ATTENTION ANGLERS

2018 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 for the Fish & Wildlife website for exceptions.

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

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”
Cobia 1 person, no more than 3 per vessel 40”
- Open Season: June 1 — Sept. 30
Cod NO LIMIT 21”
Haddock NO LIMIT 18”
King Mackerel 3 23”
Pollock NO LIMIT 19”
Red Drum 1 18-27”
River Herring CLOSED N/A
Scup (Porgy) 50 9”
- Open Season: Jan. 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 3/8” 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 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15
5 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
Seasons: See Marine Digest

Blue Crab
(measured point to point)
Peeler or Shredder — 3 inches
Soft — 3½ inches
Hard — 4½ 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

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