**SPANISH MACKEREL**
Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
Possession Limit: 15 per person

**SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)**
Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
Possession Limit: 5 per person
Only one speckled trout of the 5-fish limit may be 24 inches or greater

**STRIPE BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)**
Seasons, size limits, possession limits, available on separate regulation card or from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information, see below.)

**STURGEON**
Illegal to Possess

**SUMMER FLounder (FLUKE)**
Minimum Size Limit: 32 inches
Possession Limit: 4 per person
Season Closed: May 1-September 19

**TAUTOG**
Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
Possession Limit: 3 per person
Season Closed: None

**TILEFISH (Blueline, Golden & Sand Tilefish)**
Possession Limit: 1 per person

**BLACK SEA BASS**
Possession Limit in aggregate: 7 per person

**SHARKS**
Recreationally Prohibited Species – It is illegal to take or possess any shark from the “Recreationally Prohibited Species” list, as defined in Regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, Sandbar, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dogfish Sharks but must be landed with head and all fins attached. Minimum Size Limit (exceptions below): 54 inches fork length (FL) All sharks must be landed with head and fins attached; hammerhead sharks must be 78 inches FL or greater, no minimum size applies to Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose, Finetooth Sharks. Possession Limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person. A non-boat assisted shore angler is entitled to a vessel possession limit Season Closed: May 15-July 15 (includes Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, and Tiger Shark)

Federal waters, beyond the Three Mile Limit governed by different regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. Sharks may only be taken by handline or rod and reel; No spearing or bow fishing.

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Measurements – Size limits are in total length; fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

Snagging – Illegal to snap, or attempt to snap, any fish.

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