

Table 7. State recreational regulations implemented for tautog in the 2017 fishing year.

STATE	SIZE LIMIT (inches)	POSSESSION LIMITS (fish/person/day)	OPEN SEASONS (dates inclusive)
Massachusetts	16"	3	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Rhode Island	16"	3	Apr 15 – May 31
		3	Aug 1 – Oct 15
		6 (10 fish/day/vessel max for private/rental mode)	Oct 16 – Dec 15
Connecticut	16"	2	Apr 1 – Apr 30
		2	July 1 – Aug 31
		3	Oct 10 – Nov 23
New York	16"	4	Oct 5 – Dec 14
New Jersey	15"	4	Jan 1 – Feb 28
		4	Apr 1 – Apr 30
		1	Jul 17 – Nov 15
		6	Nov 16 – Dec 31
Delaware	15"	5	Jan 1 – Mar 31
		3	Apr 1 – May 11
		5	July 17 – Aug 31
		5	Sept 29 – Dec 31
Maryland	16"	4	Jan 1 – May 15
		2	May 16 – Oct 31
		4	Nov 1 – 26
Virginia	16"	3	Jan 1 – Apr 30 Sept 20 – Dec 31