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RESOURCES

Marine Regulations

Fishing rules and regulations seem to change with the tide these days, and they vary greatly from state to state. That's why *The Fisherman* posts the current size and bag limits, seasons and licensing information covering all your favorite local species. Before heading out, check here for a state-by-state breakdown of current restrictions to ensure you'll be in compliance no matter how, when or where you fish.

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*Daily creel limit: 50 fish per angler or 5 gallons (whichever is the greater amount), Open Season: Open Year Round

Black Sea Bass: May 19 – December 31, 5-fish bag limit, 15-inch minimum.

For-Hire "Bonus" September 1 – December 31, 7-fish bag limit, 15-inch minimum.

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler (including "snappers,") no closed season

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

Hickory Shad & American Shad: No size limit, 6/angler (both species aggregate,) no closed season

***American Shad: all state waters closed except the Connecticut River

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: Private Vessel: May 1 – December 31, 30 fish, 9-inch minimum.

Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person; bonus voucher program through CT DEEP

Summer Flounder/Fluke: May 4 to September 30, inclusive, Minimum Size: 19 inches, 4-fish bag limit. Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 – April 30 and July 1 - August 31, 2-fish bag limit, 16-inch minimum length. October 10 to November 28, inclusive, Creel Limit: 3 fish.

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season White Perch: 7" minimum size, 30/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, April 1 - December 31



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Black Sea Bass: 12-1/2 inches, open 5/15-9/21 (15

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size limit. 10/angler, no closed sea

Croaker: 8" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy: 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season Red Drum: 20-27" slot size, 5/angler, no closed season Scup (Porgy): 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Spotted Seatrout: 12" minimum size, No creel limit, no closed season

Striped Bass: As of 5/11/15, two fish, 28 to 37 inches or greater than 44 inches, except in Delaware Bay, River and its tributaries from 7/1-8/31 during which time angler limit is two fish from 20 to 25 inches during 'summer slot' season. No harvest permitted from spawning grounds from 4/1-5/31.

Summer Flounder: 16-1/2" minimum size, 4/angler, No Closed Season

Tautog: 15-inch minimum size for all open seasons; 5/angler Jan. 1 - March 31 and Sept. 29 - Dec. 31; 3/angler April 1 - May 11 and July 17 - Aug. 31. Season closed Sept. 1 - Sept. 28 and May 12 - July 16.

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

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Croaker: 9" minimum size, limit 25/angler, no closed season

Flounder: Effective April 1, 2018, four fish at 16-1/2

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Red Drum: 18" - 27" slot limit, 1/angler, no closed

season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no

closed season

Striped Bass: Atlantic Coast, 2 fish per person per day. Must be between 28 inches and 38 inches, inclusive, or greater than or equal to 44 inches. For varied Chesapeake restrictions go to

www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/striped-bass

Tautog: 16" minimum size, 2/angler, 4/angler from

January 1 - May 15 and from November 1 thru November

14; 2/angler from May 16 thru Oct 31

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season White Perch: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Yellow Perch: 9" minimum size, 10 per day per person, no closed season

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15-inch minimum.

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season Cod: NORTH OF CAPE COD - CLOSED. NO RETENTION PERMITTED.

SOUTH OF CAPE COD - Private Angler: no closed season, 10-fish bag limit, 23-inch minimum.

Haddock: NORTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 12 fish, 17-inch minimum.

SOUTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, no bag limit, 18-inch minimum.

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season Pollock: No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: May 1 - December 31, 30-fish bag limit, 9-inch minimum.

For-Hire Bonus: May 1 - June 30, 45-fish bag limit, 9-inch minimum.

Shad: No minimum size, 6/angler, no closed season Smelt: No minimum size, 50/angler, June 16 - March 14 Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Summer Flounder/Fluke: May 23 – October 9, 5-fish bag limit, 17-inch minimum.

Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 - May 31, 3-fish bag limit; June 1 – July 31, 1-fish bag limit; August 1 – October 14, 3-fish bag limit; October 15 – December 31, 5-fish bag limit; 16-inch minimum length.

Maximum per vessel possession limit is 10 fish regardless of number of anglers onboard.

Weakfish: 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season White Perch: 8" minimum size, 25/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: NORTH OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 8 fish, 12-inch minimum.

SOUTH & EAST OF CAPE COD - no closed season, 2 fish, 12-inch minimum.

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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Atlantic Salmon: 15" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season, snagging not allowed

Bluefish: No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season Cod: 24" minimum size, 10/angler, November 1 - April 15; April 1 - June 30, Gulf of Maine Spawning Protection Area closed.

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Halibut: 41" minimum size, 1/angler/vessel, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size if taken in federal waters, no creel limit, no closed season

Striped Bass: 28" minimum size, 2/angler (only 1 fish may be greater than 40"), no closed season

Summer Flounder/Fluke: TBD

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 8/angler, season

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Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit,

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Black Drum: 16" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed



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Black Sea Bass: 12-1/2" minimum open 5/15-6/22 (10 fish); 12-1/2" minimum open 7/1-8/31 (2 fish); 12-1/2" minimum open 10/8-10/31 (10 fish); 13" minimum open 11/1-12/31 (15 fish)

Blue Crab: 3" minimum size for peeler/shedder 3-1/2" for for soft shell 4-1/2" hard shell Limit one bushell Bluefish: No minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season Cobia: 37" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season. No possession allowed in federal waters (beyond 3 miles)

Cod & Haddock: 21" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

King Mackerel: 23" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy: 9"minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season Red Drum: 18"-27" slot size, 1/angler, no closed season Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: One fish from 28 inches to less than 43 inches, one fish greater than 43 inches. No closed season 0-3 miles from shore; Delaware River from Trenton to Salem River open 3/1-3/31 and from 6/1-12/31; all other marine waters open 3/1-12/31 except beyond 3 miles which is closed year-round.

Summer Flounder: 18" minimum size, 3/angler, May 25 - Sept 22 (17" minimum size, 3/angler west of COLREGS on Delaware Bay; 16" minimum size, 2/angler at IBSP)

Tautog: 15" minimum size, January 1 - February 28 (4 fish), April 1 - April 30 (4 fish), Aug 1 - Nov. 15 (1 fish) and November 16- December 31 (5 fish)

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, Mar. 1-Dec 31

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Aug 31; 8/angler, Sept 1 - October 31; 10/angler Nov 1 - Dec 31.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip) 4.5"" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, 3" peeler/shedder, 50 creel limit, no closed season; All other crab species: no minimum size, 50 creel limit, no closed season Bluefish: No minimum size for first ten fish, 12 inch minimum for additional fish, 15/angler total, no closed

Cod: Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season;

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Fluke (Summer Flounder): 19 " minimum size, 4/angler, May 4 - September 30

Haddock: 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Hickory Shad: No minimum size, 5/angler, no closed season

Monkfish (goosefish): 17" minimum size(11" tail length,) no creel limit, no closed season

Oyster Toadfish: 10" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy (Scup): 9" minimum size, 30/angler, May 1 - December 31; charter and open boat creel limit expands to 45/angler from September 1 - October 31.

Red Drum: No minimum size, 27" maximum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: Marine: 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per

person, April 15 - December 15

Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge: 1 fish per perspon 18 - 28 inches OR greater than 40 inches,

April 1 - November 30

Tautog (Blackfish): 16" minimum size

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September 1 – December 31, 7-fish bag limit; 15-inch minimum.

Blue Crab: Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip,) 5" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, no creel limit, May 1 -November 30

Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season Haddock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Scup / Porgy: 9-inch minimum length. May 1 -December 31, 30-fish bag limit. Party boat/for-hire bonus: September 1 -October 31, 45-fish bag limit. Striped Bass: No closed season, 28-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Summer Flounder/Fluke: 19-inch minimum, May 1 -December 31, 6-fish bag limit.

Tautog / Blackfish: April 1 – May 31, 3-fish bag limit; August 1 - October 14, 3-fish bag limit; October 15 -December 31, 5-fish bag limit; 16-inch minimum length. Maximum per vessel possession limit is 10 fish regardless of number of anglers onboard.

Weakfish: March 1 – December 31, 16-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

Winter Flounder (Blackback): No closed season, 12inch minimum, 2 fish per person. See website for restricted waters.

Yellowtail Flounder: 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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