

Regulatory Update

Once again, stocks of important recreational species such as summer flounder (fluke), striped bass, black sea bass, scup (porgy) and weakfish have increased over last year's levels. This increase is due largely to the recreational and commercial management measures put in place to control harvest. Recreational target harvest quotas have increased for black sea bass and scup and remained about the same for summer flounder. For some species, however, actual harvest continues to exceed the target harvest, requiring more conservative management measures. Following is a summary of new recreational management measures for 2003.

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

The coastal recreational target quota for 2003 has been set at 9.28 million pounds, which is about the same as the target quota established for 2002. New Jersey's estimated 2002 recreational harvest, however, was significantly below the state target quota. This underage will allow New Jersey to implement less restrictive management measures for 2003. The size limit will remain at 16-1/2 inches, the possession limit will remain at 8 fish and the season is expanded to May 3 through October 13.

Black Sea Bass

The coastal recreational target quota has been increased from 3.15 million pounds in 2002 to 3.73 million pounds in 2003. Even with this increase, harvest needs to be reduced to stay below the target quota. To achieve the required harvest reduction, the size limit increased from 11-1/2 inches to 12 inches, the possession limit will remain at 25 fish and an open season of January 1 to September 1 and September 16 to November 30 is in effect.

Scup (Porgy)

The target harvest quota for the recreational scup fishery is being increased from 2.71 million pounds in 2002 to 4.01 million pounds in 2003. This increase in target harvest allows for a liberalization of scup recreational management measures. The size limit will remain at 10 inches, the possession limit will remain at 50 fish, and the season is expanded to July 1 through December 31.

Weakfish

Although stocks of weakfish continued to increase, recreational harvests continues to be higher than is allowed under the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Weakfish

Management Plan (see weakfish article on page 11). In order to reduce harvest to the appropriate level, the size limit is now 13 inches and the possession limit is 8 fish. There will continue to be no closed season for weakfish.

Red Drum

Although the recreational harvest of red drum in New Jersey is not large, all states in the northern region of red drum distribution are implementing more restrictive size and possession limits to rebuild stocks throughout their entire historic range. As a result, the red drum size limit of 18 inches is changed to a size limit of no less than 18 inches and no greater than 27 inch, with a new possession limit of one fish.

Tautog (Blackfish)

Unfortunately, coastal stocks of tautog continued to decline. Recreational harvest continues to be higher than is allowed under the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Tautog Management Plan. In order to reduce harvest to the appropriate level, the size limit will remain at 14 inches and the possession limit is now four fish from January 1 through May 31, one fish from June 1 through November 14 and 8 fish from November 15 to December 31.

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2003 Summary of Marine Fish & Shellfish 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.

New Jersey 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 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 can 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 limit before being killed or injured.

Prohibited Species

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

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

Sea Turtles and 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

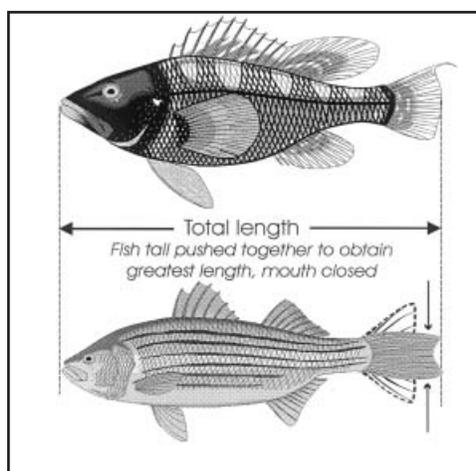
may be obtained from the Marine Fisheries Administration.

Black drum

The minimum size limit for black drum is 16 inches in total length and the daily possession limit is 3 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.



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**. The possession limit is 25 fish **with an open season of Jan. 1 to Sept. 1 and Sept. 16 to Nov. 30**.

Bluefish

The possession limit for bluefish is 15 fish. Bluefish taken with hook and line may be sold **only** from June 16 through August 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 August 7.

Shark

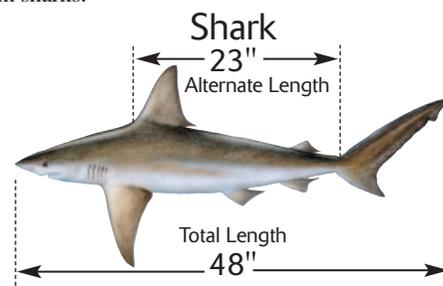
The minimum size limit for any species of shark, *except dogfish* (see note below) is 48 inches total length.

Sharks—Prohibited Species

basking shark sand tiger shark
whale shark bigeye sand tiger shark
white 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 is present in sharks.



Striped Bass

(includes Hybrid Striped Bass)

The possession limit for striped bass / hybrid striped bass is two fish. One fish must be greater than or equal to 24 inches to less than 28 inches (slot fish) while the other fish must be 28 inches or greater. It does not matter which fish is harvested first. Anglers participating in the Striped Bass Program Bonus Program (see next page) may possess an additional striped bass at 28 inches or greater. **Anglers do not need to harvest a slot fish prior to taking a bonus fish.**

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, or parts of a striped bass from which the head and/or tail has been removed (other than while in preparation or being served as food), which is less than the legal minimum size.

Harvest and possession of striped bass from federal waters (outside 3 miles) is prohibited.

Sale of striped bass in New Jersey is prohibited.

Closed seasons

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

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Jan. 1–Feb. 28—All waters except the Atlantic Ocean from 0-3 miles offshore. All inlets and bays are delineated from ocean waters by a Colregs Demarcation line.

April 1–May 31—Delaware River & Bay and their tributaries from the upstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge downstream to and including the Salem River and its tributaries.

The use of non-offset circle hooks will be required to reduce striped bass bycatch mortality while fishing with natural bait during the striped bass spawning area closure within the Delaware River and its tributaries. This restriction will not apply to hook sizes smaller than size two.

Striped Bass Bonus Fish Program

Fishermen may possess one additional striped bass per day under the Striped Bass Bonus Fish Program subject to the following:

1. The fisherman must apply for and receive a fish possession card (See application, page 22) in advance of attempting to take a bonus fish.
2. The minimum size limit for a striped bass taken under the bonus program is 28 inches.
3. Fisherman must comply with all aspects of the regulations. A guide to these regulations is provided with the fish possession cards.
4. Two fish possession cards are issued to each applicant. Only one card is good per day. Cards are valid only during the year issued. **The purple card is only good for the 2003 season.**
5. Participants wishing to continue in the program in 2004 can do so by mailing the fishing logs enclosed with their cards.

Additional cards will be provided upon checking fish at one of the 55 designated check stations or by mailing the completed card to the Division. For more information, call 609-748-2020.

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

The possession and minimum size limit for summer flounder is 8 fish at 16-1/2 inches and an open season from **May 3 to October 13**.

Tautog (Blackfish)

The minimum size limit for tautog is 14 inches. **There is a four fish possession limit from January 1 through May 31, and a one fish possession limit from June 1 through November 14 and an eight fish possession limit from November 15 to December 31.**

Weakfish (Gray & Spotted Seatrout)

The possession and minimum size limit for weakfish is 8 fish at least 13 inches in length.

Winter Flounder

The minimum size limit for winter flounder is 11 inches. For winter flounder the open seasons are March 1–May 31 and September 15–December 31. There is no possession limit.

Additional Marine Fishing Regulations

See pages 18, 20 and 21 for the clip out reference pages.

Bait Fish

No license is required for the taking of bait-fish for personal use with the following gear:

1. Dip nets 24" in 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 (5) 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 **3-5/16 inches**. *Lobster parts may not be possessed at sea or landed.

The possession limit is 6 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 license is required for the use of pots or traps for the capture of lobsters.

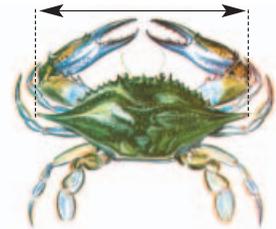
Lobsters taken recreationally may not be sold or offered for sale.

*** The lobster size limit will increase to 3-11/32 inches on July 1, 2003.**

Crabs

1. 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 (2) non-collapsible Chesapeake-style crab pots (see illustration on

page 22) or two (2) trot lines to harvest crabs. See page 22 for the non-commercial crab pot license application or stop by coastal bait and tackle shops.



2. 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.
3. Minimum size of crabs that may be harvested (measured from point to point of shell) are as follows:
 - a. Peeler or shedder crab—3 inches
 - b. Soft crab—3-1/2 inch
 - c. Hard crab—4-3/4 inches (for sale)
 - d. Hard crab—4-1/2 inches (possession)
4. All female crabs with eggs attached and all undersized crabs shall be returned to the water immediately.
5. Recreational trot lines shall not exceed 150 feet in length with a maximum of 25 baits.
6. All pots and trot lines shall be marked with the identification number of the owner.
7. All crab pots must be tended at least once every 72 hours.
8. No floating line may be used on any crab pot or crab pot buoy.
9. No crab pot shall be placed in any area that would obstruct or impede navigation or in any creek less than 50-foot wide.
10. Only the owner, his agent or a law enforcement officer may raise or remove contents of a legally set fishing device.
11. 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.
12. No crabs may be harvested from the Newark Bay Complex. For more information, see Health Advisory on page 29.
13. 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

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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 Island (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.

14. The Division will issue a non-commercial crab dredge license for the harvest of not more than one bushel of crabs during the crab dredge season. Crabs so taken may not be sold or offered for barter. There is a fee of \$15.00 for this non-commercial crab dredge license. Call the Marine Fisheries Administration at 609-748-2040.

Notice: All non-collapsible Chesapeake-style crab pots (see illustration on page 22) 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 without a permit.

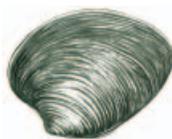
Mollusks (Shellfish)

1. All persons must be licensed to harvest *any* hard clams, soft clams, surf clams and oysters.
2. It is illegal to harvest clams, oysters and mussels from condemned waters, even for bait purposes. It is also illegal to harvest surf clams from beaches adjacent to water classified as condemned. Water classification charts are available from license agents, any state shellfish office or Marine Police Station. Charts are updated annually.

3. Shellfish harvesting is prohibited before sunrise, after sunset and on Sundays.
4. Harvesting of clams, oysters and mussels on public grounds is restricted to the use of hand implements.
5. 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 the Nacote Creek or Bivalve Shellfish Offices during regular business hours.

Hard Clams

1. No person shall harvest more than 150 clams per day unless such person is a holder of a commercial clam license. Only certified shellfish dealers may purchase clams from commercial harvesters. All persons selling clams commercially must tag each container listing date of harvest, name and address of the harvester and the waters from which the shellfish were harvested.
2. A non-resident recreational license is valid only during the months of June, July, August and September.
3. Anyone engaged in any clamming activity with someone holding a commercial clam license



- must also possess their own commercial clam license.
4. It is illegal to dredge hard clams. Hand implements are the only legal harvest methods.
5. The minimum size of hard clams that may be harvested is 1-1/2 inches in length. Clams less than 1-1/2 inches in length must be immediately returned to the bottom from which they were taken.
6. It is illegal to harvest shellfish on Sunday except on the seasonal waters of the Navesink and Shrewbury Rivers between November 1 and April 30.

Oysters

1. Oysters may be sold only to certified dealers.
2. It is illegal to dredge oysters on public grounds. All harvesting on public grounds is restricted to the use of hand implements.
3. 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.
4. Specific seasons and regulations exist for oyster beds in Great Bay, Delaware Bay, the Mullica, Great Egg Harbor and Tuckahoe rivers. Check with appropriate shellfish offices for detailed regulations.
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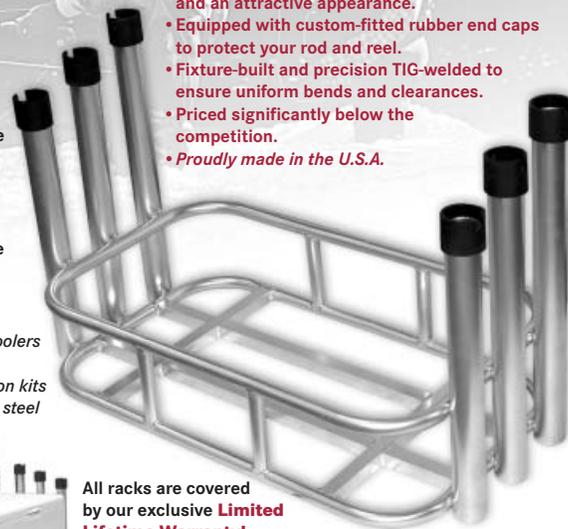
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New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife 2003 Marine Recreational Fishing Seasons, Minimum Size & Possession Limits

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–Sept. 1 Sept. 16–Nov. 30	12" Excluding tail filaments	25
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)	July 1–Dec. 31	10"	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	Mar. 1–Mar. 31 and June 1–Dec. 31	28" AND Greater or equal to 24" but less than 28"	1 AND 1
–Del. River & tributaries (Rt. 1 bridge to Salem River & tributaries)	Mar. 1–Dec. 31		
–Del. River & tributaries (upstream of Rt. 1 bridge)	No Closed Season		
–Atlantic Ocean ^c 0-3 miles from shore	Mar. 1–Dec. 31		
–All other waters	Mar. 1–Dec. 31		
Summer Flounder	May 3–October 13	16 1/2"	8
Tautog	Jan. 1–May 31 June 1–Nov. 14 Nov. 15–Dec. 31	14" 14" 14"	4 1 8
Weakfish	No Closed Season	13"	8
Winter Flounder	March 1–May 31 Sept. 15–Dec. 31	11"	No Limit
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"	
–soft	No Closed Season ^d	3 1/2"	1 bushel
–hard	No Closed Season ^d	4 1/2"	
Lobster (carapace length)	No Closed Season	3 5/16" becomes 3-11/32" on July 1, 2003	6
Hard Clam —license required	No Closed Season	1 1/2"	150 clams

a Not including dogfish: see description on page 15.

b Prohibited Sharks 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 section on crab pots, pages 16 and 22.

For additional information on federal waters (3 to 200 miles),
contact the National Marine Fisheries Service at 978-281-9260.

Shellfish and Non-Commercial Crab Pot License Information

SHELLFISH & NON-COMMERCIAL CRAB POT LICENSE AGENTS (For over the counter sales only)

ATLANTIC COUNTY

- Conway's Marina, 3641 Atl.-Brigantine Blvd., Brigantine, 609-266-2628
 Egg Harbor True Value, 208 N. Philadelphia Ave., Egg Harbor, 609-965-0815
 Gifford Marine, Inc. 124 Margate Blvd., Northfield, 609-383-9500
 Jersey State Marina, 601 Bayshore Ave., Brigantine, 609-266-7011
 +Jennings Misty Morning Marina, 1820 Mays Ldg.-Somers Pt Rd., EH Twp., 609-927-5303
 +Nacote Creek Shellfish Office, Route 9, Mile 51, Port Republic, 609-748-2021
 #Zeus Sporting Goods, 6679 Black Horse Pike, EH Twp., 609-646-1668

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 +City Hall, 9th & Asbury Ave., Ocean City, 609-399-6111
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 +Upper Twp. Municipal Bldg., 2100 Tuckahoe Rd., Petersburg, 609-628-2011, Ext 200

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OCEAN COUNTY

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 Wheel House Marina, 267 24th Ave., So. Seaside Park, 732-793-3296

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- Efinger's Sporting Goods, 513 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook, 732-356-0604

Sell only clam licenses

+ Also sells oyster licenses

Prior to harvesting any shellfish, be certain to consult the Shellfish Growing Water Classification Charts published by the Division of Watershed Management, available at any shellfish license agent, state shellfish office or Marine Police Station, or call 609-748-2000.

- **Residential recreational clam:** \$10.
- Harvest limit of 150 hard, soft, surf clams (in aggregate) per day. Sale of catch prohibited.
- **Non-resident recreational clam:** \$20. Harvest limit of 150 hard, soft, surf clams per day. Sale of catch prohibited. License valid only during the months of June, July, August and September.
- **Juvenile recreational clam:** \$2. For persons under 14 years of age. Subject to same restrictions as resident or nonresident adult recreational license holders.
- **Commercial clam:** \$50. Unlimited harvest. Clams may be sold to certified dealers only.
- **Oyster, commercial or recreational:** \$10. Unlimited oyster harvest. Oysters may be sold to certified dealers only.
- **Senior Citizen recreational:** FREE. NJ resident 62 years of age or older for clam/oyster license. Harvest limit of 150 clams per day. Unlimited oyster harvest. Sale of clams or oysters prohibited. There is a \$2 application fee for the Senior Citizen Recreational Shellfish License.
- **Disabled veterans:** May apply for free recreational clamming or crab pot licenses at the following Division offices:
 Trenton Office
 Pequest Hatchery & Ed. Ctr.
 Nacote Creek Research Station
 Northern Region Office
 Central Region Office
 Southern Region Office
 For locations, see Directory, page 3
- **Mussels:** No license required. Mussels may only be harvested from approved waters.
- **Recreational crab pot license applications:** Are also available on our web site: www.njfishandwildlife.com

NOTE: When obtaining a license from a license agent, an additional \$1 fee is charged.