

**Regulation .20 adopted effective October 20, 1997 (24:21 Md. R. 1447)**

1997 October .08.02.05.20 is adopted effective October 20, 1997 (24:21 Md. R. 1447).

*.20 Tautog*

*A. An individual may not catch or possess a tautog less than 14 inches total length.*

*B. Gear Restrictions. A pot and trap used to catch tautog shall have hinges or fasteners on one panel or door made of one of the following degradable materials.*

*(1) Untreated hemp or jute string of 3/16 inch in diameter or smaller;*

*(2) Magnesium alloy fasteners; or*

*(3) Ungalvanized or uncoated iron wire of 0.094 inch in diameter or smaller.*

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**Regulation .20A amended effective June 15, 1998 (25:12 Md. R. 945)**

1998 June .08.02.05.20 amended to limit the amount of tautog that may be caught or possessed to five per day.

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1999 November .08.02.01.01 is amended to adopt and incorporate the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coast Tautog Fishery Management Plan into the Fishery Management Plans.

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**Regulation .20A amended as an emergency provision effective June 9, 2003 (30:13 Md. R. 850); amended permanently effective August 18, 2003 (30:16 Md. R. 1073)**

2003 August .08.02.05.20 is amended to not allow an individual to catch or possess tautogs in the month of December.

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**Regulation .20 amended as an emergency provision effective January 11, 2008 (35:3 Md. R. 285); amended permanently effective March 24, 2008 (35:6 Md. R. 696)**

2008 February .08.02.05.20 is amended to change the season and the creel limit to so that May 16 through October 31, an individual may not catch and possess more than two tautogs a day; and from November 1 through November 30, and January 1 through May 15, an individual may not catch and possess more than four tautogs per day.

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

February 2008 Regulations were Emergency/Proposed  
Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations.

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