

MARINE REGULATIONS

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. **Red** text in regulations indicates a change for this year.

- **Change in Rules for Recreational Harvest of Summer Flounder and Tautog.**
- **Striped Bass Bonus Program Applications Only Online**

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife informs anglers that rules for the recreational harvest of **summer flounder (fluke)** have changed. The summer flounder recreational season is now **May 24 through September 7**. The recreational minimum size is **18 inches** and the possession limit remains at eight fish.

The new minimum size limit for tautog is 14 inches. The possession limit changes throughout the year. See *Tautog*, page 13.

These changes were implemented for New Jersey to remain in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's management plans for summer flounder and tautog. The new rules are aimed at providing adequate protection to these fish stocks while allowing New Jersey's saltwater recreational anglers to participate to the fullest extent possible in the summer flounder and tautog fisheries.

Applications for the Striped Bass Bonus Program are now available only online.

New Jersey recreational marine regulations apply to all fish species when they are possessed in state waters or landed in New Jersey regardless of where they are caught.

Resource Information

Anyone who takes fisheries resources may be required to provide information on the species, number, weight or other information pertinent to management of resources.

Methods of Recreational Fishing

No person shall take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any fish within the marine waters of the state by any means except in the manner commonly known as angling with hand line or rod and line unless specifically provided for by statute or regulation.

Wanton Waste Prohibited

Fish of any species which are purposely killed shall become part of the angler's daily possession limit and shall not be returned to the water from which they were taken. This does not apply to fish which are released alive and subsequently die.

Spear Fishing

Spear fishing may be conducted by means of a spear, harpoon or other missile while completely submerged in the marine waters of the state for any species, except lobster.

Persons who fish with a spear for species with size limits are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the fish meets the minimum size limits before being killed or injured.

Prohibited Species

It is illegal to take, possess, land, purchase, or sell any of the following species:

Atlantic Sturgeon	Sand Tiger Shark	White Shark
Basking Shark	Shortnose Sturgeon	
Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark	Whale Shark	

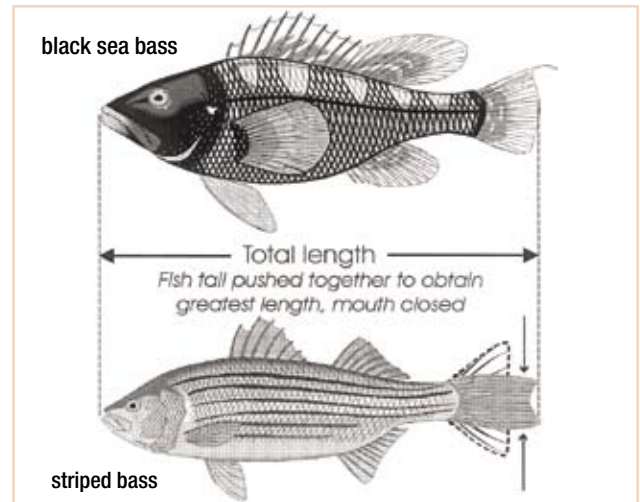
Sea Turtles & Marine Mammals

It is illegal to intentionally molest, kill or possess sea turtles or marine mammals, or to possess any part thereof.

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Filleting

The filleting at sea of all fish with a size limit is prohibited. Party boats may fillet fish at sea if they obtain a Special Fillet Permit. Applications may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Marine Fisheries. See *Summer Flounder*, page 13.



Black Sea Bass

The minimum size limit for black sea bass is 12 inches measured along the midline from the snout to the end of the central portion of the tail, not to include the tail filaments. (See illustration above.) The possession limit is 25 fish with an open season of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Bluefish

The possession limit for bluefish is 15 fish. Bluefish taken with hook and line may be sold only from June 16 through Aug. 7 and only if the harvester is in possession of a valid commercial bluefish permit issued for his or her vessel by the National Marine Fisheries Service (978) 281-9370. Any harvester in possession of a valid commercial bluefish permit may possess more than 15 bluefish per day, but only during the commercial season of June 16 through Aug. 7.

Black drum

The minimum size limit for black drum is 16 inches in total length and the daily possession limit is three fish. There is no closed season for black drum.

Red Drum

The red drum possession and size limits are one fish no less than 18 inches and not greater than 27 inches.

Striped Bass (includes Hybrid Striped Bass)

The possession limit for striped bass/hybrid striped bass is two fish with a minimum size limit of 28 inches for each fish. Anglers participating in the Striped Bass Bonus Program (see next page) may possess an additional striped bass at least 28 inches in length.

It is illegal to take, catch or kill any striped bass from or in any marine waters of this state, by means of a net of any description, or by any methods other than angling with a hook and line or by spear fishing.

It is illegal to possess any striped bass which is less than the legal minimum size of 28 inches. A person shall not fillet, or remove the head or tail, or parts thereof, of any striped bass at sea.

Harvest and possession of striped bass from federal waters (outside three miles) is prohibited.

Sale of striped bass in New Jersey is prohibited.

Striped Bass Closed Seasons

No person may take, attempt to take, or have in possession any striped bass from the following closed waters:

Jan. 1–Feb. 28 — All waters closed except the Atlantic Ocean from zero to three miles offshore. All inlets and bays are delineated from ocean waters by a Colregs Demarcation line.

April 1–May 31— Delaware River and Bay and their tributaries closed from the upstream side of the Calhoun St. bridge downstream to and including the Salem River and its tributaries.

Non-offset circle hooks are required to reduce striped bass bycatch mortality while fishing with natural bait during the striped bass springtime spawning area closure within the Delaware River and its tributaries. This restriction does not apply to hook sizes smaller than size 2.

Striped Bass Bonus Program

The Striped Bass Bonus Program will continue in 2008, where anglers possessing a bonus permit may keep a third striper at 28 inches or greater.

The current allocation from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is 321,750 pounds to be distributed between individual anglers and party/charter boats. Should New Jersey exceed this quota in 2008, any overage would be subtracted from the 2009 quota.

Application Process

The 2008 Striped Bass Bonus Program permits are only available online. Go to www.WildlifeLicense.com/nj/, complete the application and immediately print one Bonus Permit; application fee, \$2. The permit is non-transferable and valid for the 2008 calendar year. Only one permit can be used per day. Harvest reporting also must be online.

The party/charter boat segment of the program remains the same as 2007, with the applications available only by contacting Fish and Wildlife at (609)748-2020. The party/charter boat bonus program is not online.

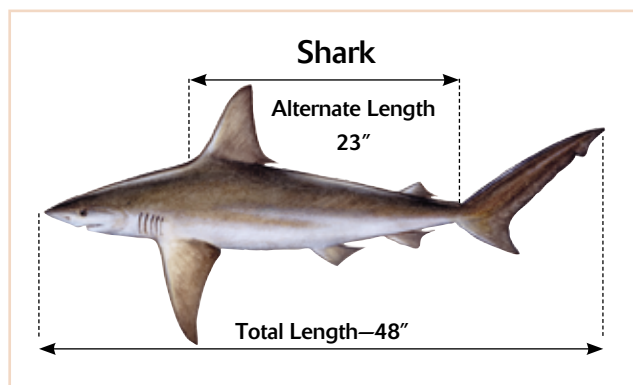
Striped Bass Bonus Permit Harvest Reporting

All information on the Bonus Permit must be completed immediately after harvest and prior to transportation. After reporting harvest information at www.WildlifeLicense.com/nj/, anglers are then eligible to receive another bonus permit for the \$2 application fee. Harvest information must be reported online.

Striped Bass Fishing Log

All participants receive a log with their Bonus Permit and are encouraged to report *all* striped bass fishing activity for the 2008 calendar year. Anglers now have the option to enter their striped bass fishing log online instead of mailing their paper fishing log. Go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/bonusbas_log.htm.

Shark



The minimum size limit for any species of shark, except dogfish (see note below) is 48 inches total length. The minimum size and possession limit for shark is likely to change in 2008. For updates, visit our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/saltwater.htm or call the 24-hour marine fish information number at (609) 292-2083.

Sharks — Prohibited Species

basking shark	sand tiger shark	white shark
whale shark	bigeye sand tiger shark	

The fins may not be removed from a shark, except after fishing has ceased and such shark has been landed. A shark may be eviscerated and the head and tail removed prior to landing, provided that the alternate length as measured from the origin of the first dorsal fin to the pre-caudal pit (located just forward of the origin of the upper lobe of the tail fin) is not less than 23 inches in length. The possession limit is two shark per vessel.

Note: To differentiate sharks from dogfish — the smooth dogfish has flat, tiny teeth; the spiny dogfish has strong, dorsal spines, shorter than, and in front of, the dorsal fins. Neither are present in sharks.

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

The possession and minimum size limit for summer flounder is eight fish at 18 inches with an open season from May 24 to Sept. 7.

Anglers may fillet one legal-sized summer flounder from their daily possession limit catch for use as bait. This carcass, commonly known as the rack, shall be kept intact so it can be measured for compliance with the minimum size limit. No parts of any summer flounder caught on a previous fishing trip shall be in possession; only fish just caught on this outing.

Tautog (Blackfish)

Tautog regulations are new for 2008. The minimum size limit for Tautog is 14 inches. There is a four fish possession limit from Jan. 1 through April 30, a zero fish possession limit from May 1 through July 15 (the season is closed), a one fish possession limit from July 16 through Nov. 15 and a six fish possession limit from Nov. 16 through Dec. 31.

Weakfish (Gray & Spotted Seatrout)

The current possession and minimum size limit for weakfish is six fish at least 13 inches in length.

Winter Flounder

The minimum possession and size limit for winter flounder is 10 fish at 12 inches. For winter flounder the open season is March 23–May 21.

Additional Marine Fishing Regulations

See pages 15 - 18 for the regulation charts and fish ID pages.

Delaware Fishing License Requirement

A Delaware fishing license is now required for anglers aged 16 and over fishing the Delaware River and Delaware Bay between the upstream tip of Artificial Island and the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line. In that section of the river, the Delaware state boundary extends to the New Jersey shoreline. When fishing from shore in New Jersey along that section of the river, a Delaware fishing license is not required. Delaware fishing license information can be found at <http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Fisheries/Pages/NewFishingLicense.aspx>

Bait Fish

No license is required for the taking of baitfish for personal use with the following gear:

1. Dip nets 24 inches diameter or less for the taking of herring for live bait.
2. Bait seines 50 feet long or less.
3. Cast nets 20 feet in diameter or less.
4. Lift or umbrella nets four feet square or less.
5. Not more than five killipots.
6. Not more than two miniature fykes or pots for the taking of eels for bait.

Fish taken in this manner may not be sold or used for barter unless a commercial bait net license is in possession.

No person shall take more than 35 alewife or blueback herring in aggregate per day by hook and line or the above listed gear.

No person shall take or attempt to take fish by any means from the Deal Lake flume, Lake Takanasse spillway or Wreck Pond spillway on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday during the months of April and May.

Crustaceans

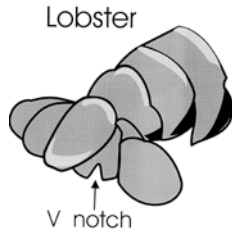
American Lobster

The legal possession size of whole lobsters, measured from the rear of the eye socket along a line parallel to the center line of the body shell to the rear of the body shell, shall be not less than $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches **nor greater than $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches**. Lobster parts may not be possessed at sea or landed.

The possession limit is six lobsters per person. No person shall possess any lobster with eggs attached or from which eggs have been removed or any female lobster with a v-notched tail, as illustrated above.

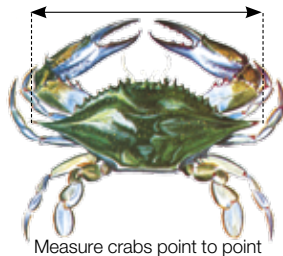
The use of spears, gigs, gaffs or other penetrating devices as a method of capture for lobsters is prohibited. A recreational lobster pot permit and fish pot license is required to use pots or traps to capture lobsters. For details call (609) 748-2020.

Lobsters taken recreationally may not be sold or offered for sale.



Crabs

- Crabs may be taken recreationally with hand lines, manually operated collapsible traps or scoop nets without a license. A non-commercial crab pot license is required for the use of not more than two non-collapsible Chesapeake-style crab pots (see illustration on page 19) or two trot lines to harvest crabs. See page 19 for the non-commercial crab pot license information.
- It is illegal to harvest or possess more than one bushel of crabs per day per person or offer for sale any crabs without having in your possession a valid commercial crabbing license.
- Minimum size for crabs that may be harvested (measured from point to point of shell) are as follows:
 - Peeler or shedder crab—3 inches
 - Soft crab— $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch
 - Hard crab— $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches (for sale)
 - Hard crab— $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches (possession)
- All female crabs with eggs attached and all undersized crabs shall be returned to the water immediately.
- Recreational trot lines shall not exceed 150 feet in length with a maximum of 25 baits.
- All pots and trot lines shall be marked with the identification number of the owner.
- All crab pots must be tended at least once every 72 hours.
- No floating line may be used on any crab pot or crab pot buoy.
- No crab pot shall be placed in any area that would obstruct or impede navigation or in any creek less than 50 feet wide.
- Only the owner, his agent or a law enforcement officer may raise or remove contents of a legally set fishing device.
- Crabs taken with a bait seine may be retained for personal use only if the fisherman possesses a bait net license, and may not be bartered or sold unless the fisherman possesses a commercial crab license.
- No crabs may be harvested from the Newark Bay Complex. For more information, see Health Advisory on page 22.
- Crab Pot/Trot Line seasons:
Delaware Bay and tributaries — April 6 to Dec. 4; all other waters — March 15 to Nov. 30. The following waters are closed to the use of crab



pots and trot lines: Cumberland Co.: Cohansey River and creeks named Back, Cedar, Nantuxent, Fortesque, Oranoken and Dividing; Cape May Co.: West and Bidwell Creeks and the Cape May Canal; Atlantic Co.: Hammock Cove (Dry Bay); Ocean Co.: on east shore of Barnegat Bay, that area of Sedge Islands Wildlife Management Area enclosed by a line drawn from the northern bank of Fishing Creek on Island Beach State Park to the northern tip of the Sedge Islands (Hensler Island), then south from point to point along the western side of the Sedge Islands WMA and terminating on the most southwestern point of Island Beach State Park.

- Fish and Wildlife will issue a non-commercial crab dredge license for the harvest of not more than one bushel of crabs per day during the crab dredge season. Crabs so taken may not be sold or offered for barter. There is a fee of \$15 for this non-commercial crab dredge license. See page 19 for details on purchasing a non-commercial crab dredge license.

Notice: All non-collapsible Chesapeake-style crab pots (see illustration on page 19) must be constructed to include a biodegradable panel designed to create an opening to allow crabs and other organisms to escape if the pot is lost or abandoned. All non-collapsible Chesapeake-style crab pots set in any manmade lagoon or any water body less than 150 feet wide must also include a turtle excluder device inside all pot entrance funnels.

Horseshoe Crabs

The harvest of horseshoe crabs is prohibited. Possession of horseshoe crabs is also prohibited except for those individuals holding a scientific collecting permit for research and education and those fishermen that can provide suitable documentation that the horseshoe crabs in their possession were harvested outside the State of New Jersey.

Mollusks

- All persons must be licensed to harvest any shellfish. See page 18. Shellfish means any species of benthic mollusks (except conch) including hard and soft clams, oysters, surf clams, bay scallops and mussels.
- It is illegal to harvest shellfish from condemned waters, even for bait purposes. It is also illegal to harvest shellfish including surf clams from beaches adjacent to water classified as condemned. Shellfish water classification charts are available from license agents, any state shellfish office or Marine Police Station. See page 18 for more information. Charts are updated annually.
- Shellfish harvesting is prohibited before sunrise, after sunset and on Sunday.
- Harvesting shellfish on public grounds is restricted to the use of hand implements.
- It is illegal to harvest shellfish from leased grounds. These grounds are delineated by stakes or buoys set by the lease holder. Charts of the leases may be examined at Fish and Wildlife's Nacote Creek or Delaware Bay shellfish offices during regular business hours.

Recreational Shellfish License

- No holder of any recreational shellfish license may take more than a total of 150 shellfish (in aggregate) per day. See page 18.
- A non-resident recreational shellfish license is valid only during the months of June, July, August and September.
- Anyone engaged in any shellfish harvesting activity with someone holding a commercial shellfish license must also possess their own commercial shellfish license.
- It is illegal to dredge shellfish. Hand implements are the only legal harvest methods.
- The minimum size of hard clams that may be harvested is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches



Size and Possession Limits Chart

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in length. Clams less than 1½ inches in length must immediately be returned to the bottom from which they were taken. Specific seasons, regulations and size limits exist for oyster beds in Great Bay, Delaware Bay, plus the Mullica, Great Egg Harbor and Tuckahoe rivers. Check with the nearest shellfish office (Nacote Creek or Delaware Bay) for these detailed regulations.

- It is illegal to harvest shellfish on Sunday except in the seasonal waters of the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers between Nov. 1 and April 30.
- Shells taken in the process of harvesting oysters must be culled from the live oysters and returned immediately to the area from where they were taken.

Commercial Shellfish License

- Shellfish may be sold only to certified dealers. All persons selling shellfish commercially must tag each container listing date of harvest, name and address of the harvester and the waters from which the shellfish were harvested.
- It is illegal to dredge shellfish on public grounds. All harvesting on public grounds is restricted to the use of hand implements.
- Shells taken in the process of harvesting oysters must be culled from the live oysters and immediately returned to the area from where they were taken.
- The minimum size of hard clams that may be harvested is 1½ inches in length. Clams less than 1½ inches must immediately be returned to the bottom from which they were taken. Specific seasons, regulations and size limits exist for oyster beds in Great Bay, Delaware Bay, plus the Mullica, Great Egg Harbor, and Tuckahoe rivers. Check with the nearest shellfish office (Nacote Creek or Delaware Bay) for these detailed regulations.
- It is illegal to harvest shellfish on Sunday except in the seasonal waters of the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers between Nov. 1 and April 30 when it is legal.



2008 New Jersey Recreational Fishing Seasons, Minimum Size & Possession Limits

Regulations in red are new this year.

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Harvest & Possession Limit (per person unless noted)
American Eel	No Closed Season	6"	50
Black Drum	No Closed Season	16"	3
Black Sea Bass	Jan. 1–Dec. 31	12"	25 Excluding tail filaments
Bluefish	No Closed Season	No Minimum	15
Cobia	No Closed Season	37"	2
Cod	No Closed Season	21"	No Limit
Haddock	No Closed Season	21"	No Limit
King Mackerel	No Closed Season	23"	3
Pollock	No Closed Season	19"	No Limit
Porgy (Scup)	Jan. 1–Feb. 28 July 1–Dec. 31	9"	50
Red Drum	No Closed Season	18"	1 not greater than 27"
River Herring	No Closed Season	No Limit	35
Shad	No Closed Season	No minimum	6
Shark ^a except prohibited species ^b	No Closed Season	48"	2 per vessel
Spanish Mackerel	No Closed Season	14"	10
Striped bass or hybrid striped bass			
— Del. River & tributaries** (Calhoun St. bridge to Salem River & tributaries)	March 1–March 31 and June 1–Dec. 31		
— Del. River & tributaries** (upstream of Calhoun St. bridge)	March 1–Dec. 31	28"	2
— Atlantic Ocean ^c 0-3 miles from shore	No Closed Season		
— Rivers, bay and estuaries	March 1–Dec. 31		
— 3 - 200 miles (federal waters)	Prohibited	–	0
Summer Flounder	May 24– September 7	18"	8
Tautog ^a	Jan. 1–April 30 May 1– July 15 July 16–Nov. 15 Nov. 16–Dec. 31	14" – 14" 14"	4 0 1 6
Weakfish	No Closed Season	13"	6
Winter Flounder	March 23–May 21	12"	10
No species of fish with a minimum size limit listed above may be filleted or cleaned at sea (except striped bass if fillet is at least 28" long). Party boats licensed to carry 15 or more passengers may apply for a permit to fillet the above species, except striped bass, at sea.			
Blue Crab			
— peeler or shedder	No Closed Season ^d	3"	1 bushel
— soft	No Closed Season ^d	3 1/2"	
— hard	No Closed Season ^d	4 1/2"	
Lobster (carapace length)	No Closed Season	3 3/4"	6
Hard Clam — license required	No Closed Season	1 1/2"	150 clams

^a Not including dogfish: see description on page 13 under Shark

^b Prohibited shark species: basking shark, whale shark, white shark, sand tiger shark, bigeye tiger shark

^c Atlantic Ocean greater than three miles from shore: harvest and possession prohibited

^d Unless using non-collapsible, Chesapeake-style crab pots. See sections on crab pots, pages 14, 18 and 19.

* Regulations change throughout the season. See Tautog, page 13.

** See Closed Seasons page 13 for specifics of springtime non-offset circle hook requirements

Marine Species Identification

SEASONS, SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS

ATTENTION ANGLERS

2008 New Jersey Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass; see p.12). Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited. **Red** text indicates a change this year.



Weakfish
6 fish at 13"



Summer Flounder (Fluke)
8 fish at 18"

Open Season: 5/24-9/7

See Summer Flounder regulations for filleting to use as bait, page 13



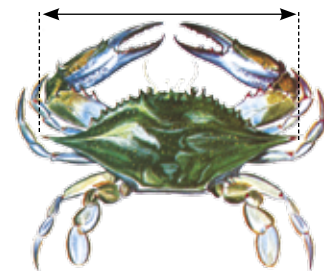
Tautog
14"

4 fish, 1/1-4/30 • 0 fish, 5/1-7/15
1 fish, 7/16-11/15 • 6 fish, 11/16-12/31



1 1/2"

Hard Clam
recreational limit—150 clams
No harvest on Sunday.
(See p. 15 for exceptions)



Blue Crab (point to point)
Peeler or Shedder—3"
Soft—3 1/2" • Hard—4 1/2"
recreational limit—one bushel



Bluefish
15 fish – no minimum size

PROHIBITED SPECIES

It is illegal to take, possess or land any of the following species:

- BIGEYE SAND TIGER SHARK
- SHORTNOSE STURGEON
- ATLANTIC STURGEON
- SAND TIGER SHARK
- BASKING SHARK
- WHALE SHARK
- WHITE SHARK



Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass
2 fish at 28"

Del. River & tribs. (Calhoun St. bridge); Trenton, to Salem River & tribs. Open 3/1-3/31 & 6/1-12/31

Atlantic Ocean: (0-3 miles from shore), no closed season; (greater than 3 miles from shore) closed year round

All other marine waters, open 3/1-12/31

OTHER SPECIES

	Possession Limit	Total Length
American Eel	50	6"
Cobia	2	37"
Cod	No Limit	21"
Haddock	No Limit	21"
King Mackerel	3	23"
Pollock	No Limit	19"
River Herring	35	No Limit
Lobster	6	3 3/8" min-5 1/4" max (carapace length)

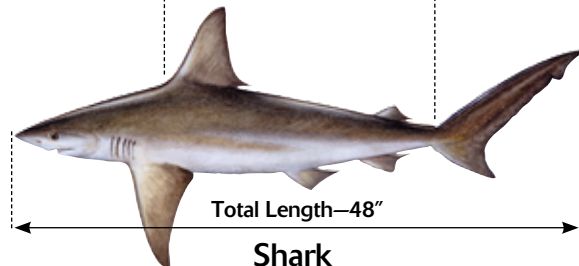


Winter Flounder
10 fish at 12"
Open Season: 3/23-5/21



Black Sea Bass
25 Fish at 12"
Open Season: 1/1-12/31

Alternate Length 23"



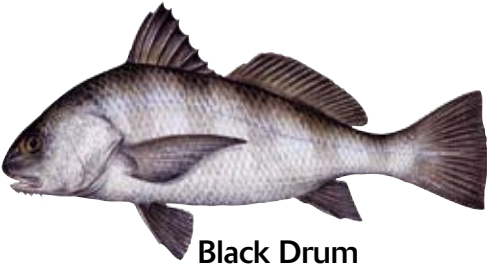
Total Length—48"

Shark
2 fish per vessel

Possession and size limits likely to change in 2008; see page 13.

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SEASONS, SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS



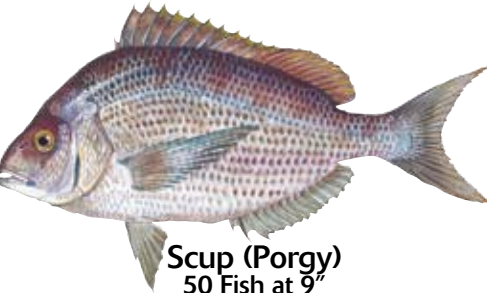
Black Drum
3 Fish at 16"



Northern Kingfish



Atlantic Bonito



Scup (Porgy)
50 Fish at 9"

Open Season: 1/1-2/28 and 7/1-12/31



Northern Seabroin



White Perch



Northern Puffer



Red Drum

1 Fish at least 18" but not greater than 27"



Spiny Dogfish



Atlantic Mackerel



American Shad
6 Fish Limit



Smooth Dogfish



Oyster Toadfish



Spanish Mackerel
10 Fish at 14"



Sand Tiger Shark
possession prohibited



Atlantic Croaker



Atlantic Cod
21" Size Limit



Sandbar Shark

2008 Federal Recreational Regulations for Minimum Size, Possession Limits and Seasons

See *New Jersey Recreational Fishing Seasons Minimum Size and Possession Limits* chart for species not included in these federal regulations, page 15.
For federal regulation questions, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service at (978) 281-9260, or go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov.

Species	Season	Minimum Size	Possession Limit (number per angler per day unless otherwise specified)	Notes
Striped Bass	Possession prohibited in federal waters (3-200 nm)	Possession prohibited in federal waters (3-200 nm)	Possession prohibited in federal waters (3-200 nm)	Possession prohibited in federal waters (3-200 nm). See pages 12 and 15 for NJ Waters
Dolphin (Mahi mahi)	year-round	none	10, not to exceed 60 per vessel, which ever is less, except on a charter or headboat, 10 per paying passenger	For current regulations refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ or call (978) 281-9260
Marlin, White	year round	66 inches lower jaw-fork length	none	During any sanctioned billfish tournaments offering prize money, non offset circle hooks are required for lures with natural bait or natural/artificial bait combos. Refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ or call (978) 281-9260
Marlin, Blue	year round	99 inches lower jaw-fork length	none	
Sailfish	year-round	63 inches lower jaw-fork length	none, longbill spearfish prohibited	
Golden Tilefish	year round	none	none	For current regulations refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ or call (978) 281-9260
Swordfish	year round	47 inches lower jaw-fork length	1 per person, no more than 3 per vessel per trip	* Swordfish, tuna and sharks require a highly migratory species (HMS) permit when fishing in federal waters (3-200 nm). For permits refer to www.hmspermits.gov or call (888) 872-8862. For current regulations refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ or call (978) 281-9260
Tuna, Albacore (Longfin)	year round	none	none	
Tuna, Bigeye	year round	27 inches curved fork length	none	
Tuna, Bluefin	January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 or until season is closed.	See note at right		
Tuna, Skipjack	year round	none	none	
Tuna, Yellowfin	year round	27 inches curved fork length	3 per person per trip	

* Regulations concerning highly migratory species are subject to change, Refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ for a list of complete federal regulations for highly migratory species.

Shellfish License Information

A clamming license is now called a shellfish license and is required for harvesting of all species of benthic mollusks (with the exception of conchs, addressed in the commercial marine fisheries regulations), including, but not limited to, hard and soft clams, surf clams, oysters, bay scallops and mussels. Other specific commercial shellfish licenses exist such as surf clam dredge, Delaware Bay oyster dredge boat, and Delaware Bay licenses to harvest in Areas 1, 2 and 3.

Prior to harvesting any shellfish, be certain to consult the Shellfish Growing Water Classification Charts published by DEP's Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring, available at any shellfish license agent, state shellfish offices, marine police station, online at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/bmw/waterclass.htm> or call the Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring at (609) 748-2000. This summer, shellfish licenses will be available for purchase online at www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.

A statutory update changed the name, fee and scope of several shellfish licenses.

- **Resident recreational shellfish:** \$10. Harvest limit of 150 shellfish (in aggregate) per day. Sale of catch prohibited.
- **Non-resident recreational shellfish:** \$20. Harvest limit of 150 shellfish (in aggregate) per day. Sale of catch prohibited. License valid only during the months of June, July, August and September.
- **Juvenile recreational shellfish:** \$2. For persons under 14 years of age. Subject to same restrictions as resident or nonresident adult recreational license holders.
- **Resident commercial shellfish:** \$50. Unlimited harvest. Shellfish may be sold *only* to certified dealers.
- **Non-resident Commercial Shellfish:** \$250 Unlimited harvest. Shellfish may be sold to certified dealers *only*.
- **Senior citizen recreational shellfish license:** FREE (\$2 application fee) NJ residents age 62 years or older. Harvest limit, 150 shellfish (in aggregate) per day. Sale of shellfish prohibited.
- **Disabled veterans:** Fish and Wildlife-certified disabled veterans are eligible for free shellfish license at any shellfish license agent location. For more information on how to become certified, call (908) 637-4125.

Shellfish and Non-Commercial Crab Pot License Agents

(For over-the-counter sales only)

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Fish Finder Marina, 3645 Atlantic-Brigantine Blvd., Brigantine(609) 457-5384
 NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife, 360 Rt. 9N (milepost 51)(609) 748-2021
 Zeus Sporting Goods, 6679 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Twp.(609) 646-1668

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Avalon Hodge Podge, 2389 Ocean Dr., Avalon(609) 967-3274
 Budd's Bait & Tackle, 109 Fullingmill Rd., Villas(609) 886-6935
 Capt. Tate's Tackle Box, 450 No. Route 47, Cape May CH(609) 861-4001
 City of Ocean City, 861 Asbury Ave., Ocean City(609) 525-9328
 Just Sports, 21 W. Mechanic St., Cape May CH(609) 465-6171
 Upper Township, 2100 Tuckahoe Rd., Tuckahoe(609) 628-2805
 Wal*Mart, 3159 Rt. 9S, Rio Grande(609) 465-7760

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bivalve Shellfish Office, 6959 Miller Ave., Port Norris(856) 785-0730
 Shire Products, 389 S. Lincoln Ave., Vineland(856) 692-3646

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Delaware Bay Office, 6959 Miller Ave., Port Norris(856) 785-0730
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Auto Parts of Woodbridge, 108 Main St., Woodbridge(732) 634-6264
 Sayreville Sportsman Shop, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville(732) 238-2060

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Brielle Tackle, 800 Ashley Ave., Brielle(732) 528-5720
 L & H Woods and Water, 2045 Rt. 35, Wall(732) 282-1812
 T & A Tackle and Bait, 369 Rt. 36, Port Monmouth(732) 787-3853

OCEAN COUNTY

American Sportsman, 857 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin(609) 597-4104
 Bob Kislin's, 1214 Rt. 37 East, Toms River(732) 929-9300
 Downes Bait & Tackle, 287 Brennan Concourse, Bayville(732) 269-0137
 Grizz's Forked River B & T, 232 N. Main St., Forked River(609) 693-9298
 Lacey Marine, 308 Rt. 9, So., Forked River(609) 693-0151
 L & H Woods and Water, 403 Rt. 9, Waretown(609) 242-1812
 Pell's Fish & Sport Shop, 335 Mantoloking Rd., Bricktown(732) 477-2121
 Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St., West Creek(609) 296-3192

SOMERSET COUNTY

Efinger Sporting Goods, 513 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook(732) 356-0604

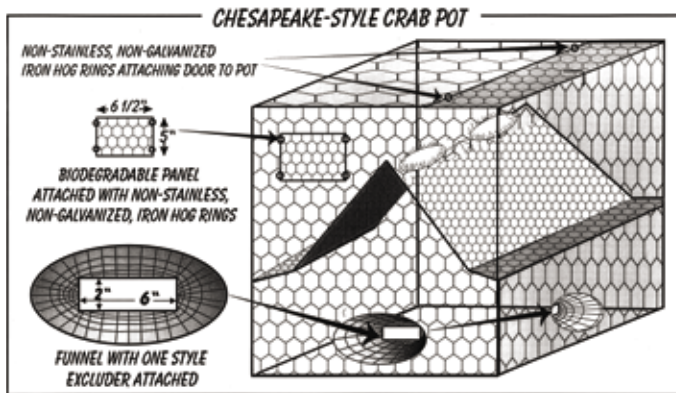
Crab Licenses Now Available at All Agent Locations

Recreational Crab Pot/Trot Line Licenses and Non-Commercial Crab Dredge Licenses are now available for purchase online at: www.WildlifeLicense.com/nj/ or at **any** Fish and Wildlife-certified license agent including those license agents listed above. For a current list of Fish and Wildlife-certified license agents, look in future hunting issues of the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest* or go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/agentlst.htm.

- **Recreational crab pot/trot line license:** \$2 application fee. Harvest limit of one bushel per day. Refer to the shellfish regulations on page 14 for all recreational crabbing regulations.
- **Non-commercial crab dredge license:** \$15 harvest limit of one bushel per day during the crab dredge season. Refer to the crab regulations on page 14 for all recreational crabbing regulations.

Terrapin Excluders and Biodegradable Panels Are Required on Chesapeake-Style Crab Pots

Users of non-collapsible, Chesapeake-style crab pots should be aware that all pots set in any body of water less than 150-feet wide at mean low tide or in any manmade lagoon **MUST** include diamondback terrapin excluder devices. In addition, all non-collapsible, Chesapeake-style crab pots set in any body of water **MUST** include biodegradable panels.



These crab pot modifications will help reduce the unintentional drowning of terrapins and allow for escapement of these and other species in the event that pots are lost or abandoned. Terrapin excluder devices must be no larger than 2 inches high by 6 inches wide and securely fastened inside each funnel entrance. Biodegradable panels must measure at least 6 1/2 inches wide by 5 inches high and be located in the upper section of the crab pot. The panel must be constructed of, or fastened to the pot with wood lath, cotton, hemp, sisal or jute twine not greater than 3/16" diameter, or non-stainless steel, uncoated ferrous metal not greater than 3/32" diameter. The door or a side of the pot may serve as the biodegradable panel **ONLY** if it is fastened to the pot with any of the material specified above. Crabbers should be aware that **ALL** non-collapsible, Chesapeake-style crab pots **MUST** be licensed and marked with the gear identification number of the owner. For crab pot license information and regulations, see the regulations on page 14 and license agents above.

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