

Black Drum History

Regulations .15 adopted as an emergency provision effective July 13, 1994 (21:16 Md. R. 1379); adopted permanently effective September 12, 1994 (21:18 Md. R. 1508)

1994 July

NOTE

July 1994 Regulations were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations.

Regulation .15 amended as an emergency provision effective April 9, 1998 (25:18 Md. R. 673); emergency status expired October 6, 1998; Regulation .15B, C amended effective June 14, 1999 (26:12 Md. R. 925)

1999 April

08.02.05.15 amended to maintain the recreational catch limit at one black drum per person and adds a provision to contain the daily catch limit to six black drum per boat. For Commercial Fishery, the annual total allowable landings is 1500 pounds, except for purposes of scientific investigation approved by the Department, a commercial licensee may not catch, possess, or sell black drum. Also, if a black drum is incidentally taken, a commercial licensee may notify the Department; and added that the Dept. may verify the number of black drum, record the length, affix a tag, release the black drum, and prepare an invoice for payment of \$7.50 per black drum as consideration for assistance with the collection of biological data if the Dept. was timely notified of the incidental taking.

NOTE

April 1998 Regulations were Emergency/Proposed Regulations Instead of Finalized N&C Regulations.

Regulation .15B, C amended effective June 14, 1999 (26:12 Md. R. 925)

1999 June

.08.02.05.15 amended to change the commercial fishery regulations to distinguish between the catch limit of the Atlantic Ocean waters and the Coastal Bays and the Chesapeake Bay waters. The annual total allowable landings for the Atlantic Ocean is 1500 pounds. Also, if a black drum is incidentally taken by a pound net, a

commercial licensee may notify the Department. The Department may: verify the number of black drum; record the length; affix a tag; release the black drum; and prepare an invoice for payment of \$7.50 per black drum as consideration for assistance with the collection of biological data if the Department was timely notified of the incidental taking of black drum.

Chapter revised effective February 28, 2005 (32:4 Md. R. 409)

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| 2005 February | .08.02.05.15 amended to change season to “open or close season,” also added the phrase ‘State waters’ to the limitation. |
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