

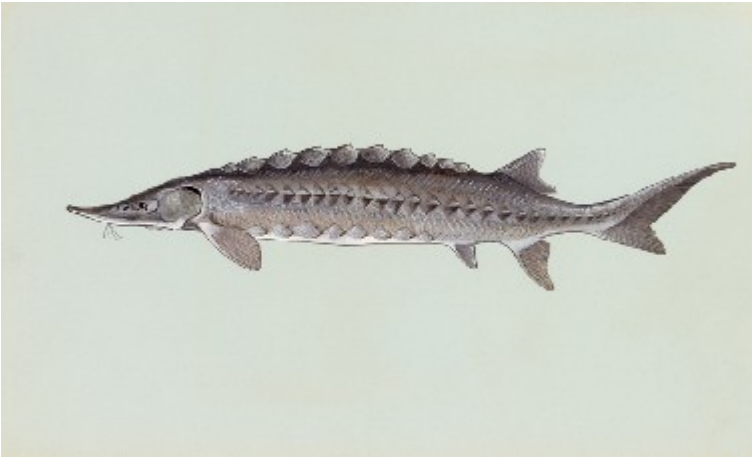






## Year 2003 Tidal Water Recreational Fishing Limits





No license is required for hook and line recreational fishing in tidal waters.




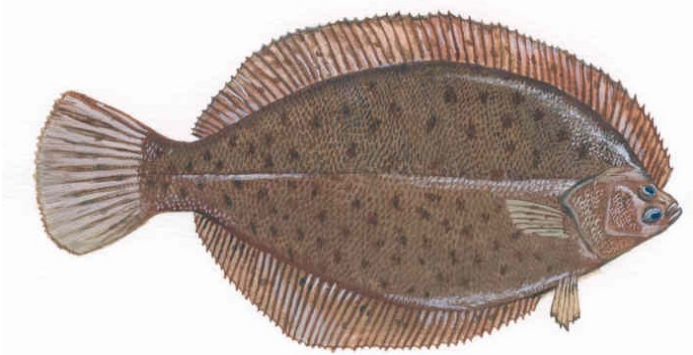
It is illegal to fish for any species of game fish (see Gamefish and General Fishing Restrictions) with more than two hooks and lines, and each hook and line shall have no more than three separate lures with hooks.

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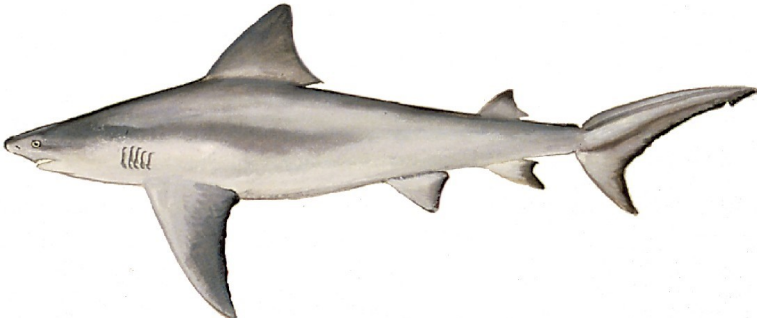
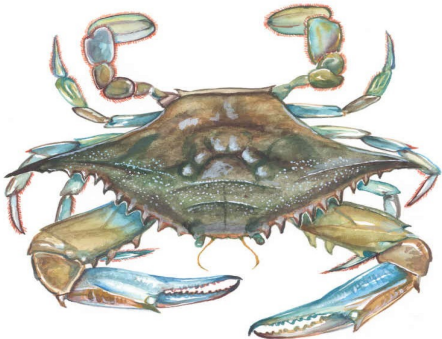
NAME OF FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)	CREEL LIMIT (Number Per Day)
<b>Atlantic Croaker</b> 	All Year	8	None
<b>American Eel</b> 	All Year	6	None
<b>Atlantic Sturgeon</b> 	CLOSED	N/A	N/A


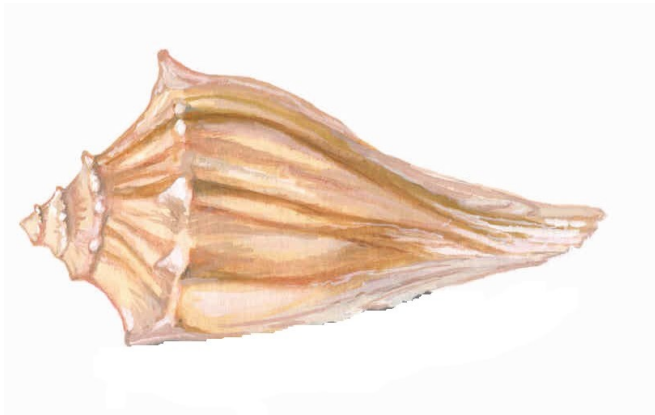
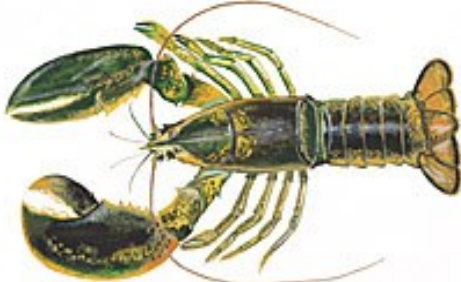
<b>Bluefish</b> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Black Sea Bass</b> 	<b>Closed Sept. 2 - 15, 2003 and Dec. 1 - 31, 2003</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Red Drum</b> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>20 - 27 Max.</b>	<b>5, None greater than 27 Inches</b>
<b>Tautog</b> 	<b>Closed Sept. 1 - 28</b>	<b>14 15 (April, May &amp; June)</b>	<b>10 3 (April, May &amp; June)</b>
<b>Scup (Porgy)</b>	<b>State Waters* All Year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>Federal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>

	<b>Waters*</b> <b>Jan. 1 - Feb</b> <b>28</b> <b>and</b> <b>July 1 - Oct.</b> <b>2</b>		
<p><b>Spotted Seatrout</b></p> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>None</b>
<p><b>Spanish Mackerel</b></p> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Striped Bass</b></p> 	<b>All Year**</b>	<b>Non Tidal 15</b> <b>Inches</b>  <b>Tidal 1 Fish 24</b> <b>- 28 Inches</b> <b>1 Fish Greater</b> <b>Than 28 Inches</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>2</b>
<p><b>Summer Flounder</b></p>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>17 1/2</b>	<b>4</b>

			
<b>Weakfish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>13***</b>	<b>8***</b>
			
<b>White Perch</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>
			
<b>Winter Flounder</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>None</b>
			
<b>Unregulated Shark-Smooth Dogfish</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>



			
<b>Unregulated (Recreational Only) Shark-Spiny Dogfish</b> 	All Year	N/A	N/A
<b>Regulated Shark - Sandbar Shark</b> <b>For Other Regulated Sharks</b> <b>See the List Below</b> 	All Year	54"	1
<b>Blue Crab</b>  <b>Hard Shell</b> <b>Peeler</b> <b>Soft Shell</b>	All Year	5 3 3 1/2"	1 Bushel Per Crabber
<b>Hard Clams</b>	All Year	1 1/2" Wide	100 Residents 50 Nonresidents (500 With Permit)

			
<b>Smooth Whelk (Conch)</b>	<b>All Year</b>	<b>6" length OR 3 1/8" Diameter</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>All Year</b>	<b>5" length OR 2 3/4" Diameter</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Lobster</b> 	<b>All Year</b>	<b>3 5/16" Carapace length</b>	<b>2 Per Diver</b>

\*State waters include the Delaware River and Bay, Coastal Bays, and Atlantic Ocean out to 3 miles. Federal Waters include the Atlantic Ocean beyond 3 miles from the Delaware Shore.

\*\*Striped bass recreational season is closed on the spawning grounds (Nanticoke River, C&D; Canal, and Delaware River and their respective tributaries north of the southern most jetty at the C&D; Canal) during April and May. Striped Bass are not permitted to be retained if taken with a recreational gill net.

\*\*\*Weakfish minimum length remains 14 inches with a creel limit of 14 per day **until May 10, 2003, when the new limits of 13 inch minimum and 8 per day will apply.**