



**New Jersey's Striped Bass Bonus Program
PARTY AND CHARTER BOAT INSTRUCTIONS: 2022**



Only the Blue Bonus Permits are valid for 2022.
Permits are issued by owner and vessel and are only valid on the vessel which they are issued.





MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

Complete both sides of a Trip Report for each directed striped bass fishing trip, even if no fish were caught.

- **Submit prior week's Trip Reports every Monday**
- **If no trips were taken in a week, must email stating you "Did Not Fish" or leave a message at 609-748-2074.**
- **The two sides of the Trip Report are as follows:**
 - 1) Trip Log:**
 - Record lengths of all striped bass kept and released, not including harvested Bonus fish.
 - Report harvested Bonus fish on following side.
 - 2) Bonus Harvest Report Form:**
 - Record length and weight of **ALL** Harvested Bonus fish of trip.
 - If no Bonus fish were harvested during trip, check box for "No Bonus Harvest"
- **All reports should be submitted by email (sbbp@dep.nj.gov), mail (address below), or fax (609-748-2032). Smartphone pictures of Trip Reports are accepted and can be emailed directly to sbbp@dep.nj.gov. Pictures must be legible.**

NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife (NJFW) is required to submit weekly harvest reports to ASMFC to ensure the quota is not exceeded. **Any party/charter boat failing to submit Trip Reports weekly to NJFW may not be considered for the 2023 Striped Bass Bonus Program.**

PERMIT PROCEDURES:

-  Securely attach permit to fish immediately upon capture and prior to transportation.
-  Participants are allowed one striped bass from 24" to less than 28" in total length. One Bonus permit per person.
-  Bonus permits are only valid from May 15 through December 31, 2022.
-  All employees should be instructed on proper Bonus Program techniques and regulations.

At the end of the season, NJFW requires that all Trip Reports and other Bonus Program materials are returned to our office via mail by January 15, 2022.

Should a 2023 Bonus Program exist, those who failed to return 2022 materials may not be eligible for the 2023 Bonus Program

A limited number of permits will be issued in 2022 based on NJFW's discretion. If the cumulative harvest weight reaches the quota (215,912 pounds), the program will be terminated for the remainder of the calendar year. Please call 609-748-2020 or email sbbp@dep.nj.gov if you have any questions or comments.



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