



## NEW JERSEY'S 2016 STRIPED BASS BONUS PROGRAM

Anyone failing to submit logs and/or report Bonus harvest to the Division may NOT be considered for the 2017 Striped Bass Bonus Program.

### SBBP INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS:

#### 1) Reporting Bonus Harvest within 24 hours is MANDATORY:

- 🐟 Securely attach permit to fish immediately upon capture and prior to transportation.
- 🐟 **Instructions:**
  - Reporting Bonus harvest within 24 hours is mandatory
    - **Online:** Harvest report form [www.njfishandwildlife.com/sbbp\\_harvest\\_reportform.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/sbbp_harvest_reportform.htm)
    - Or
    - **Call:** Leave a message at 609-748-2074. This line is only used to report harvest of a bonus fish.
- \*\*Reporting Bonus Harvest on the Fishing Log at the end of the season will NOT satisfy this requirement\*\*
- 🐟 Mandatory reporting information required includes name, permit #, phone number, date of harvest, and fish length and must be reported as soon as possible after harvest.

#### 2) Fishing Log

- 🐟 Complete daily log and mail to Division or submit online at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/bonusbas\\_log.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bonusbas_log.htm) by January 15, 2017.
- 🐟 **Instructions:**
  - Fill out the log for **yourself only** and list fishing days individually, not grouped together.
  - Record all striped bass fishing trips even if no stripers were caught.
  - Please measure all fish caught. This is extremely important. **NO SIZE RANGES!**
  - Make as many copies of the log as necessary or call for additional copies.
  - Keep the comments coming, especially those concerning the health of the stripers.
  - If you harvest a Bonus fish, enter the used permit number onto the log in the additional information section.

#### New Jersey's Striped Bass Regulations:

- 🐟 1 fish 28" to less than 43" and 1 fish 43" or greater in all New Jersey waters.
- 🐟 Fish do not have to be harvested in a particular order.
- 🐟 Visit our website ([www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)) to check current Federal and State possession and season regulations for striped bass fishing in your area.

#### Striped Bass Bonus Program:

- 🐟 Participants are allowed one striped bass from 24" to less than 28".
- 🐟 One Bonus permit will be issued initially per person in 2016. After the Division receives an initial harvest report, each participant may be issued one additional permit up to the discretion of the Division.
- 🐟 Fish do not have to be harvested in a particular order. The Bonus fish can be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> fish.
- 🐟 Quota for this program in 2016 is 215,912 pounds.
- 🐟 Bonus permits are non-transferable and only valid from September 1 through December 31, 2016.

If you require additional information concerning this program or any other striped bass issue, please contact the Division's Nacote Creek office (609-748-2020) or [sbbp@dep.nj.gov](mailto:sbbp@dep.nj.gov). The Division has developed a voluntary Bonus Program e-mail list for special notices, regulation updates, emergency closures, etc. Go to [njfishandwildlife.com](http://njfishandwildlife.com) and click on "E-mail Lists" to subscribe to the "Marine Fisheries" list.