CB Fall: 10.4-12.9, 12.21-31 Potomac Tribes: 5.16-12.31 Ocean: 1.1-3.31, 5.16-12.31	Hook & line, rod & reel, hand line only Chesapeake Bay Quota (excludes trophy harvest): 1,642,242 lb.
NC	Roanoke River: 2 fish 18-22" OR 1 fish 18-22" and 1 fish >27 " Albemarle: 18" min Ocean: 28" min	Roanoke River: 2 fish Albemarle Sound: 3 fish Ocean: 2 fish	Roanoke River: 3.1 – 4.30 Albemarle Sound: 1.1 – 4.30, 10.1-12.31 Ocean: All year	Roanoke River: 137,500 lb. Albemarle Sound: 137,500 lb.