CATTENTION ANGLERS

2009 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons



Hard Clam recreational limit - 150 clams No harvest on Sunday Shellfish License required °Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass).

Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited. See the Marine edition of the NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest or New Jersey Fish & Wildlife website for exceptions.
* Anticipated changes in 2009. Please check the Division of Fish and Wildlife website for the most up to date information.



Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass 2 fish at 28" or greater

Del. River & Iribs. (Calhoun St. Bridge); Trenton, to Salem River & Iribs Open Max 1 - Max. 31 & June 1 - Dec. 31

Alliantic Ocean (0-3 miles from shore), no closed season (Greater than 3 miles from shore), closed

All other marine waters, open Mar. 1 - Dec. 31



Tautog 14 inches Open seasons:

4 fish Jan. 1 - Apr. 30 1 fish July 16 - Nov. 15 6 fish Nov. 16 - Dec. 31



Winter Flounder 10 fish at 12 inches Open Season: March 23 - May 21



Weakfish 6 fish at 13 inches

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

6 Fish at 18 inches

Open Season: May 23 - Sept.4

PROHIBITED SPECIES

See the Marine edition of the NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest or Fish & Wildlife's website for a complete list.



2 fish per vessel at 48 inches Open season: Jan 1 - Dec 31



Black Sea Bass * Open season: Jan 1- Dec. 31



15 fish no minimum size Open season: Jan 1 - Dec 31

OTHER	POSSESSION	TOTAL
SPECIES	LIMIT	LENGTH
AMERICAN EEL	50	6"
BLACK DRUM	3	16"
COBIA	2	37"
COD	NO LIMIT	21"
HADDOCK	NO LIMIT	21"
KING MACKEREL	3	23"
POLLOCK	NO LIMIT	19"
RED DRUM	11	18"- 27"
SCUP (PORGY)	50	9" (Jan. 1-Feb.28
		July 1-Dec.31)
SHAD	6	NO LIMIT
SPANISH MACKEREL 10		
LOBSTER	6	3 '/," = 5 '/,"
		(Carapace length)



Blue Crab
peeler or shedder - 3 inches
soft - 3 ½ inches
hard - 4 ½ inches
recreational limit - one bushel
Crab pot/Trot line Seasons:
Delaware Bay & tributaries
April 6 - Dec. 4

All other waters
March 15 - Nov. 30



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