

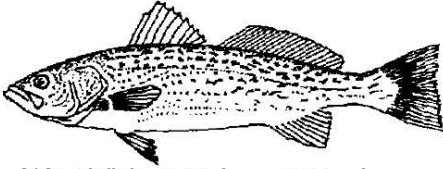
Saltwater Regulations

This Revision Dated 5/13/11

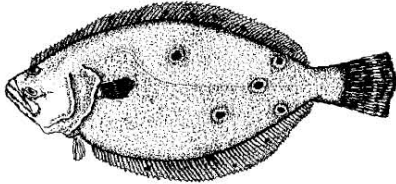
✱ = Anticipated changes in 2011
Please check njfishandwildlife.com for the most up to date information

2011 NJ Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

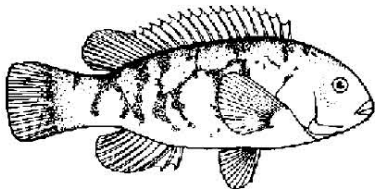
Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass)
Cleaning/filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited,
With the exception of strips taken off one fluke per day to be used THAT day as bait.



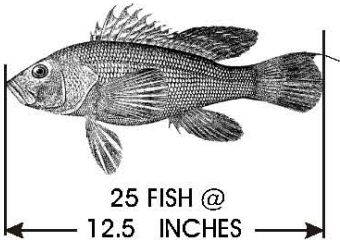
Weakfish 1 Fish at 13 inches
Jan 1 - Dec 31



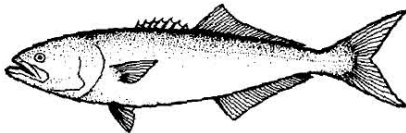
Summer Flounder (Fluke)
8 fish at 18 inches
Open Season: May 7 - Sept. 25



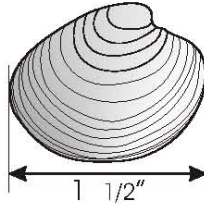
Tautog 14 inches
4 fish: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30
1 fish: Jul. 16 - Nov. 15
6 fish: Nov 16 - Dec 31



Black Sea Bass
25 FISH @ 12.5 INCHES
Open Season: May 28 - Sept 11,
Nov 1 - Dec 31



Bluefish
15 fish no minimum size
Open Season: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31



Hard Clam
recreational limit - 150 clams
No harvest on Sunday
License required

PROHIBITED SPECIES

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

IN NJ Waters: Shortnose & Atlantic Sturgeon, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Sand Tiger, Whale & White Sharks

Prohibited Sharks in Federal Waters:
HMS Permit REQUIRED - permit holders must follow Federal Regs for ALL WATERS

Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher, Bigeye sixgill, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar (Brown Shark), Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale & White Sharks

HOW TO MEASURE STRIPED BASS Close mouth, pinch tail to get maximum length. Make sure tape/ruler is FLAT, arching over the fish can add an inch that isn't there!

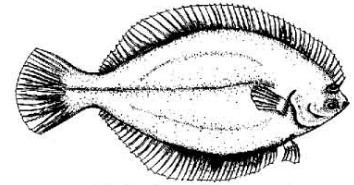


Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass
2 fish at 28" or greater

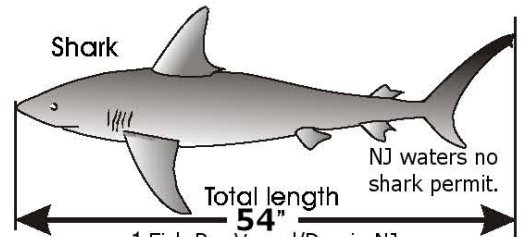
Del. River & tribs. (Rt. 1 Bridge); Trenton, to Salem River & tribs
Open Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 & June 1 - Dec. 31

Atlantic Ocean (0-3 miles from shore), no closed season
(Greater than 3 miles from shore), closed

All other marine waters, open Mar. 1 - Dec. 31



Winter Flounder
2 fish at 12 inches
Open Season: March 23 - May 21

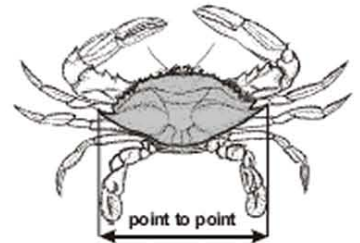


Shark
Total length 54"
1 Fish Per Vessel/Day in NJ
Shark Seasons - See Marine Digest

NJ waters no shark permit.

OTHER SPECIES	POSSESSION LIMIT	TOTAL LENGTH
AMERICAN EEL	50	6"
BLACK DRUM	3	16"
COBIA	2	37"
COD	NO LIMIT	21"
HADDOCK	NO LIMIT	21"
KING MACKEREL	3	23"
POLLOCK	NO LIMIT	19"
RED DRUM	1	18" - 27"
SCUP (PORGY)	50	9"
Open Season Scup (Porgy) Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and July 1 - Dec. 31		
SHAD	6	NO LIMIT
SPANISH MACKEREL	10	14"
LOBSTER	6	3 3/8" - 5 1/4"

CARAPACE LENGTH



Blue Crab (point to point)
peeler or shedder - 3 inches
soft - 3 1/2 inches
hard - 4 1/2 inches
recreational limit - one bushel

Crab pot/Trotline Seasons:
Delaware Bay & Tributaries
April 6 - Dec. 4

All other waters
March 15 - Nov. 30



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