

ATTENTION ANGLERS

2017 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

- Fish are measured from the tip of the snout to tip of the tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).
- Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited. See the Marine edition of the Fish & Wildlife Digest or the Fish & Wildlife website for exceptions.



Hard Clam 1.5 inches
 Recreational Limit – 150 clams
 No harvest on Sunday
 Shellfish license required



Summer Flounder (Fluke)
 The 2017 Summer Flounder regulations are currently under review. See the Division's website at NJfishandwildlife.com for the most up to date information.



Weakfish
 1 fish at 13 inches
 Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31



Black Sea Bass*
 10 fish at 12.5 inches May 26 – June 18
 2 fish at 12.5 inches July 1 – August 31
 15 fish at 12.5 inches Oct. 22 – Dec. 31



Bluefish
 15 fish; No Minimum Size
 Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31



Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass
 1 fish at 28 inches to less than 43 inches
 1 fish at 43 inches or greater
 See Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program

Del. River and tributaries Calhoun St. Bridge, Trenton to Salem River and tributaries
 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

PROHIBITED SPECIES

See the Marine edition of the NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest or Fish & Wildlife's website for a complete list.

Other Species	Possession Limit	Total Length
American Eel	25	9'
Black Drum	3	16"
Cod	NO LIMIT	21"
Haddock	NO LIMIT	21"
Pollack	NO LIMIT	19"
King Mackerel	3	23"
Red Drum	1	18-27"
River Herring	CLOSED	N/A
Scup (Porgy)	50	9"

• Open Season: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 & Jul. 1 - Dec. 31
 Shad _____ 6 _____ NO LIMIT
 • No more than 3 American shad in Del. Bay, River & tributaries
 • No American shad in all other waters
 American Lobster _____ 6 _____ 3.58" to 5 1/4" Carapace Length
 • LMA 4 Open Season: Jan. 1 - Apr. 29 & June 1 - Dec. 31
 • LMA 5 Open Season: Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 & Apr. 1 - Dec. 31
 Jonah Crab _____ 50 _____ 4 3/4" Carapace Width



Tautog 15 inches
 4 fish Jan. 1 – Feb. 28
 4 fish Apr. 1 – Apr. 30
 1 fish July 17 – Nov. 15
 6 fish Nov. 16 – Dec. 31



Winter Flounder
 2 fish at 12 inches
 Open Season: Mar. 1 – Dec. 31



Shark
 1 fish per vessel at 54 inches



Blue Crab
 (measured point to point)
 Peeler or Shedder — 3 inches
 Soft — 3 1/2 inches
 Hard — 4 1/2 inches

Recreation Limit — One Bushel
Crab pot/Trot line Seasons:
 Delaware Bay & tributaries
 Apr. 6 — Dec. 4
 All other waters
 Mar. 15 — Nov. 30

Register before fishing! It's free, easy, and required.
SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov



*Pending Commissioner approval. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Fish and Wildlife
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