

2009 SPOTTED SEATROUT FMP REVIEW

XI. Tables

Table 1. Summary of state regulations for spotted seatrout in 2008

State	Recreational	Commercial
New Jersey	13" TL; 6 fish	Gill net: 13"; open 1/1-5/20 & 9/3-10/19 & 10/27-12/31; 150 lb bycatch limit; mesh \geq 3.25" stretched except 2.75 - 3.25" stretched allowed within 2nm for permitted fishermen doing monthly reporting. Trawl: open 1/1-7/31 @ 13" & 10/13-12/31 @ 12"; mesh \geq 3.75" diamond or 3.375 square; 150 lb bycatch limit. Pound net: 13"; open 1/1-6/6 & 7/1-12/31; 150 lb bycatch limit. Hook & line: open 1/1-12/31, 13", 6 fish.
Delaware	12" TL	12" TL. Gill net restrictions.
Maryland	14" TL; 10 fish	12" TL. Minimum mesh size restrictions for trawl (3-3/8" sq. or 3-3/4" diag.) and gill nets (3").
PRFC	14" TL; 10 fish	14" TL
Virginia	14" TL; 10 fish	14" TL except pound nets and haul seines allowed 5% by weight less than 14". Hook & line - 10 fish limit. Quota: 51,104 lbs (Sept. 1-Aug. 31).
North Carolina	12" TL; 10 fish	12" TL; hook & line - 10 fish limit.
South Carolina	14" TL; 10 fish. May be taken by rod & reel year-round or gigging March-November.	Gamefish status: native caught fish may not be sold.
Georgia	13" TL; 15 fish	13" TL; 15 fish. BRD requirement for trawl; gear mesh regulations.
Florida	15-20" TL slot with 1 fish >20" allowed; north region: 5 fish limit and Feb. closure; south region: 4 fish limit and Nov.-Dec. closure	15-24" TL; June 1-Aug. 31 season; 75 fish per day or vessel (the lesser); hook & line or cast net only

Note: A commercial fishing license is required to possess spotted seatrout in all states with a fishery.