2019 Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

January 2019

Atlantic Croaker
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit

Spot
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit

Kingfish
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit

Cobia (Permit Required)
- Minimum Size Limit: 40 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 3 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive. Only 1 fish may be greater than 50 inches total length.
- Season: June 1 - September 30

Spadefish
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person

Sheepshead
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person

Bluefish
- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 10 per person

Grey Trout (Weakfish)
- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person

Black Sea Bass
- Minimum Size Limit: 12.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person
- Season: Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, May 15 - Dec. 31

Striped Bass
Chesapeake Bay Season
- Minimum Size Limit: 20-28 inches
- Recreational Bag: 2 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15 (Spring Season) October 4 - December 31 (Fall Season)

Coastal Season
- Minimum Size Limit: 28 inches
- Recreational Bag: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31 and May 16 - December 31

Tautog
- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31

Speckled Trout
- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"

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Red Drum
Minimum Size Limit: Min. 18 inches to Max 26 inches
Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person

Black Drum
- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person