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This publication is intended as a guide only. Regulations are subject to change. It is the angler’s responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. For state laws and regulations, see the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 08.

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• Subscribe to the department’s Email List—http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/email-contact.aspx.

• Follow the Department of Natural Resources:
  • Twitter—twitter.com/MDDNRFish
  • Facebook—www.facebook.com/MarylandDNRFisheries/

• Share your fishing story on the Angler’s Log—dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishingreport/log.asp

Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

This commission is comprised of individuals from across the state who represent the interests of various recreational fishing constituencies. The meeting schedule, agenda, summaries of past meetings, member affiliations and contact information are online at dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries.

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Maryland is known for its great fishing and rich waterways, featuring brackish, fresh and salt waters — from Deep Creek Lake, to the beaches of the Eastern Shore, to piers near Baltimore or Cambridge. Even better, no location is more than three or four hours from your front door. And the fish are just as diverse: striped bass, white perch, walleye, largemouth bass and three species of trout await your line and lure. Recreational fishing benefits not only anglers like you, but also aids our conservation and management efforts, removing invasive species like snakeheads from Maryland waters. Indeed, Maryland anglers have long been guardians of our state’s aquatic resources. Together, we work to preserve and restore the health of our local waterways while also enjoying all that Maryland has to offer.

In addition to helping the environment, the sport also encourages active outdoor recreation and has a positive impact on the economy. Whether this is your first year fishing or your fiftieth, we’d like to thank you for buying a fishing license. It might seem like a simple act, but it’s vital to our conservation efforts. The revenue from your fishing license and trout stamp allows us to manage and maintain the fishing experience in all corners of our state for this generation and the next.

Thank you for your support. Best wishes for a memorable year of fishing in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland

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WHAT'S NEW

- **Catch–and–Return Trout Fishing Area** — The upper boundary on the North Branch Potomac River’s upper catch–and–return trout fishing area has been extended to the point where the Senator Sarbanes Trail meets the river.

- **Dividing Line** — A new dividing line separating tidal and nontidal waters was established on Barren Creek at the U.S. 50 bridge.

- **Gear** — Changes have been proposed for bush bobs, bank poles, dip nets, and gigs. Consult [dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx)

- **Possession Limits in Nontidal Waters** — New limits were established to be consistent with other species and to allow extra possession during overnight fishing trips.

- **Trout Closure Periods** — The closure periods have been removed from Accident Pond, Georges Creek, Muddy Creek, and Little Youghiogheny River.

- **Yellow Perch** — Changes were made to creel and size limits for conservation and consistency.

- **New State Records:**
  - **Cobia** — Atlantic Division, 94.6 pounds by Emma Zajdel (9 years old).
  - **Northern Snakehead** — Invasive Division, 18.42 pounds by Emory (Dutch) Baldwin III
  - **White Perch** — Atlantic Division, 1.65 pounds by Ryan Timmons (10 years old)
  - **White Perch** — Nontidal Division, 1.74 pounds by James Stiars

Check the online version of this fishing guide for the most up-to-date information—eregulations.com/maryland/fishing

### FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES

Fish are recommended as part of a healthy and balanced diet. Most fish are safe to eat, but some have levels of contaminants which may be harmful.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) monitors Maryland fish and provides consumption advisories with recommended limits about how often certain fish should be eaten to minimize health risks. These advisories are intended for people who eat Maryland fish on a regular basis.

MDE analyzes fish for two contaminants which can pose health risks and are known to accumulate in fish: PCBs and methylmercury. The information included in MDE consumption advisories is of particular importance for women and children because of the potential harmful effect of these contaminants on developing brains.

To see fish consumption advisories and other information which will help you make the best choices about what fish you eat and how often to eat them, visit [www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Marylander/CitizensInfoCenterHome/Pages/citizensinfocenter/fishand-shellfish/index.aspx](http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Marylander/CitizensInfoCenterHome/Pages/citizensinfocenter/fishand-shellfish/index.aspx) or contact MDE at 410-537-3906.

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**ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS**

**Natural Resources Police (NRP) Offices**

24 Hour Natural Resources Assistance: 800-628-9944 or 410-260-8888

Use these phone numbers for emergencies, to report natural resources violations or ask questions on fisheries regulations.

All offices are open Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

- Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties
  32144 Mt. Olive Road
  Salisbury, MD 21804

- Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot, and Queen Anne's Counties
  3001 Starr Road
  Queen Anne, MD 21657

- Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties
  1070 East College Parkway
  Annapolis, MD 21409

- Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties
  2160 Old Washington Road
  Waldorf, MD 20601

- Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties
  3738 Gwynnbrook Avenue
  Owings Mills, MD 21117

- Frederick and Washington Counties
  2011 Monument Road
  Myersville, MD 21773

- Allegany and Garrett Counties
  11701 Mountain Road N.E.
  Flintstone, MD 21530

**Licensing & Registration Service Centers**

- The department's Licensing & Registration Service Centers offer the following: hunting licenses, recreational fishing licenses, commercial fishing licenses, off-road vehicle permits, vessel registration, vessel titles, and boat dealer licenses. Information about State Parks and Forests, other locations and activities and safety classes for hunters and boaters is also available. Public hours are 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday, except State holidays. Visit Licensing at: https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal

- Annapolis Service Center
  1804 West Street, Suite 300
  Annapolis, MD 21401
  410-260-3220
  866-344-8889 (toll free in Maryland)

- Bel Air Service Center
  2 S. Bond Street, Suite 101
  Bel Air, MD 21014
  410-836-4550
  866-623-3187 (toll free in Maryland)

- Centreville Service Center
  120 Broadway Avenue
  Centreville, MD 21617
  410-819-4100
  866-439-1708 (toll free in Maryland)

- Dundalk Service Center
  CLOSED Tuesday & Thursday
  7701 Wise Avenue
  Baltimore, MD 21222
  410-284-1654
  866-535-8319 (toll free in Maryland)

- Prince Frederick Service Center
  6904 Hallowing Lane
  Prince Frederick, MD 20678
  410-535-3382
  866-688-3823 (toll free in Maryland)

- Rocky Gap Service Center
  12500 Pleasant Valley Road
  Flintstone, MD 21530
  301-777-2134
  866-679-0906 (toll free in Maryland)

- Salisbury Service Center
  201 Baptist Street, #22
  Salisbury, MD 21801
  410-713-3840
  866-812-1678 (toll free in Maryland)

**CATCH A POACHER 24-HOUR HOTLINE**

Poaching deprives the public of the opportunity to use and enjoy Maryland’s natural resources. Preserving our natural resources for present and future enjoyment is everyone’s responsibility.

Citizens who use the poaching hotline to supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poacher will be eligible to receive cash rewards. Please provide names, addresses, vehicle and boat descriptions and as much additional information as you can. Your anonymity is guaranteed.

800-635-6124

**FISH KILL HOTLINE**

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**Fisheries**

- Fisheries Information
  410-260-8300 or 800-688-3467

- Trout Stocking Information
  800-688-3467, press 1

- Albert Powell State Trout Hatchery
  Hagerstown, 301-791-4736

**Fisheries Work Centers**

- Cooperative Oxford Lab
  Oxford, 410-226-0078

- Matapake Work Center
  Stevensville, 410-643-6776

- Ocean City Work Center
  Ocean City, 410-213-1531

**Freshwater Fisheries Regional Offices**

- Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester Counties
  Millington, 410-928-3604

- Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s Counties
  Brandywine, 301-888-2423

- Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery Counties
  Woodbine, 410-442-2080

- Frederick and Washington Counties
  Thurmont, 301-898-5443 or 972-4

- Allegany and Garrett Counties
  Oakland, 301-334-8218

**Law Enforcement Division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

410-573-4514

**Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Safety & Environmental 24-Hour Hotline**

877-224-7229 (toll free in Maryland)

Emergencies on Boats

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2017 Fishing Licenses and Fees

Fishing licenses, stamps and registrations are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase, unless otherwise specified.

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<td>Resident Senior Consolidated Sport Fishing License</td>
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| 1. Passengers onboard licensed boats do not need a license. However, they must have a free Maryland Saltwater Angler Registration (see below).
| 2. An individual Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License and a complimentary individual crabbing license are included for the person who purchases this license. | |
| Maryland Saltwater Angler Registration              | Free    |
| Unless individually licensed, a free registration is required for:
| 1. Passengers on boats with Bay & Coastal Sport Boat Licenses.
| 2. Anglers fishing in designated License Free Fishing Areas.
| 3. Waterfront property owners and family fishing on private property.
| 4. Anglers in possession of a Virginia saltwater recreational fishing license or on a Virginia-licensed boat. | |

Penalties

The department may suspend an individual’s fishing license or privilege if that individual is convicted of, or pays a fine for, violating certain fishing laws. A full copy of suspendable fishing violations can be found in the Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.13.05. To view this regulation, visit [www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html). Individuals who are suspended for violating fishing laws in Maryland may also be suspended in other states under the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Who Needs A Trout Stamp?

A trout stamp is required for anyone 16 years of age or older to catch, attempt to catch or possess trout in nontidal waters.

How Do I Know Whether I Need A Tidal or Nontidal Maryland Fishing License?

To see whether the area you are fishing requires a nontidal or tidal fishing license, please see Tidal/Nontidal Dividing Lines section.

Maryland Saltwater Angler Registration Exemptions

Anglers fishing in the Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, Chesapeake Bay or tidal tributaries must be registered with the state unless one of the following applies:

- You are under 16 years of age.
- You are fishing from a licensed charter boat or from a licensed commercial fishing pier.
- You are fishing on a free fishing day—the first two Saturdays in June and July 4.
- You possess a valid commercial tidal fish license.
- You possess a Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing license.
- You possess a Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License.

To Obtain A License or Saltwater Angler Registration:

Go to [dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/service_centers.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/service_centers.aspx), call 1-855-855-3906 (available 7 AM to 7 PM, 365 days a year) or visit a Department of Natural Resources Service Center or license agent (tackle shop or outdoor outfitter).

Complimentary Licenses

Any American veteran residing in Maryland who is 100% service-connected disabled or who is a former POW may apply for a free lifetime fishing license, which includes tidal, nontidal and trout stamp privileges. This license must be obtained at a Department of Natural Resources Service Center and cannot be obtained at independent retail locations. Locate your nearest Service Center by visiting [dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/service_centers.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/service_centers.aspx).

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[dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/espanol](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/espanol)

RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please check the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing & Boating Services regulations page for possible changes at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx)

YOUR FISHING DOLLARS AT WORK

Fishing license and trout stamp revenue allows the department to assess, protect, conserve and manage Maryland’s fisheries.

License Exemptions

Statewide Sport Fishing License Exemptions
You may fish for finfish without a license if:
• You are under 16 years of age.
• You are a resident of Maryland, on active duty with Armed Forces, on leave with official orders.
• You fish on a free fishing day—the first two Saturdays in June and July 4th.
• You fish in an area designated by Department of Natural Resources as a license-free fishing area, and you have obtained a Maryland Saltwater Angler Registration (if required in that area.). A list of license-free fishing areas is available on page 46 and online at http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/license-free.aspx.

Nontidal Sport Fishing License Exemptions
You may fish for finfish without a license in Maryland’s nontidal waters if you are an owner or tenant, their spouse, child or the spouse of their child residing on the property and fishing from the property’s riparian shoreline. Anglers should confirm riparian ownership before fishing, as some impoundments and waterways are surrounded by buffers. In these areas, there are no riparian shoreline owners and fishing licenses are required. Anglers with riparian shorelines must comply with all fishing laws and regulations.

Trout Stamp Exemptions
A trout stamp is not required for possession of trout taken from privately owned lakes and ponds or licensed fee fishing lakes and ponds.

Tidal Sport Fishing License Exemptions
You may fish for finfish without a license in tidal waters of the state if:
• You possess a valid commercial fishing license.
• You are fishing from a licensed charter boat or licensed commercial fishing pier.
• You are fishing from a boat displaying a Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing Boat License.
• You are an owner or tenant, their spouse, child or the spouse of their child residing on the property and fishing from the property’s shoreline.

Contact Fishing and Boating Services for license exemption information concerning:
• An individual who attends, resides, or is under treatment by a state approved mental health facility
• A nonprofit organization that works with individuals with physical or mental disabilities
• A governmental entity or nonprofit organization that works with individuals with physical or mental disabilities who are serving or have served in the armed forces
• The primary caregiver or the representative for any of the above categories

Embraced by miles of scenic Chesapeake Bay waterways, and graced with acres of pastoral rural landscape, Queen Anne’s County offers a relaxing environment in which to find peace of mind. An ideal habitat for wildlife and waterfowl, this setting is the perfect spot for birdwatchers and sportsman alike.

Queen Anne’s County invites you to the tranquility of Maryland’s Eastern Shore. A great place to locate your business or just get away for the weekend!
Virginia
• A resident of Virginia possessing a valid Virginia non tidal fishing license issued in that resident’s name may fish in non tidal waters of the mainstem of the Potomac River opposite the shore of Virginia.
• A resident of Virginia possessing a valid Virginia saltwater fishing license issued in that resident’s name may fish any portion of the tidal waters of Maryland, so long as they have obtained a Maryland Saltwater Angler Registration.
• A resident of Maryland possessing a valid Maryland Coastal Sport Fishing License issued in that person’s name can fish from the Virginia banks of the Potomac River opposite the shore of Maryland without a Virginia fishing license.
• Residents of Maryland possessing a valid Maryland Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License may fish in Virginia tidal saltwater, so long as they have obtained a Virginia Saltwater Angler Registration.

West Virginia
• A resident of West Virginia possessing a valid West Virginia fishing license issued in that resident’s name may fish in non tidal waters of the Potomac River (mainstem only) opposite the shore of West Virginia, including the North Branch of the Potomac River and the Jennings Randolph Reservoir (opposite the shore of West Virginia).
• A resident of Maryland possessing a valid Maryland Non tidal Sport Fishing License issued in that resident’s name may fish the West Virginia banks of the Potomac River, including the North Branch of the Potomac River and the Jennings Randolph Reservoir, without a West Virginia fishing license.

Pennsylvania
• A resident of Pennsylvania possessing a valid Pennsylvania fishing license issued in that resident’s name may fish in the portions of the Conowingo and Youghiogheny Reservoirs lying within the boundaries of Maryland without a Maryland fishing license.

Potomac River
• A Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing license holder may fish any portion of the tidal waters of Maryland.
• A valid Maryland Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License holder may fish any portion of the Potomac River mainstem down-stream of the I-95 /I-495 Woodrow Wilson Bridge.
2017 Licenses and Fees

Crabbing licenses and registrations are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase/registration.

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<td>Recreational Crabbing Boat License*</td>
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*Recreational Crabbing Boat License
The Recreational Crabbing Boat License includes an individual crabbing license for the purchaser. If the purchaser is not on board the licensed boat, an individual on board is then authorized to catch the licensed recreational limit of one bushel of male hard crabs and two dozen soft crabs or male peelers.

Who Needs a Maryland Recreational Crabbing License?
Anyone who uses the following gear:
- Trotline
- Collapsible crab traps
- Net Rings
- Seines
- Eel pots for own bait

Additionally, anyone who uses other legal gear to catch more than the following quantity of crabs:
- More than 2 dozen with a limit of 1 bushel of male hard crabs
- More than 1 dozen with a limit of 2 dozen soft crabs or male peelers

A recreational crabbing license is not required in the Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and their tributaries.

Crabbing License Exemptions
You do not need a license if you are using the following gear:
- Handlines
- Dip nets

If you are crabbing without a license using license-exempt gear, you are still limited to the unlicensed crabber limits of no more than 2 dozen male hard crabs and no more than 1 dozen soft crabs or male peeler crabs.

You also do not need a license if you are:
- Assisting another individual who has a recreational crabbing license
- Crabbing from a boat that is displaying a recreational crabbing boat decal

Waterfront Property Crab Pot Registration
Registration - Annual
An owner, lessee, or tenant of a private shore-line property may use a maximum of 2 crab pots, regardless of the number of owners or lessees of the property, and must be annually registered with the department. The registration is free and it does NOT count as a recreational crabbing license.

A license is not needed to use properly registered crab pots; however, you are limited to the unlicensed crabber limits. See pages 40 & 41 for details.

Private property crab pots set in the Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays, and their tributaries do NOT need to be registered.

See page 40 & 41 for crab catch limits.

Find Licensed Charter Boats & Fishing Guides

http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/charters/map.aspx
GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ARTIFICIAL FLY
A lure constructed by winding natural or synthetic material such as feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, wire, plastic, cork, or rubber on or around the hook, and designed to be cast by means of a fly rod.

ARTIFICIAL LURE
The following are considered artificial lures: spinners, spoons, plugs, and molded facsimiles of worms, insects, and fish. For the purposes of these regulations, artificial flies and streamers are considered to be artificial lures.

BAIT
Any item that emits an odor or scent such as worms, minnows, crayfish, insects, and food items. The addition of any scent to an artificial lure or fly to make it smell like bait makes it bait.

CATCH
Catch means to take, kill, trap, gather, harvest or in any manner reduce any fish to personal possession.

CIRCLE HOOK
A non-offset hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank. Circle hooks used in bait fisheries should be non-offset. That is, if the hook is laid on a flat surface, all parts of the hook lie flat on the surface.

CULL
After being in possession of a fish, to discard or exchange that fish to possess another fish of the same species.

DAILY CREEL
Daily creel is the number of fish that an angler can keep after a single day of fishing.

DNR
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

EEZ
The U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is where the U.S. federal government has jurisdiction over natural resources. The EEZ begins at 3 nautical miles and extends to 200 nautical miles from the Maryland coast.

HMS
Highly Migratory Species

IN AGGREGATE
A catch of related fish species counted together.

POSSESSION
Any condition where a fish is controlled with the angler’s intent of ownership. Possession limit is the maximum number of fish that an angler may have in their possession after two or more days of fishing.

STINGER HOOK
A hook which trails another hook, either by direct physical attachment to the lead hook or by a connective device such as a swivel or chain, and is part of the same bait or lure.

TROLLING
The method of angling during which fish are attracted to a lure or bait being trailed from a boat which is moving forward or backward by mechanical, manual, or wind power.

GENERAL FISHING DEFINITIONS

A Guide to Skin Wounds and Water Contact

**Vibrio** are bacteria that occur in the brackish and salt waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, especially when the water is warm. If **Vibrio** or other bacteria come into contact with an open wound they can cause serious infections, particularly for people with liver disease or a weakened immune system.

Protect Yourself

- If you have unhealed cuts or scrapes, avoid warm Chesapeake Bay and tidal tributary waters.
- If you must go out on or in the water, seal your wounds with waterproof bandages.
- Clean any cuts or scrapes immediately with clean water and soap or hand sanitizer.
- Wear shoes and gloves to avoid cuts and scrapes.

If you develop unusual redness, swelling or drainage around a wound, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY and inform the doctor that you have been in contact with Chesapeake Bay water.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
mde.maryland.gov/vibrio
410-537-3906 | toll-free 1-800-633-6101 ext. 3906

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/CHS/Pages/HealthySwimming.aspx
toll-free 1-866-703-3266

MARYLAND HEALTHY BEACHES
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RECREATIONAL GEAR—NONTIDAL

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Nontidal Sport Fishing

It Is Illegal

1. To cut a hole through the ice measuring more than 10 inches in any direction for the purpose of ice fishing.
2. To take bait fish from Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Trout Fisheries Management Areas.
3. In Deer and Swan creeks in Harford County:
   • For a person to catch or attempt to catch fish other than by hook and line, with line held in hand, attached to a pole or rod held in hand, or attended in a manner that the fish voluntarily takes bait or lure in its mouth.
   • For a person to possess or use minnows for bait while fishing.
   • For anyone to use a dip net baited by attaching an attractant to the net material or frame.
4. To remove the head and tail of fish in possession while at the fishing location, except for snakeheads. The head and tail shall remain attached in such a manner as to permit identification of fish species and total length. A person may take snakehead fish from Maryland waters by any legal means provided that the head of the snakehead fish is immediately removed, or the body is gutted, or the gills are removed from both sides of the fish, or the fish is filleted upon capture.
5. For a person to catch snapping turtles from waters of the state by hook and line, trotline, bow and arrow, net, seine, trap, fish pot, or other fishing rig, spear, gig or iron or any device capable of piercing any part of the turtle.
6. To operate any vehicle on any lands owned or controlled by the Department without written permission from the Department except on those roads, lanes or areas which are open to automobile traffic or which are specifically marked by the Department.
7. To camp on lands owned and controlled by the Department except on designated sites or with written permission.
8. To swim in any State-controlled lake except in designated areas.
9. Battie Mixon Fishing Hole:
   • To fish in Battie Mixon Fishing Hole in Allegany County between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
   • To use boats propelled by gasoline or diesel power on the waters of Battie Mixon Fishing Hole.
10. To fish any streams or nontidal waters that contain trout between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. (This does not apply to nontidal impoundments of five acres or more.)
11. To cull trout.
12. Regarding crayfish in the Susquehanna River, Middle Potomac River, Monocacy River and Upper Potomac River basins, to:
   • Catch or process any species of crayfish unless the head is immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture.
   • Use any species of crayfish as bait unless the head is removed behind the eyes.
   • Catch and possess a female crayfish with eggs attached to the underside of the abdomen.
SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

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Tidal Sport Fishing

Chesapeake Bay & Tributaries and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Bays & Tributaries

It Is Legal
1. To keep any size white perch if caught by hook and line.
2. To use an umbrella rig that has no more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks.
3. To catch and release American shad, hickory shad, blueback herring, alewife herring and sharks.

It Is Illegal
1. To have in one’s possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland any striped bass cut up or filleted at any time. Striped bass must be landed whole.
2. To have in one’s possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland more than 15 cut up pounds of any fish upon which a size or weight limit is prescribed by law or regulations.
3. To use Sabiki rigs in Maryland. Multiple hook rigs including Sabiki rigs are allowed in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Atlantic Ocean, three miles out from the Maryland coast.
4. To operate a boat within the area 400 yards below or 400 yards above the Conowingo Dam.

Towns such as Ocean City may have special fishing ordinances. Be sure to check local jurisdictions’ websites for restrictions.

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS

IT IS ILLEGAL:
• To buy, sell, or offer to buy any fish or crab harvested under a recreational license.
• To use waders or boots soled with felt or any natural or synthetic porous material capable of absorbing liquid.
• To disturb, take, destroy or possess the nest or eggs of a terrapin or snapping turtle.

LEAVE NO TRACE
• Be considerate of others.
• Take trash with you.
• Pack it in. Pack it out.
• Clean your fish at home.
• Avoid impacting stream banks and lake shores.
• Do not dispose of unused bait on or near the water.
• Recycle or dispose of old lures and line.
• Avoid discarding dead or moribund fish.
• Respect private property.
The following tables summarize rules governing the harvest and possession of fish species that anglers commonly catch in Maryland. This is an abridged summary and does not include all regulated species. Full information and updates are available at [www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html).

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<td>BASS (Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth)</td>
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<td>CLOSED March 1–June 15</td>
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<td>Catch &amp; Release is permitted at all times.</td>
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<td>2 striped bass/striped bass hybrid per day, only one of which may be over 30 inches. Possession—4</td>
<td>Striped bass and hybrid striped bass in nontidal waters may be taken only from Liberty Reservoir, Piney Run Reservoir, Triadelphia Reservoir, Conowingo Reservoir, Broadford Lake, Jennings Randolph Reservoir and Rocky Gorge Reservoir. See table footer for contact information.</td>
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The taking of American shad, hickory shad, blueback herring, alewife herring, Atlantic sturgeon, and shortnose sturgeon is prohibited.

Special Closures:
1. Magothy River from the base of Lake Waterford Dam downstream for 3,300 feet is closed to all fishing during February, March, and April.
2. Severn River and Severn Run from the Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet during February, March, and April.

## SEASONS, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY CREEL & POSSESSION LIMITS

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<td>BASS – Largemouth, Smallmouth &amp; Spotted</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
<td>January 1–April 14 and November 1–December 31</td>
<td>Daily–4 in aggregate</td>
<td>No Harvest (Catch and Release) all other dates; No tournaments during closure.</td>
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<td>12 inches</td>
<td>June 17–October 31</td>
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<td>CRAYFISH</td>
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<td>Daily–50</td>
<td>Head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken</td>
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<td>MUSKELLUNGE &amp; TIGER MUSKIE</td>
<td>40 inches</td>
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<td>Daily–1 in aggregate</td>
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<td>NORTHERN PIKE</td>
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<td>PICKEREL</td>
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<td>RIVER HERRING</td>
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<td>SAUGER</td>
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<td>STRIPED BASS &amp; HYBRID STRIPED BASS</td>
<td>20 inches</td>
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<td>SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, WHITE PERCH, CRAPPIES, CATFISH, ROCK BASS, SUCKERS, CARP &amp; WHITE BASS</td>
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<td>TROUT &amp; SALMON (all species)</td>
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<td>January 1–February 28 and September 5–December 31</td>
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<td>WALLYE &amp; HYBRIDS</td>
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<td>PADDLEFISH, MUSSELS, CLAMS, &amp; THREATENED &amp; ENDANGERED SPECIES</td>
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### Find Maryland Fishing Spots

- Interactive
- Mobile
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- Species Info
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[gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/PublicFishingAccess/index.html](gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/PublicFishingAccess/index.html)

More than 500 locations...and counting!
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<td>9 inches</td>
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<td>Boat Limit—6</td>
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<td>CLOSED September 22 - October 21</td>
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<td>CATFISH</td>
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<td>COBIA</td>
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<td>NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD</td>
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SHARKS

See Highly Migratory Species Section—page 44

SPOTTED SEATROUT

14 inches
Open Year Round
Daily—4

SPOTTED SEATROUT

14 inches
Open Year Round
Daily—15

Must be landed with head and fins intact.

STRIPED BASS

See Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Section - page 38

SUMMER FLounder (Fluke)

17 inches
Open Year Round
Daily - 4

WALLEYE

15 inches
Open Year Round
Daily—5

WEAKFISH

13 inches
Open Year Round
Daily—1

WHITE PERCH

None if caught with hook & line; 8 inch minimum if caught with other gear
Open Year Round
Daily—1

YELLOW PERCH

9 inches
Open Year Round
Daily—10

The taking of American shad, hickory shad, alewife herring, blueback herring, Atlantic sturgeon and shortnose sturgeon is prohibited.

Areas Closed to Fishing—February, March and April:
1. Magothy River from Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet.
2. Severn River and Severn Run from the Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.

HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

Size limits are generally based on the total length of a fish. The total length of a fish is the maximum length with the mouth closed and the tail pinched together measured from the snout to the tip of the tail. The best way to obtain this straight line measurement is to push the fish’s snout against a vertical surface with the mouth closed and with the fish lying along a tape measure and then pinch the tail fin closed to determine the total length.

Fork length refers to the length from the snout of a fish to the end of the middle caudal fin rays. This is the measurement for determining the legal size of a shark.

The girth of a fish is best measured with a fabric ruler. Measuring the girth is helpful in trying to determine if you have a possible record fish, which is determined by total weight. By using the total length and girth of a fish in inches you can get a rough estimate of the weight in pounds with this formula:

\[
\frac{(Girth \text{ in} \ inches \times Girth \text{ in} \ inches \times \text{Length in inches})}{800} = \text{Approximate weight in pounds}
\]
# SEASONS, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY CREEL & POSSESSION LIMITS

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<td>8 inches</td>
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<td>DOLPHINFISH (Mahi-Mahi)</td>
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<td>Daily—10 Boat limit—60</td>
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<td>LOBSTER</td>
<td>3⅛–5¼ inches carapace length</td>
<td>Open Year Round Except Feb. 1 – March 31</td>
<td>100/person/24 hour period or 500 for a 5-day or longer trip when using gear other than lobster traps</td>
<td>Must be landed whole. Spearing is prohibited. No egg-bearing females. Refer to online regulations for details—www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/</td>
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<td>RED DRUM (Channel Bass or Puppy Drum)</td>
<td>18–27 inches</td>
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<td>TAUTOG</td>
<td>16 inches</td>
<td>Jan. 1-Nov. 26</td>
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<td>TILEFISH SPECIES</td>
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<td>Open Year Round</td>
<td>May 16–Oct. 31, Daily—2</td>
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<td>WAHOO</td>
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<td>WAKEFISH</td>
<td>13 inches</td>
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**Gear: A lobster trap must have:**
- A minimum of one rectangular escape vent which must be a minimum of 2 inches by 5 ¼ inches; or
- A minimum of two circular escape vents which must have a minimum diameter of 2 ½ inches

It is unlawful to catch, land, possess, sell, offer to sell, or transport any:
- Lobster that is egg-bearing or from which eggs have been intentionally removed;
- Female lobster bearing a V-shaped notch which is:
  - A straight-sided triangular cut with or without setal hairs, at least 1/8 inch in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster; or
  - Mutilated in a manner which could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark.

An individual who catches an egg bearing female lobster that measures 3⅛ inches to 5 inches in length from the rear end of the eye socket along a line parallel to the center line of body shell (carapace) to the rear of the body shell (carapace) must:
- Mark the lobster to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when the underside of the lobster is down with a v-shaped notch that:
  - Is made by means of a sharp bladed instrument;
  - Is at least ¼ inch in length;
  - Is not greater than ½ inch in depth; and
  - Tapers to a sharp point; and
- Immediately release the lobster.

![V-Shaped Notch](image-url)
The following restrictions apply to the areas listed:

a) Creel Limit (all species of trout) combined—5 Daily / 10 Possession.
b) Minimum Size—no minimum size.
c) Season—are closed to all fishing from 10:00 p.m. of the first date, to 5:30 a.m. of the second date, except as provided for by special regulation or where more restrictive fishing hours are posted.

### 2017 Closure Schedule
- Closure 0—No Closure.
- Closure 1—Sunday March 5, 2017 to Saturday March 25, 2017.

### Areas Subject to Provisions of this Section:

#### Allegany County
- Battie Mixon Ponds ........................................ 0
- Cotton Cove Pond in Glendening Recreational Complex at Frostburg ........................................... 2
- Dans Mountain Pond ........................................ 0
- Evitts Creek—mainstem upstream of Interstate Rt. 68 ................................................................. 1
- Evitts Creek Ponds ........................................... 0
- Fifteen Mile Creek Watershed ........................... 1
- Flintstone Creek Watershed ............................... 0
- Georges Creek—mainstem from the upper boundary of Town Park in Westernport upstream to Neff Run ..................................................... 0
- Jennings Run—mainstem downstream of the confluence of North Jennings Run ........................... 2
- Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap Lake) ........................... 0
- Lions Park Pond, Frostburg (area subject to user restrictions by the City of Frostburg) ................... 0
- North Branch Potomac River mainstem—from Allegany County line downstream to the upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge in Westernport ................................................................. 0
- North Jennings Run Watershed ......................... 2
- Orchard Pond .................................................. 0
- White Sulfur Pond ........................................... 0
- Wills Creek—mainstem upstream of the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project at The Narrows above Cumberland .................................................... 1

#### Anne Arundel County
- Severn Run—mainstem upstream of Maryland Route 3 ................................................................. 1

#### Baltimore County and Baltimore City
- Avalon Pond (Lost Lake) ................................. 0
- Gunpowder Falls—mainstem from the red post located 1.6 miles downstream of Corbett Road downstream to the hiker/biker bridge located approximately one mile downstream of Phoenix Road; and from Cromwell Bridge downstream to the Interstate Rt. 95 bridge ................................................................. 1
- Gwynn Oak Park Pond ....................................... 0
- Gwynns Falls—mainstem below Maryland Route 140 ................................................................. 0
- Jones Falls—mainstem below Lake Roland ....... 0
- Little Falls—mainstem from Wiseburg Road upstream to Valley Mill Road .................................. 1
- Little Gunpowder Falls—mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Route 165 .......................... 1
- Patapsco River—mainstem from the B&O Viaduct upstream to Bloede Dam ............................. 1
- Stansbury Park Pond ......................................... 0

#### Calvert County
- Calvert Cliffs Pond ........................................... 0
- Hutchins Pond .................................................. 0

#### Caroline County
- Tuckahoe Creek & Lake ..................................... 0

#### Carroll County
- Beaver Run—upstream of Maryland Route 91 ................................................................. 1
- Farm Museum Pond .......................................... 2
- South Branch Patapsco River—mainstem from West Friendship Road (Howard County side) and Main Street (Carroll County side) at Sykesville downstream to its confluence with the North Branch Patapsco River ................................................................. 1
- Pinasy Run—mainstem downstream from Arrington Road ......................................................... 1
- Pinasy Run Reservoir ........................................... 0
- Robert’s Mill Pond ............................................. 0

#### Charles County
- Hughesville Pond ........................................... 0
- Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management area—all ponds ................................................................. 0
- Wheatley Lake .................................................. 0

#### Frederick County
- Cunningham Falls Lake .................................... 0
- Fishing Creek—mainstem upstream of Fishing Creek Reservoir including left fork (Steep Creek) ................................................................. 1
- Frank Bentz Pond ............................................. 2
- Friends Creek Watershed .................................. 1
- Hamburg Pond .................................................. 2
- Middle Creek—mainstem from the Maryland Route 17 bridge near the junction of Bittle Road upstream to the confluence of Spruce Run ................................................................. 1
- Middletown Pond ............................................. 0
- Owens Creek—mainstem from Buck Lantz Road downstream to Roddy Road (catch & return only from June 1 through last day of February) ......................................................... 1
- Rainbow Lake .................................................. 2
- Urbana Lake ..................................................... 0
- Whiskey Springs Pond ....................................... 2
- Woodsboro Community Pond ........................... 0

#### Garrett County
- Accident Pond .................................................. 0
- Bear Creek—mainstem from the corner of Fish Hatchery Road and Rabbit Hollow Road downstream to the confluence with the Youghiogheny River at Friendsville ......................................................... 1
- Broadford Lake .................................................. 0
- Deep Creek Lake ............................................. 0
- Herrington Creek—mainstem .......................... 0
- Herrington Lake ............................................. 0
- Jennings Randolph Lake .................................... 0
- Little Youghiogheny River—mainstem from Maryland Route 219 downstream to the Youghiogheny River ................................................................. 0
- Woodsboro Community Pond ........................... 0
- Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management area—all ponds ................................................................. 0
- Wheatley Lake .................................................. 0
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*Image 213x578 to 263x627*

*Image 404x576 to 536x722*
## TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE AND MAPS:

dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/stocking, 800-688-3467, press 1, and by email alert—dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/email contact.asp

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<td>from Jennings Randolph Lake upstream approximately 6 miles to the lower</td>
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<td>bridge at Old Wilson Road; from the red post located approximately 100</td>
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<td>yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia,</td>
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<td>downstream to the red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole,</td>
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Restrictions:

- You may not possess trout while fishing in these areas.
- All trout caught must be immediately released and returned to the water.
- You may only fish with artificial flies and streamers constructed in a normal fashion using natural and/or synthetic materials, which may include leathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, plastic, cork, wire and rubber on a single hook with the components wound on or around the hook. Specifically prohibited are the use of molded replicas of insects, earthworms, fish eggs, fish or any invertebrate or vertebrate either singly or in combination with other materials, or other lures commonly described as spinners, spoons, or plugs made of metal, plastic, wood, rubber or similar substance or a combination of these.
- You may only fish with conventional fly fishing tackle, fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet of leader or monofilament line attached. Any method of angling when the fly is cast directly from the reel is prohibited. The use of spinning, spincast, and casting reels is prohibited.
- You may not possess or use any natural bait, or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

Minimum Sizes:

- Brook trout—12 inches
- Brown trout—18 inches
- All other trout species—no minimum size

You may not possess any trout smaller than the minimum size limit.
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- You may not possess any trout smaller than the minimum size limit.
- You may only fish with artificial lures, including artificial flies.
- Treble hooks are prohibited.
- Artificial lures are restricted to single hooks with single hook points.
- You may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

Trophy Trout Fishing Areas—Limited to the Use of Artificial Flies

Area:

- Savage River mainstem from the Savage River Reservoir Dam downstream to the lower suspension bridge ( Allegany Bridge).

Restrictions:

- Two fish creel and possession limit for all species of trout combined.
- Minimum Sizes:
  - Brook trout—12 inches
  - Brown trout—18 inches
  - All other trout species—no minimum size
- You may not possess any trout smaller than the minimum size limit.
- You may only fish with artificial lures, including artificial flies.
- Treble hooks are prohibited.
- Artificial lures are restricted to single hooks with single hook points.
- You may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

We urge anglers to respect property rights and seek permission before attempting to park, fish or enter private property. The privilege of fishing and right of entry to private property is at the owner’s discretion. Respect for landowners and their property helps to ensure continued fishing access. Poor behavior encourages landowners to post their property to prevent access. Remember that every angler pays for the improper actions of a few. Always be courteous and respectful.
Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas

**Group I Areas:**
- Catoctin and Little Catoctin Creek, Frederick County—from U.S.Route 40 near its intersection with Maryland Route 17 within Doubs Meadow Park downstream to the lower park boundary near Myersville.
- Catoctin Creek, Frederick County—within the boundaries of Catoctin Creek Park.
- Middle Patuxent River, Howard County—from U.S. Route 29 downstream to Murray Hill Road.
- Town Creek mainstem, Allegany County—within Green Ridge State Forest, from a red post located approximately ¾ mile downstream of the upper ford on Lower Town Creek Road, just south of the Wagner Road intersection, downstream to the red post located just upstream of the lower ford on Lower Town Creek Road (Mallory Place), and from a red post located approximately ½ mile downstream of Maniford Road to a red post located approximately 1¼ miles downstream (Bull Ring Ranch).

**Restrictions:**
- From June 1 through September 30, the daily creel limit and possession limit is five trout (all species of trout combined), with no tackle restrictions.
- From October 1 through May 31:
  - May not possess trout in these areas.
  - Must immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
  - May not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

**Group II Areas:**
- Casselman River mainstem, Garrett County—from a boundary marked by two red posts on both stream banks located on the south side of the Interstate 68 eastbound bridge downstream to the Pennsylvania state line.
- North Branch Potomac River mainstem, Garrett County—from the lowermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest near Lostland Run to the uppermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest at Wallman.

**Restrictions:**
- From October 1 through May 15, you:
  - May not possess trout in these areas.
  - Must immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
  - May not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.
- From March 1 through May 31:
  - No bait, lure or tackle restrictions are in effect.
  - Put-and-Take Trout Area regulations apply.
  - From June 1 through the last day of February, you:
    - May not possess trout in these areas.
    - May not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

**Put-and-Take/Catch-and-Return Trout Fishing Area**

**Area:**
- Owens Creek, Frederick County—mainstem from Buck Lantz Road downstream to Roddy Road.

**Restrictions:**
- From March 1 through May 31:
  - No bait, lure or tackle restrictions are in effect.
  - Put-and-Take Trout Area regulations apply.
  - From June 1 through the last day of February, you:
    - May not possess trout in these areas.
    - May not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

**Zero Creel Limit Area—All Species of Trout**

**Area:**
- North Branch of the Potomac River from the Upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge at Westernport downstream to the Route 956 bridge at Pinto.

**Restrictions:**
- Zero creel and possession limits for all trout species.
- No tackle restrictions.

**Zero Creel Limit Area—Brook Trout**

**Area:**
- Savage River mainstem and tributaries upstream of the Savage River Reservoir dam, excluding the impoundments and Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas—Savage River Reservoir, Savage River from Savage River Reservoir upstream to Poplar Lick Run, and New Germany Lake.

**Restrictions:**
- Zero creel and possession limits for brook trout.
- Two fish creel and possession limit for all other trout species combined.
- You may only fish with artificial flies and artificial lures.
- You may not possess or use natural or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish.

The online Public Angler Access Map includes color codes to illustrate special management areas. [gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/PublicFishingAccess/index.html](gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/PublicFishingAccess/index.html)

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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS—ALL SPECIES

Youth, Senior and Blind Angler Fishing Areas

Areas:
- Jones Falls, Baltimore County—Jones Falls and tributaries above Stevenson Road.
- Laurel Run (Moscow), Allegany County.
- Pangborn Pond, Washington County.
- Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County—restrictions in effect from March 1 through May 15. On May 16, the area returns to limited harvest with no age restriction.
- Boonsboro Pond, Washington County—behind Boonsboro Free Library.

Restrictions:
- Fishing is limited to anglers who are under 16 years old, 65 years and older, or blind.
- Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area regulations apply in these areas.

Youth and Blind Fishing Areas

Areas:
- Carroll Creek, Frederick County—from the red post located 300 yards upstream of Baughmans Lane, downstream to the dam at College Avenue.
- George’s Creek, Allegany County—within Town Park in Westernport.
- Glades Park Pond, Garrett County—on Liberty Street in Oakland.
- Little Tonoloway Creek, Washington County—within Weidmeyer Park in Hancock.
- Little Antietam Creek, Washington County—at Keedysville, from Coffman Farms Road downstream to Maryland Route 34.
- Parkview Pond, Garrett County—off Hershberger Lane in Grantsville.

Restrictions:
- Limited to anglers who are under 16 years old or blind.
- Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area regulations apply in these areas.

Limited Harvest Fishing Areas

Areas:
- Allens Pond, Prince George’s County.
- Bowie Town Center Pond, Prince George’s County.
- Cosca Lake, Prince George’s County.
- Farm Museum Pond, Carroll County.
- Governor’s Bridge Natural Area Pond, Prince George’s County.
- Greenbelt Lake, Prince George’s County.
- Hughesville Pond, Charles County.
- Hutchins Pond, Calvert County.
- Lake Artemesia, Prince George’s County.
- Merkle Wildlife Management Area, Prince George’s County—all ponds located within the Merkle WMA area boundaries.
- Milltown Landing Pond, Prince George’s County.
- Myrtle Grove Pond, Charles County.
- Pembrook Pond, Wicomico County.
- Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County—age restricted March 1 through May 15.
- Roberts Field Pond, Carroll County.
- Robert’s Mill Pond, Carroll County.
- South Germantown Park Pond, Montgomery County, in South Germantown Park.
- Tucker Pond, Prince George’s County.
- Westminster Community Pond, Carroll County.

Restrictions:
- You may not possess more than 10 fish.
- You may not possess more than one largemouth bass, not to exceed 15 inches in length.
- For areas that are also on the Put-and-Take Trout Fishing list, only 5 fish of the 10 fish limit may be trout species.
- There is no minimum size for largemouth bass in these areas.

Impoundments Limited to Catch-and-Return Fishing

You may not possess any fish in these areas:
- Lake Hashawa, Carroll County.
- Upper John Owings Pond, Carroll County.
- Waterworks Park, Anne Arundel County—City of Annapolis.

TAKE A CHILD FISHING

“To Catch a Fish,” is one of the Maryland Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, issued as part of the Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature, an initiative to ensure all Maryland young people have the opportunity to connect with their natural world and grow to become informed and responsible stewards.

Maryland’s My First Fish Program recognizes an angler that catches his or her first fish in Maryland. A special certificate is available online to an angler for this first fish.

Fishing rodeos are typically held at small ponds or lakes and are aimed at helping beginners successfully catch a fish, visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/youth/rodeo.aspx.

Share your fishing story on the Anglers Log! http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishingreport/log.aspx

The Youth Fishing Club is open to everyone between the ages of 5 and 15. Membership is free.

For more information on youth fishing or to join the Maryland Youth Fishing Club, visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/youth/index.aspx.

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**BASS FISHING**

### Trophy Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass Fishing Areas

**Areas:**
- Blairs Valley Lake, Washington County.
- Centennial Lake, Howard County.
- Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Calvert County—all ponds.
- Johnson Pond, Wicomico County.
- Leonard Mill Pond, Wicomico County.
- Little Seneca Lake, Montgomery County.
- Patuxent Naval Air Test Center, St. Mary’s County—all ponds.
- St. Mary’s Lake, St. Mary’s County—located on Maryland Route 5.

**Restrictions:**
- You may not possess more than five bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass combined) per day while fishing in these areas.
- No bass in possession can measure between 11 and 15 inches long.
- Only one bass in possession may be 15 inches or longer.

### Catch-and-Return Bass Fishing Areas

**Areas:**
- Potomac River—from Dam No. 2 (Seneca Breaks) upstream to the mouth of the Monocacy River.
- Monocacy River—from the Potomac River upstream to Buckeystown Dam.
- North Branch Potomac River—from the spillway in Cumberland upstream approximately 25 miles to U.S. Route 220 Bridge at Keyser, West Virginia.
- Patapsco River—from Interstate 70 downstream to Maryland Route 144 (Frederick Road).
- Wheatley Lake, Charles County.

**Restrictions:**
- You may not possess largemouth or smallmouth bass in these areas.
- You must immediately release any largemouth or smallmouth bass into the water where it was caught.

### BLACK BASS TOURNAMENT PERMITS

A black bass tournament permit is required if all of the following conditions apply:
- The tournament has 10 or more boats participating.
- The tournament has a specific location where fish are weighed, measured, counted or otherwise entered.
- The tournament provides anglers an offer, reward or incentive for catching black bass.

For tidal information and tournament registration, go to [http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/charters/tournaments.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/charters/tournaments.aspx). The application deadline is either 15 days prior to the tournament if the contest will have between 10 and 50 boats, or 30 days prior for tournaments with 50 or more boats.

### TIPS FOR LIVE RELEASE TOURNAMENTS

- Use a big enough live well; one pound fish per gallon of water.
- Use a minimum 750 gal/hour pump.
- Use ice and water exchanges, and keep the live well water temperatures 5-7°F below the river water temperature.
- Take extra care when fishing summer tournaments. Extreme heat can be a killer.
- Use continuous circulation and frequent water exchanges, and periodically lift the lids of live wells to expel carbon dioxide. This may require more of your attention during periods of rough water when bass experience increased stress.
- Act quickly if the live well stops working! Bucket in fresh water every 10 minutes, use a spare pump, move your fish to a working live well, or release them.
- Use an effective culling strategy that prevents tearing the lips or tissue of bass.
- Remove dead bass from live wells; do not discard harvested species at boat ramps or near parking lots. In many cases, harvested fish can be consumed or donated for consumption.
- Clean and remove algae or plant material from live well and intake systems.

### BOWFISHING

Bowfishing has become increasingly popular. Species that are often targeted with a bow include carp, gar, and snakeheads. It is illegal to use a bow to hunt some popular sportfishes, such as largemouth bass, striped bass, trout and all sharks. Please review other species that cannot be hunted with a bow in the Recreational Gear section of this Guide (Pages 16–17).
Regulations
A person aboard a vessel, raft or tube must wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the upper Potomac River and its tributaries, during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each November 15, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding May 15. This regulation is in addition to class III, IV, and VI White Water Stream segment regulations which require PFDs to be worn.

Class III rapids (hazardous)
Dam # 3 to Knoxville Falls.

Class IV rapids (significant hazard to life)
Great Falls (foot of falls) to Chain Bridge.

Class VI rapids (extreme risk to life)
Great Falls area from the base of the aqueduct dam to a line from the foot of the main falls on the Virginia shoreline to the Maryland shoreline below Olmstead Island.

Safety Tips
ALWAYS wear an approved personal flotation device while on the Potomac. Leave a float plan with someone at home describing where you are going, who you’re with and when you expect to return. Know the weather predictions for the area. REMEMBER the river currents are strong and unpredictable, especially after heavy rains. Wading should NOT be attempted when the river levels exceed the normal level.

River Flow Information
- Jennings Randolph Lake (North Branch Potomac) and Savage River Dam projected releases—410-962-7687 or online—www.nab-wc.usace.army.mil/mapserver/index.html.
- Potomac River flow at Hagerstown—301-223-6377.
- Susquehanna riverflow at Conowingo—888-457-4076.
- Conowingo Dam spill hotline—877-457-2525.

To plan your hunt, call J. Paul Taylor at 877.539.5699
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## FISH IDENTIFICATION

For the most up-to-date Maryland Fishing Information—[dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries)

### Atlantic Coast

#### American Eel
- 9” minimum, creel limit 25

#### Black Crappie
- No minimum size, nontidal creel limit 15
  - Angler Award Size 15”

#### Black Drum
- 16” minimum, creel limit 1
  - Angler Award Size 48”

#### Black Sea Bass
- See online version for season and limits
  - Angler Award Size 20”

#### Bluefish
- 8” minimum, creel limit 10
  - Angler Award Size 34”

#### Brook Trout
- No minimum size*, creel limit 2* (combined)
  - Angler Award Size 12”

#### Chain Pickerel
- No size limits, nontidal creel limit—5; no tidal creel limit
  - Angler Award Size 30”

#### Channel Catfish
- No size limits, nontidal creel limit—5; no tidal creel limit
  - Angler Award Size 30”

#### Croaker (hardhead)
- 9” minimum, creel limit 25
  - Angler Award Size 18”

#### Largemouth Bass
- See tables pages 17–19
  - Angler Award Size 21”

#### Red Drum
- 18” minimum & 27” max slot limit, creel limit 1
  - Angler Award Size 36”, Catch & Release Only

#### Scup (porgy)
- 8” minimum, creel limit 50

### Nontidal

#### American Eel
- 9” minimum, creel limit 25

#### Black Crappie
- No minimum size, nontidal creel limit 15
  - Angler Award Size 15”

#### Chain Pickerel
- 14” minimum, creel limit 5 (nontidal); 10 (tidal)
  - Angler Award Size 24”

#### Muskelunge
- 36” minimum, creel limit 1
  - Angler Award Size 40”

#### Spanish Mackerel
- 14” minimum, creel limit 15
  - Angler Award Size 22”

### Chesapeake Bay

#### Brown Trout
- No minimum size*, creel limit 2* (combined)
  - Angler Award Size 21”

#### Northern Pike
- 30” minimum, creel limit 2, Angler Award Size 38”

#### Rainbow Trout
- No minimum size*, creel limit 2* (combined)
  - Angler Award Size 20”

#### Black Drum
- 16” minimum, creel limit 1
  - Angler Award Size 48”

#### Black Sea Bass
- See online version for season and limits
  - Angler Award Size 20”

#### Bluefish
- 8” minimum, creel limit 10
  - Angler Award Size 34”

#### Croaker (hardhead)
- 9” minimum, creel limit 25
  - Angler Award Size 18”

#### Largemouth Bass
- See tables pages 17–19
  - Angler Award Size 21”

#### Red Drum
- 18” minimum & 27” max slot limit, creel limit 1
  - Angler Award Size 36”, Catch & Release Only

#### Scup (porgy)
- 8” minimum, creel limit 50

#### Smallmouth Bass
- See tables pages 17–19
  - Angler Award Tidal & Nontidal Size 20”

#### Spanish Mackerel
- 14” minimum, creel limit 15
  - Angler Award Size 22”
FISH IDENTIFICATION

**Spotted Seatrout**
- 14" minimum, creel limit 4
- Angler Award Size 24"

**Walleye**
- 15" minimum, (20" max from Jan. 1–April 15), creel limit 5. Angler Award Size 26"

**Striped Bass (rockfish)**
- See Striped Bass section for size, creel limit and season regulations
- Angler Award Nontidal Award Size 36"
- Angler Award Chesapeake & Coast Size 40"

**Weakfish**
- 13" minimum, creel limit 1
- Angler Award Size 24"

**Summer Flounder (fluke)**
- See online version for season and limits
- Angler Award Size 24"

**White Perch**
- No minimum size or creel limit if caught hook & line; 8" minimum if caught with any other gear
- Angler Award Size 13"

**Tautog**
- 16" minimum, for creel limit, see page 20
- Angler Award Size 24"

**Yellow Perch**
- 9" minimum in tidal waters and nontidal rivers and streams; no minimum size in lakes and ponds; creel limit 10
- Angle Award Size 14"

* except where otherwise indicated in nontidal limits

Fish illustrations by Duane Raver and Diane Rome Peebles

**HELP SAVE MARYLAND’S ENDANGERED HELLBENDERS—PLEASE DO NOT KILL**

The hellbender is a large, dark, aquatic salamander that can live for more than 30 years and grow to over two feet long. Hellbenders can bite, and their protective coating of slime makes them difficult to handle. If you catch a hellbender on your fishing line, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and let the animal go.

If you have seen or caught a hellbender, we would like to hear from you. Please call DNR’s Wildlife and Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

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The use of boats or motors on ponds and lakes is subject to local restrictions. Consult with local authorities before making your trip.

* Designates locations with boat ramp facilities.

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<td>HUTCHINS POND</td>
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<td>MD Route 306 in Federalsburg</td>
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<td>* SMITHVILLE LAKE</td>
<td>U.S. Route 404 east to Noble Road</td>
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<td>FARM MUSEUM POND</td>
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<td>Route 26 near Wards Chapel</td>
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<td>MD Route 30 at Manchester</td>
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<td>MD Route 32 near Eldersburg</td>
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<td>ROBERT’S MILL POND</td>
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<td>MD Route 5 at Hughesville</td>
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<td>* CUNNINGHAM FALLS LAKE</td>
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<td>EMMITSBURG RESERVOIR (RAINBOW LAKE)</td>
<td>Hampton Valley Road near Emmitsburg—Town Permit Required</td>
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<td>U.S. Route 40 near Frederick</td>
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<td>MD Route 75 at Libertytown</td>
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<td>URBANA COMMUNITY POND</td>
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# PUBLIC LAKES & PONDS

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<td>U.S. Route 219 Accident</td>
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<td>* <strong>BROADFORD LAKE</strong></td>
<td>MD Route 135 at Mt. Lake Park</td>
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<td>* <strong>DEEP CREEK LAKE</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Route 219, McHenry</td>
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<td>* <strong>HERRINGTON MANOR LAKE</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Route 219 five miles north of Oakland</td>
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<td>* <strong>NEW GERMANY LAKE</strong></td>
<td>I-68, Exit 22 six miles south of Grantsville</td>
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<td><strong>PINEY RESERVOIR</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Route 40 Alt. north on Piney Run Road east of Grantsville</td>
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<td><strong>PLEASANT VALLEY LAKE</strong></td>
<td>MD Route 495 twelve miles south of Grantsville</td>
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<td>* <strong>JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE</strong></td>
<td>MD Route 135 south on Mt. Zion Road five miles from Kitzmiller on West Virginia Route 46</td>
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<td>* <strong>SAVAGE RESERVOIR</strong></td>
<td>MD Route 135 on Savage River Road</td>
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<td>* <strong>YOUHGOHJENY RESERVOIR</strong></td>
<td>MD Route 42 two miles north of Friendsville</td>
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<td><strong>FOREST BRANCH PARK</strong></td>
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<td><strong>GUILFORD PARK POND</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SASSAFRAS NRM LAKE</strong></td>
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<td>* <strong>URIEVILLE COMMUNITY LAKE</strong></td>
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<td>off Mitchellville Road, Bowie</td>
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<td><strong>CEDARVILLE POND</strong></td>
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<td>Governor Bridge Rd, Bowie</td>
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<td><strong>GREENBELT LAKE</strong></td>
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<td><strong>LAKE ARTEMESIA</strong></td>
<td>Branchville Road, Berwyn Heights</td>
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<td>Route 1 and Cherry Lane, Laurel</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOLHOUSE POND</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TUCKER POND</strong></td>
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<td>Greenbrier State Park, U.S. Route 40 near Hagerstown</td>
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<td><strong>INDIAN SPRINGS COMMUNITY POND</strong></td>
<td>Mooresville Road eight miles west of Clear Spring</td>
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<td><strong>LITTLE POOL</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SHUMAKER LAKE</strong></td>
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<td>U.S. Route 13 near Pocomoke City</td>
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The following boundaries are designated as dividing lines for tidal and nontidal waters. These boundary lines identify whether a nontidal fishing license or Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing license is required. If you are fishing upstream of the location listed, nontidal fishing regulations apply. If you are fishing downstream of the location listed, tidal regulations apply.

**Anne Arundel and Prince George’s Counties**
- Anacostia River:  
  a) Northeast Branch Bridge at northbound lane of Alternate Route 1 Bladensburg Road.  
  b) Northwest Branch Bridge at southbound lane of Rhode Island Avenue.  
- Furnace Branch—Maryland Route 2.  
- Patuxent River:  
  a) Mainstem: bridge on Maryland Route 214.  
  b) Lyons Creek: Maryland Route 4.  
  c) Stocketts Run: confluence with the river.  
  d) Rock Run: confluence with the river.  
  e) Ferry Branch: confluence with the river.  
- Magogany River—Catherine Avenue.  
- Marley Creek—Maryland Route 10.  
- Severn River—bridge on Maryland Route 3.  
- South River and its tributaries:  
  a) North River: Rutland Road.  
  b) Bacon Ridge Branch: Chesterfield Road.  
  c) Beards Creek: Maryland Route 214.  
  d) Broad Creek: Harry S. Truman Parkway.

**Baltimore County**
- Big Gunpowder Falls—three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge.  
- Little Gunpowder Falls—three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge.  
- Stansbury Park Pond—base of dam.  
- Stemers Run—Golden Ring Road Bridge.

**Baltimore and Howard Counties**
- Patapsco River—B&O viaduct at Relay.

**Calvert County**
- Battle Creek—bridge about two miles east of Bowens (Sixes Road).  
- Fishing Creek—one and one-half miles upstream from the mouth of the creek at Chesapeake Beach.  
- Hall’s Creek—bridge on Maryland Route 4.  
- Hellen Creek—Mill Branch Road, near Solomons.  
- Hunting Creek—bridge on Maryland Route 263 about 100 yards west of Maryland Route 4.  
- Island Creek—Ross Road, near Brooms Island.  
- Lyon’s Creek—bridge on Maryland Route 4.  
- Mills Creek—Maryland Route 760.

**Caroline County**
- Chapel Branch—Maryland Route 313 near Piney Grove Church.  
- Choptank River—bypass on Maryland Route 313 on the outskirts of Greensboro.  
- Fowling Creek—wooden bridge on Straturn Road about one mile below Maryland Route 16.  
- Hunting Creek—Maryland Route 331.  
- Marshyhope Creek—at its confluence with Faulkner Branch.  
- Mill Creek—Maryland Route 16.  
- Tuckahoe Creek—abandoned stone rail-road bridge upstream of Maryland Route 404.  
- Watt’s Creek—bridge on American Legion Road.

**Cecil County**
- Big Elk Creek—Maryland Route 213.  
- Bohemia River—Telegraph Road.  
- Happy Valley Branch—confluence with Susquehanna River.  
- Little Elk Creek—U.S. Route 40.  
- Mill Creek—Old Elk Neck Road.  
- North East River—Maryland Route 7.  
- Octoraro Creek—bridge on U.S. Route 222.  
- Principio Creek—Amtrak crossing below Maryland Route 7.  
- Rock Run—confluence with the Susquehanna River.

**Charles, Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties**
- Henson Run—bridge on Old Broad Creek Road.  
- Hoghole Run—Maryland Route 6.  
- Mattawoman Creek—bridge on Maryland Route 225.  
- Nanjemoy Creek and its tributaries:  
  a) Mainstem: Maryland Route 6.  
  b) Mill Run (Burgess Creek): Maryland Route 6.  
  c) Hill Top Fork: Maryland Route 6.  
  d) Wards Run: Maryland Route 6.  
- Oxon Creek (Run)—Maryland Route 210.  
- Patuxent River and its tributaries:  
  a) Swanson Creek: Maryland Route 381.  
  b) Mataponi Creek: St. Thomas Church Road.  
  c) Spice Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road.  
  d) Full Mill Branch: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road.  
  e) Black Swamp Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road.  
- Piscataway River—bridge on Maryland Route 224 (Livingston Road).  
- Pomonkey Creek—Fenwick Road.  
- Port Tobacco Creek—bridge on Maryland Route 6.  
- Potomac River—Little Falls at man-made dam.  
- Western Branch—bridge on Maryland Route 4.  
- Wicomico River—Allens Fresh, bridge on Maryland Route 234.

**Dorchester County**
- Chincatocomoco River—U.S. Route 50  
- Transquaking River—dam at Higgins Mill Pond.

**Harford County**
- Bynum Run—Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7.  
- Deer Creek—railroad bridge located at the mouth of Deer Creek.  
- Gray’s Run—CSX Railroad crossing upstream of U.S. Route 40.  
- James Run—Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7.  
- Winter’s Run—dam located one half mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road.

**Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties**
- Chester River—500 yards upstream from the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge at Millington at the point where the Cypress Branch empties into the Chester River.  
- Herring Branch—Maryland Route 299.  
- Morgan Creek—Wallis Road.  
- Red Lion Branch—at its confluence with the Chester River.  
- Sassafras River—Maryland Route 299.  
- Unicorn Branch—U.S. Geological Survey weir just east of Maryland Route 313.  
- Wye East River—Wye Mills Lake dam.
St. Mary’s County
- Budds Creek—Maryland Route 234.
- Chaptico Run—Chaptico Bridge on Maryland Route 234.
- Dynard Run—Maryland Route 242.
- Eastern Branch—Maryland Route 5.
- Gilbert Swamp Run—Maryland Route 234.
- Great Mills Run—bridge on Maryland Route 5.
- McIntosh Run—Maryland Route 5.
- Park Hall Run—Maryland Route 5.
- St. Clements Creek—Maryland Route 234 bridge at town of Clements.
- Tomakokin Creek—Maryland Route 470.
- Town Run—bridge on Maryland Route 5.

Susquehanna River
- Conowingo Dam—at U.S. Route 1.

Wicomico and Worcester Counties
- Barren Creek—US Route 50 Bridge
- Beaverdam Creek—dam just upstream of U.S. Route 13 (Business).
- Nassawango Creek—Furnace Road.
- Pocomoke River—bridge on Whiton Crossing, three miles south of Powellville.
- Wicomico River—Isabella Street in Salisbury.
The introduction of invasive and non-native species can cause irreversible changes in the food web. Several invasive species of concern are listed below. For information on other invasive and non-native species, and to see a list of species prohibited from transport, visit dnr.maryland.gov/invasives. To report the illegal transport or unauthorized introduction of invasive species, contact the Natural Resources Police—800-635-6124.

**Zebra Mussels**

Zebra mussels are an aggressive invasive species and reproduce at a very prolific rate, out-competing native species for needed resources. These mussels quickly overtake and cover all available areas to such an extent that they can clog water intake structures, boats, moorings, ropes, fishing lines, traps, and even dams and power plants. Zebra mussels are established from the Susquehanna River and Flats to the upper Bay. Additionally, DNR recently confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in tributaries of the upper Western Shore near Middle River in Baltimore County.

More information on zebra mussels is available at http://dnr.maryland.gov/Invasives/Pages/zebra_mussels.aspx, including a fact sheet and reporting form. DNR asks citizens, to report any suspected sightings to invasivemussels.dnr@maryland.gov.

**Snakehead**

**Please Catch and Keep Northern Snakeheads**

It is against Maryland, Virginia, and federal laws to possess, import, or transport live northern snakehead.

If you catch a snakehead and want to keep it, you must immediately kill the fish by removing its head, gutting it or removing its gill arches. Anglers are encouraged to catch and keep northern snakeheads year round. There is no minimum size or creel limit for snakeheads.

DNR asks anglers to report snakeheads caught outside of the Potomac River and its tributaries or upstream of Great Falls. Send catch information to fishingreport.dnr@maryland.gov or call 410-260-8300 to help DNR track the range of the species.

If you catch a northern snakehead with a blue or red tag, please report the tag number and the location, date and time of day when the fish was caught to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at 800-448-8322.

**Blue & Flathead Catfish**

Blue and flathead catfish are invasive species that have spread rapidly throughout the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. These catfish have few natural predators, eat a wide variety of native fish and shellfish, and may cause ecological harm.

It is illegal to move live blue or flathead catfish from one body of water to another and is punishable by a fine of up to $2,500. Anglers are encouraged to catch and keep blue and flathead catfish year round. There is no minimum size or creel limit for these catfish.

Blue catfish and channel catfish are similar. Please understand and recognize the difference to avoid the inadvertent spread of the invasive blue catfish.

**Blue Catfish**  
Anal fin squared with 30 to 36 fin rays

**Channel Catfish**  
Anal fin rounded with 24 to 29 fin rays

Questions on what gear is legal to harvest invasive species? Check out the gear tables in the Sport Fishing Regulations section on pages 16 and 17.
INVASIVE SPECIES

FISH IMPORTATION

It is illegal to introduce any fish species into Maryland waters except bait fish on a hook for angling.

This prevents the introduction of disease and the spread of species that could compete with native species.

Do not release aquarium fish to the wild, and never transfer fish from one area to another.

To import or stock fish in Maryland, suppliers must register with the Department and comply with Maryland fish health requirements to ensure that stocked fish do not impact resident fish.

A permit is required to stock fish into any Maryland waters, including private ponds. Contact customerservice.dnr@maryland.gov or call 410-260-8300 for more information on registering and obtaining a permit.

Prevent the spread of harmful species:

- **REMOVE** and dispose of aquatic plants, mud, and debris from your boat, motor, trailer and gear before launching and after haul out.
- **DRAIN** all water from live wells, bilge, bait buckets, coolers, and motor immediately after use.
- **DISPOSE** of all unused bait far away from the water. Immediately remove the heads of crayfish in the Upper and Middle Potomac, Monocacy River and Susquehanna River Basin.
- **RINSE** boat, motor, trailer, tackle, buckets and all gear, including SCUBA gear, with hot or high-pressure water.
- **DON’T STOCK** fish in any waters. The importation, introduction and transport of aquatic species without a permit is prohibited by law.
- **DON’T TRANSFER** live fish from one area to another.
- **DON’T RELEASE** aquarium fish into the wild.

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It is Illegal:
- To possess any cut up or filleted striped bass at any time aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland. Striped bass must be landed whole.
- To use more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks for each rod or line. Artificial lures or plugs with multiple hooks are considered 1 set of hooks.
- To use eels as bait while fishing for striped bass with hook and line from Dec. 16 through May 15, inclusive, in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.
- To cull striped bass.
- To possess striped bass while fishing in the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m.
- To use a gaff to land striped bass.
- To take or shoot striped bass with a spear gun and spear in the tidal waters of the state.
- To fish for striped bass by any means or practice catch-and-release of striped bass in designated spawning areas from March 1 through May 31.
- To intentionally snag a striped bass.

Striped Bass Tournament Authorization Is Required
Striped bass tournament organizers need department authorization to hold a tournament. Submit requests including name of the tournament, date(s), location of check-ins, qualifying area, expected number of participants, and charity (if applicable) to fishingreports.dnr@maryland.gov. Striped bass tournaments held prior to May 1 must be catch & release. Each tournament is provided a data sheet to record all striped bass caught. The organizers are responsible for submitting the data to the department.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TAGGED FISH!
The success of tagging studies relies on anglers like you. If you catch a tagged fish, please follow the instructions printed on the tag, or call Fishing & Boating Services at 800-688-3467. Please record the tag number, capture date, fishing location, and total length.

Striped bass may not be caught, harassed or possessed in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which stretches from 3 to 200 miles off the coast.

### Chesapeake Bay & Tidal Tributaries (excluding the Susquehanna Flats, Lower Susquehanna River & Northeast River)

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<td>SPRING CATCH &amp; RELEASE SEASON MARCH 1–APRIL 14</td>
<td>Chesapeake Bay from the Brewerton Channel to the Virginia line including Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds.</td>
<td>No harvest</td>
<td>• Directed catch and release of striped bass in the Potomac requires barbless hooks.</td>
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<td>SPRING TROPHY SEASON APRIL 15–MAY 15</td>
<td>Chesapeake Bay from Brewerton Channel to the MD-VA Line, excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers, except Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound</td>
<td>See the online guide for season, size and creel info.</td>
<td>• Eels may not be used as bait. See maps at: <a href="http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/striped-bass-maps.aspx">http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/striped-bass-maps.aspx</a>.</td>
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<td>MAY 16–MAY 31</td>
<td>Chesapeake Bay downstream from a line drawn from the south corner of Hart-Miller Island Dike to the end of MD Route 21 at Tolchester and south to the MD/VA line, excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers. EXCEPT: Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound; Chester River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Hail Point to Long Point to Ferry Point; Patuxent River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Point Patience to the west point of land at the entrance of Little Kingston Creek; and Choptank River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Holland Point to a point of land at the west entrance of Chapel Creek are open.</td>
<td>2 fish per person per day between 20-28 inches OR 1 fish between 20-28 inches and 1 fish over 28 inches</td>
<td>See maps at: <a href="http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/striped-bass-maps.aspx">http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/striped-bass-maps.aspx</a>.</td>
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<td>SUMMER/FALL SEASON JUNE 1–DEC. 20</td>
<td>All Maryland Chesapeake Bay waters and tributaries open to fishing</td>
<td>2 fish per person per day between 20-28 inches OR 1 fish between 20-28 inches and 1 fish over 28 inches</td>
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<td>DEC. 21–DEC. 31</td>
<td>All MD portions of Ches. Bay are open to catch and release striped bass fishing</td>
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STRIPED BASS

SUSQUEHANNA FLATS, LOWER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER & NORTHEAST RIVER

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| DEC 20–MAY 3 | Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp at Lapidum to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit; and the Northeast River | No harvest          | Catch and release only | • Stinger hooks are prohibited.  
• Barbless hooks are required when trolling.  
• Non-offset circle or J hooks with less than ½ inch gap are required when using bait.  
• No more than six lines per boat are allowed when trolling.  
• Eels may not be used as bait. |
| MAY 4–MAY 15 | Susquehanna Flats closed to striped bass fishing                                           | Season Closed       | Season Closed         | No catch and release fishing                                                          |
| MAY 16–MAY 31| Susquehanna Flats reopen to striped bass fishing                                           | 1 fish per person per day between 20 - 26 inches             | Eels may not be used as bait                                                         |
| JUNE 1–DEC 20| Susquehanna Flats and all Bay waters including tributaries open to striped bass fishing   | 2 fish per person per day between 20-28 inches OR 1 fish between 20-28 inches and 1 fish over 28 inches |                                                                                     |

ATLANTIC OCEAN, COASTAL BAYS & THEIR TRIBUTARIES

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<td>JAN. 1–DEC. 31</td>
<td>No area restrictions in state waters</td>
<td>2 fish per person per day. Must be between 28 inches and 38 inches, inclusive, or greater than or equal to 44 inches.</td>
<td>Striped bass may not be caught, harassed or possessed in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which stretches from 3 to 200 miles off the coast.</td>
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<td>RESERVOIRS</td>
<td>Liberty Reservoir, Piney Run Reservoir, Tridelphia Reservoir, Conowingo Reservoir, Broadway Lake, Jennings Randolph Reservoir, and Rocky Gorge Reservoir</td>
<td>18 inch minimum size; 2 fish per person per day—only 1 of those fish may be larger than 30 inches</td>
<td>Open Year Round</td>
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SPORT FISH STATE RECORDS

RULES AND PROCEDURES
The department maintains sport fish state records and awards a plaque to an angler whose catch exceeds the current state record or establishes a new species category. Positive identification of the species of fish is mandatory for consideration of state record applications. The catch must be inspected in person by a Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist. Immerse the fish in ice water until it can be weighed in order to preserve the weight.

Call 443-569-1381 or 410-260-8300 to report a potential state record catch. You must submit a state record application within two weeks of the date you catch the fish.

State record fish are determined by weight. Most fishing tackle shops do not have certified scales, so call ahead. Other establishments that sell products by weight such as a grocery, deli or shipping store may have a certified scale and be willing to help.

Except for fish in the invasive species division, all fish must be legally caught with rod and reel during its open season. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook and fight the fish without the aid of any other person. The reel must be operated manually. Once the leader is brought to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to help land the fish.

Fish designated as eligible for the Invasive Species division of the Maryland Fishing Challenge (currently northern snakehead, blue catfish and flathead catfish) can be caught and kept by all legal recreational fishing gear including rod and reel, bow and spear.

Fish caught from privately-owned fee fishing waters are not eligible for record consideration.

The fish must be considered trophy sized for Maryland Department of Natural Resources to consider opening a new species category for recognition. Thresholds for trophy size are established by the department using the best data available to create a benchmark weight.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to investigate the methods used in catching the fish and the accuracy of measuring and weighing. It also reserves the right to reject any application based on the results of the investigation.

To check current state records visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/state-records.aspx
Crabbing License/Registration
See Page 13

Season
April 1 through December 15.

Time of Day Restrictions
Rivers, creeks and tributaries:
• April and October through Dec. 15—one half hour after sunrise to sunset.
• May through September—one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Chesapeake Bay Mainstem:
• April and October through Dec. 15—one half hour after sunrise to 5:00 p.m.
• May through September—one half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

Using properly registered crab pots on private property, dip nets or handlines is permitted 24 hours a day.

Day of Week Restrictions
No recreational crabbing is allowed on Wednesdays except:
• When using crab pots from private property;
• When using handlines or dip nets;
• During a week when a state or federal holiday falls on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Minimum Size Limits
(measured from tip to tip of spikes)
Male hard crab:
• April 1 to July 14—5 inches
• July 15 to December 15—5¼ inches

Male peeler crab:
• April 1 to July 14—3¼ inches
• July 15 to December 15—3½ inches

Soft crab:
• April 1 to December 15—3½ inches

Daily Creel/Possession Limits

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<td>2 dozen</td>
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<td>UNLICENSED BOAT</td>
<td>4 dozen</td>
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<td>LICENSED BOAT</td>
<td>1 bushel</td>
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It is Illegal for a Recreational Crabber:
• To sell crabs.
• To possess an egg-bearing (sponge) crab or any female hard or peeler crab.
• To set or fish a trotline, collapsible trap or crab net ring within 100 feet of another individual’s set gear.
• To fish crab gear which belongs to another person.
• To harvest crabs while SCUBA diving.
• To use gear other than the gear listed in the table below.

Additional Crab Pot Rules
• Crab pots must have 2 culled rings, one measuring at least 2 3/16 inches and one at least 2 5/16 inches located in the exterior side panel or the top panels of the pot.
• Crab pots must have a turtle excluder device attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape not larger than 1 3/4 inches high by 4 3/4 inches long.
• Annual registration required.

The Amount of Gear Allowed for Unlicensed and Licensed Recreational Crabbing

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<td>• Up to 1200 ft*</td>
<td>• Up to 30 traps, rings or</td>
<td>• Mesh cannot be greater than 1/4”</td>
<td>• Up to 10 eel pots for catching your own bait</td>
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<td>• Must have floats of the</td>
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<td>• Cannot exceed 50’ in width and 5’ in height</td>
<td>• Must be labeled with your DNRI and may not be set in a buoy-free channel</td>
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*The amount of gear is per boat regardless of the number of licensees or individuals on board
BLUE CRABS—ATLANTIC OCEAN, COASTAL BAYS & TRIBUTARIES

Season
April 1 through December 31.

Harvest Restrictions
• There are no license or registration requirements.
• There are no time of day restrictions.
• The taking of sponge crabs is prohibited.

Minimum Size Limits
(measured from tip to tip of spikes)
• Hard crabs—5 inches.
• Soft crabs—3½ inches.
• Peeler crabs
  • April 1 through July 14—3¼ inches
  • July 15 through December 31—3½ inches
• Mature female crabs—no minimum size

Recreational Crabbing Daily Catch Limits
The daily catch limit in the waters of the Coastal Bays of the Atlantic Ocean and their tidal tributaries is:
• One bushel per person.
• Two bushels per boat if two or more individuals are on the boat.

It is Legal
• To crab in the Coastal Bays of Maryland’s Atlantic Ocean and coastal tributaries using:
  • No more than 600 feet of baited trot-line, with floats of the same color, size and shape attached to each end; or
  • No more than two 600-foot trotlines if two or more persons are in the boat; or
  • Dip nets and any number of hand-lines; or
  • No more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person from docks, piers, bridges, boats or shoreline; or
  • No more than 25, or a combination of 25, collapsible crab traps or crab net rings, if two or more persons are in a boat.

• For waterfront property owners to set a maximum of two crab pots at their property, provided that:
  • Pots are marked with the owner’s name and address or DN Rid; and
  • Crab pots must have 2 cull rings, one measuring at least 2 3/16 inches and one at least 2 5/16 inches, located in the exterior side panel or the top panels of the pot.
  • Pot cull rings must be closed from April 23 through May 31.
  • Crab pots must have a turtle excluder device attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape not larger than 1 3/4 inches high by 4 3/4 inches long.

TURTLE EXCLUDERS ARE REQUIRED
Turtle excluders are required in recreational crab pots in Maryland. These devices prevent terrapins from entering a crab pot without hindering blue crab entry. Without turtle excluders, terrapins can enter crab pots and drown. To get instructions for making your own turtle excluder, visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/crabpot.aspx

BLUE CRAB IDENTIFICATION

SALLY
An immature (adolescent) female blue crab, known as a Sally or she-crab, is easily identified as having an inverted “V” or triangular shaped apron and red-tipped claws.

SOOK
A mature (adult) female blue crab, known as a sook is identified as having an inverted “U” or bell-shaped apron and red-tipped claws.

JIMMY
A mature male blue crab, known as a Jimmy, has a long, narrow, inverted “T” shaped apron and blue-tipped claws.

Steven C. Zinski (www.bluecrab.info) (3)
Maryland has artificial reef sites in both Bay and ocean waters. These are collaborative projects between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the partner organizations of the Maryland Artificial Reef Initiative (MARI), and the Ocean City Reef Foundation (OCRF).

MARI is a volunteer organization including more than 60 private, state, and federal partners dedicated to preserving, restoring and creating fish habitat in tidewater Maryland. MARI acts as a funding mechanism under an agreement with the Coastal Conservation Association Maryland using private and corporate donations for reef development.

OCRF works to build reefs off of Ocean City and, in partnership with MARI, accepts donations as a non-profit 501(c)(3) at www.ocreefs.org.

For more general information on artificial reef projects and to view the MARI and OCRF reef coordinates, go to dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/reefs/index.aspx.
Maryland residents may harvest oysters and clams for recreational purposes. No license is required.

Refer to maps of Maryland Shellfish Harvesting Areas for information on areas of restricted waters, closures, and coordinates of sanctuaries online via the department’s Shellfish Program webpage under related links: [dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/oysters](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/oysters).

You may also call the Maryland Department of the Environment hotline 800-541-1210 to obtain information on conditional closures due to water quality or other environmental issues.

Recreational shellfish regulations for the Potomac River can be found at [prfc.us](http://prfc.us).

### Oysters

**Season**
October 1–March 31

**Daily Harvest Restrictions**
1 bushel/person/day

**Time of Day Restrictions**
Harvest is only permitted:
- Monday–Friday: Sunrise to 3 p.m.
- Saturday: Sunrise until 12 p.m.

**Gear Restrictions**
A person may catch oysters ONLY by:
- Hand
- Shaft tongs
- Diving (includes SCUBA)
- Culling
- All shell and undersized oysters shall be returned to the bar from which they were caught.

**Minimum Size Limits**
Three inches measured from hinge to bill along the longest part of the shell.

### Hard Clams

**Daily Harvest Restrictions**
250 clams/person/day

**Gear Restrictions**
Limited to hand-operated gear only, including hand rakes. Mechanical harvesting is not allowed.

**Minimum Size Limits**
One inch transverse measurement

### Rangia Clams

The Rangia clam is often found in Maryland in low salinity water. Many of these areas, especially those within 200 feet of shore, have not been tested or approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment for shellfish harvest, and the consumption of these clams is not recommended.

Rangia clams should not be confused with the better-known hard clam found primarily in the Coastal Bays.

**How to Measure Oysters**

**How to Measure Clams**

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Federal Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Permits

Waters three to 200 miles offshore of state coastlines constitute the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. If you are fishing in these waters for species such as sharks, tuna, marlin, swordfish or sailfish, someone on your vessel must hold a HMS permit from NOAA Fisheries. To obtain a permit, call 888-872-8862 or go to hmspermits.noaa.gov.

Passengers fishing on the vessel who do not possess an HMS permit or have a state saltwater fishing license must register with NOAA’s National Saltwater Angler registry. Anglers holding state saltwater licenses from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or U.S. Virgin Islands are required to register.

To register, go to countmyfish.noaa.gov/register.

Landing Requirements

All recreationally landed bluefin tuna, billfish (marlin, sailfish, swordfish and roundscale spearfish), and sharks (except spiny dogfish) must be tagged before being removed from the boat and reported by vessel owners to a reporting station.

A tag is provided for each completed catch card and the angler is required to place this tag around the tail of the fish before removing it from the vessel. Sharks caught from shore must be tagged before removal from the point of landing. Boats cannot be pulled from the water until the tag is in place. For information on obtaining tags, call the Department of Natural Resources at 410-213-1531.

Catch cards and tags are available at the following reporting stations:

- Atlantic Tackle, Ocean City
- Bahia Marina, Ocean City
- Fisherman’s Marina, Ocean City
- Ocean Pines Marina, Ocean Pines
- Ocean City Fishing Center, Ocean City
- Talbot Street Pier & Marina, Ocean City
- White Marlin Marina, Ocean City
- Sunset Marina, Ocean City
- Pines Point Provisions and Seafood, Ocean Pines
- Buck’s Place,Berlin (shark tags only)
- Alltackle, Ocean City (shark tags only)
- DNR/NRP, Col. Jack Taylor Boathouse, Ocean City (after hours dropbox)
- Catch cards can also be downloaded at http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx

It is Illegal:

- For an angler to sell, barter, or trade sharks or shark parts.
- For an angler to engage in shark finning. All sharks caught by an angler must have heads, tails and fins attached naturally to the carcass through landing.
- To fillet sharks at sea.
- For a highly migratory species (HMS) angling, charter/headboat, and general category (if participating in a registered Atlantic HMS tournament) permit holder to possess hammerhead sharks or oceanic whitetip sharks simultaneously with billfish, tunas, or swordfish.

Gear Restrictions

Anglers may use only handlines or rod & reel.

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<td>Open Year Round</td>
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<td>Each recreational shore angler is allowed a maximum of 1 shark per calendar day from this list of approved species. In addition, each recreational shore angler may harvest 1 of each of the following species per calendar day: 1. bonnethead 2. Atlantic sharpnose shark 3. smooth dogfish</td>
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*Sharks that are transported by vessel are considered boat assisted, and regulated under the more restrictive vessel-fishing possession limits regardless of where they were caught. All species not listed in the above table, including sandbar and dusky sharks, are prohibited and must be released.

Sharks

ROUNDSCALE SPEARFISH LOOK VERY SIMILAR TO WHITE MARLIN


SHARK IDENTIFICATION "IF YOU DON’T KNOW, LET IT GO"

Sharks Caught Fishing in State Waters (Listed species represent a sampling which may be encountered)

- Stocky
- Skinny

Source: Guide to Sharks, Tunas & Billfishes of the U.S. Atlantic & Gulf of Mexico by Rhode Island Sea Grant & NOAA Fisheries

**Sandbar Shark**
Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- First dorsal fin tall, triangular, starts over or slightly before pectoral fin.
- Large, broad pectoral fins.

Status
PROHIBITED

**Dusky Shark**
Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- First dorsal sloping & begins behind pectoral fin.

Status
PROHIBITED

**Blacktip Shark**
No Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- Anal fin white & other fins with black tips (fades with age).
- First dorsal begins above axil of pectoral.

Status
Legal

**Sand Tiger Shark**
No Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- Dorsal fins nearly equal in size sm. eyes.
- Large teeth sticking out of the mouth.

Status
PROHIBITED

**Scalloped Hammerhead**
No Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- Hammer marked by prominent indentation at midline.
- Pelvic fins with straight rear margins

Status
Legal

**Smooth Dogfish**
Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- Dorsal fins nearly equal in size.
- Oval shaped eyes; spiracles behind eyes.

Status
Legal

**Atlantic Sharpnose Shark**
No Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- White spots; second dorsal fin begins above middle of anal fin; long labial furrows around corners of mouth.

Status
Legal

**Spiny Dogfish**
Weak Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- Dorsal spines; no anal fin, body usually with white spots.

Status
Legal

**Bull Shark**
No Interdorsal Ridge
Distinguishing features
- First dorsal fin large, triangular, rearward sloping, originating over or slightly behind pectoral intersection

Status
Legal

**KEY CATCH AND RELEASE POINTS THAT MAXIMIZE SURVIVABILITY**
- Leave sharks in the water
- Don’t drag them onto the sand
- No sitting on them
- Don’t hold their jaws open
- Using circle hooks;
- Minimizing fight times by using the appropriate gear;
- Know how to identify the species;
- Know what species are legal and illegal;
- Don’t gaff a shark that is going to be released;
- Have a release plan and make sure everyone knows their part;
- Use a dehooker;
- Don’t place hands in the gills;
- Keep the shark in the water if possible;
The Maryland Fishing Challenge has three components:

- Angler Award, including the Catch and Release Award—Any angler fishing legally in Maryland may catch and record an award-winning fish by landing any of more than 60 eligible species in three categories above a certain minimum size. If you catch a fish that meets or exceeds the official award size, simply submit your catch to an official award center to receive your registration ticket and instructions on how to complete the required online registration process. You will receive your award certificate within 45 days. Catch and Release anglers may participate by bringing a clear photograph of their fish to an award center. Lay the fish on a tape measure to photograph so that the species and size can be verified. Submit your photo at an official award center to receive your entry ticket.

- Invasive Species Award—Recognizes anglers for reporting their harvest of certain eligible invasive fish species. "Invasive" describes a species that, when introduced into an ecosystem, aggressively establishes itself and has the potential to negatively impact native plants, animals, or habitat. Currently there are three invasive fish species which naturally reproduce or migrate into Maryland waters and are eligible only for Invasive Species Awards: blue catfish, northern snakehead, and flathead catfish. Fish must be kept to qualify.

- Maryland Youth Fishing Club—Members of the Maryland Youth Fishing Club who submit their fishing reports to the Youth Angler's Log will be entered into a random drawing for prizes. Winner's names will be posted online. Visit the Maryland Youth Fishing Club web site for additional information on how to become a member.

Governor's Striped Bass Conservation Award
In addition to the Angler Awards, those who catch and release an award sized striped bass during the open season will be recognized with a Governor's Striped Bass Conservation Award at the end of the fishing season. The award recognizes any recreational angler who releases alive a striped bass catch of 40” or more while fishing Maryland waters during the open season.

For complete Maryland Fishing Challenge rules and online registration go to—http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/challenge/rules.aspx.
### ANGLER AWARD MINIMUM SIZES

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<td>Grey Triggerfish</td>
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* Only released fish  
** Invasive species division—only dead fish are eligible

#### ANGLER AWARD CENTERS

**MARYLAND FISHING CHALLENGE**

Complete addresses and phone numbers for Angler Award Centers are available at:

http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/challenge/centers.aspx
MARYLAND’S SEA TURTLE & MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING
24-HOUR HOTLINE: 800-628-9944

- Call the hotline to report all (live or dead) stranded sea turtles or marine mammals including manatees, dolphins, whales, porpoise and seals.
- Do not touch, harass, feed or handle live or dead marine animals. Marine mammals and sea turtles are protected by federal and state laws that specify fines of up to $50,000, imprisonment, and/or vessel confiscation.
- Record your location using latitude/longitude, a street address, and a detailed description of your location including landmarks.
- Estimate and record the length, size, color, noticeable body parts, and any movement of the animal.
- Take photos of the animal.
- If possible, after reporting a stranding, stand by until a staff person contacts you.
- If calling from outside Maryland, please use:
  - Live animals: 410-373-0083 (National Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Program)
  - Dead animals: 443-758-6607 (Department of Natural Resources Sea Turtle and Marine Mammal Project)
- For more information, visit aqua.org/care/national-aquarium-animal-rescue

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