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Atlantic Ocean & Coastal Bays Seasons, Sizes & Limits



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Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bay sand Tributaries

Species	Minimum Size Limits	Season	Creel Limit	Remarks
American eel	9 inches	January 1– August 31, except open year round for spears and baited traps or pots	Daily—25	
Black Drum	16 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1 Boat limit—6	
Black sea bass		CLOSED – until May 15th – details here: http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/PubNotBlackSeaBassRec2018_2- http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/PubNotBlackSeaBassRec2018_2-15		

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Bluefish	8 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—10	
Cobia	40 Inches	June 1– September 30, 2018	1/person/day 3/vessel/day	Up to 3 cobia per vessel per day if there more individuals on the vessel.
Croaker (Hardhead)	9 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—25	
Dolphinfish (Mahi-Mahi)	None	Open Year Round	Daily—10 Boat limit—60	Only applies to federal waters.
Grouper species	None	Open Year Round	Daily—1	Grouper species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.asp?file=08.02.05.29.htm (http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile=08.02.05.29.htm)
Lobster *Please see additional recreational lobster information below	338–5¼ inches carapace length	CLOSED Feb. 1– March 31	100/person/24 hour period or 500 for a 5-day or longer trip when using gear other than lobster traps	Must be landed whole. Spearing is prohi No egg-bearing females.
Red drum (Channel Bass or Puppy Drum)	18–27 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1	
Scup (Porgy)	8 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—50	
Sharks	See Highly Migratory Species Section (http://www.eregulations.com/?p=123434)			
Snapper COMPLEX (includes: sheepshead and spadefish)	None	Open Year Round	Daily—20 in aggregate	Snapper species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.asp?file=08.02.05.29.htm (http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile=08.02.05.29.htm)

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Spotted seatrout	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
Striped Bass	See Atlantic Striped Bass Section (http://www.eregulations.com/?p=123357)			
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	16.5 inches	April 1- Dec. 31, 2018	4/person/day	
Tautog	16 inches	CLOSED May 16– June 30	2/person/day 4/person/day	July 1 — October 31 2 fish/person/day November 1 — December 31 4 fish/pers
Tilefish species	None	Open Year Round	Daily—7 in aggregate	Tilefish species— www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.asp?file=08.02.05.29.htm
Wahoo	None	Open Year Round	Daily—2	Only applies to federal waters.
Weakfish	13 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1	
Alewife Herring, American Shad, Atlantic sturgeon, shortnose STURGEON, and bivalves/shellfish(mussels and clams)	CLOSED			

