

2010 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	HARVEST & POSSESSION LIMIT <small>(per person unless noted)</small>
American Eel	No Closed Season	6"	50
Black Drum*	No Closed Season	16"	3
Black Sea Bass*	May 22 - Sept. 12 <small>or final season determined by ASMFC</small>	12.5" exc. tail filaments	25
Blue Crab - Peeler or Shedder	Crab Pot/Trot line Seasons:	3"	Recreational limit - One Bushel
Soft	Delaware Bay & Tributaries:	3 1/2 "	
Hard	Apr. 6 - Dec. 4	4 1/2 "	
	All other waters: Mar. 15 - Nov. 30		
Bluefish	No Closed Season	No minimum	15
Cod	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" but not greater than 27"	1
River Herring	No Closed Season	No minimum	35



For more information on what catch is safe to eat, visit: fishsmarteatsmartnj.org

Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks). 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.

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Shark * - not including dogfish	See 2010 Marine Digest or njfishandwildlife.com for regulatory requirements.		
Spanish Mackerel	No Closed Season	14"	10
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass			
Del. River & Tributaries (Rt. 1 Bridge to Salem River & Tributaries)	Mar. 1 - 31 & Jun. 1 - Dec. 31	28" or greater	2
Atlantic Ocean 0-3 miles from shore	No Closed Season		
Greater than 3 miles from shore	Harvest and Possession Prohibited		
All other marine waters	Mar. 1 - Dec. 31		
Summer Flounder	May 29 - Sept. 6	18"	6
Tautog	Jan. 1 - Apr. 30	14"	4
	May 1 - Jul. 15		closed
	Jul. 16 - Nov. 15	14"	1
	Nov. 16 - Dec. 31	14"	6
Weakfish	No Closed Season	13"	1
Winter Flounder	Mar. 23 - May 21	12"	2

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