

## Atlantic Ocean and Coastal Bays Seasons, Sizes and Possession Limits 2022

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	<a href="#">Season closed Jan 1–May 14; see online version for the rules for the remainder of the year at <u>eregulations.com/maryland/fishing</u></a>			
BLUEFISH	8 inches	Open Year Round	Shore or Private Boat: Daily—3 For-Hire Boat: Daily—5	
COBIA	40 inches	June 15–September 15	1 cobia per person per day; or up to 2 cobia per vessel per day if there are 2 or 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	<a href="#">Grouper species—www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=08.02.05.29.htm</a>
LOBSTER	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 prohibited. No egg-bearing females.
RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS OR PUPPY DRUM)	18–27 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—1	
SCUP (PORGY)	9 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—50	
SHARKS	<a href="#">See Highly Migratory Species</a>			
SHEEPSHEAD	None	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
SHRIMP (BROWN, WHITE)	None	Open Year Round	<b>None</b>	Must use authorized gear.

SNAPPER SPECIES (INCLUDES MANY SPECIES, PLEASE SEE LIST)	None	Open Year Round	Daily—20	<a href="http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=08.02.05.29.htm">Snapper species—www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=08.02.05.29.htm</a>
SPANISH MACKEREL*	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—15	
SPOT	None	Open Year Round	Daily—50	
SPOTTED SEATROUT	14 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4	
STRIPED BASS	See Atlantic Striped Bass Section— below.			
SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)	16.5 inches	Open Year Round	Daily—4	To maximize summer flounder survivability, use a 3/0 or larger hook and be prepared to release undersized fish (pliers, wet rag, and a ruler).
TAUTOG	16 inches	CLOSED May 16–June 30	January 1–May 15: Daily—4 July 1–October 31: Daily—2 November 1–December 31: Daily—4	
TILEFISH (BLUELINE, GOLDEN, SAND)	Must follow federal limits and season, permit and reporting requirements.			
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, BLUEBACK HERRING, HICKORY SHAD AND SHORTNOSE STURGEON	CLOSED			

#### Atlantic Striped Bass

SEASON	FISHING LOCATIONS ALLOWED	CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS	REGULATIONS	RESTRICTIONS AND REMARKS
JAN. 1–DEC. 31	No area restrictions in state waters	Anglers may keep one striped bass per person per day. The striped bass must be at least 28 inches and less than 35 inches in length.	Striped bass may not be caught, harassed or possessed in the Exclusive Economic Zone, which stretches from 3–200 miles off the coast.	Must always use non-offset circle hooks when using fish, crabs or worms as bait or processed baits (treble hooks are prohibited) when targeting striped bass.