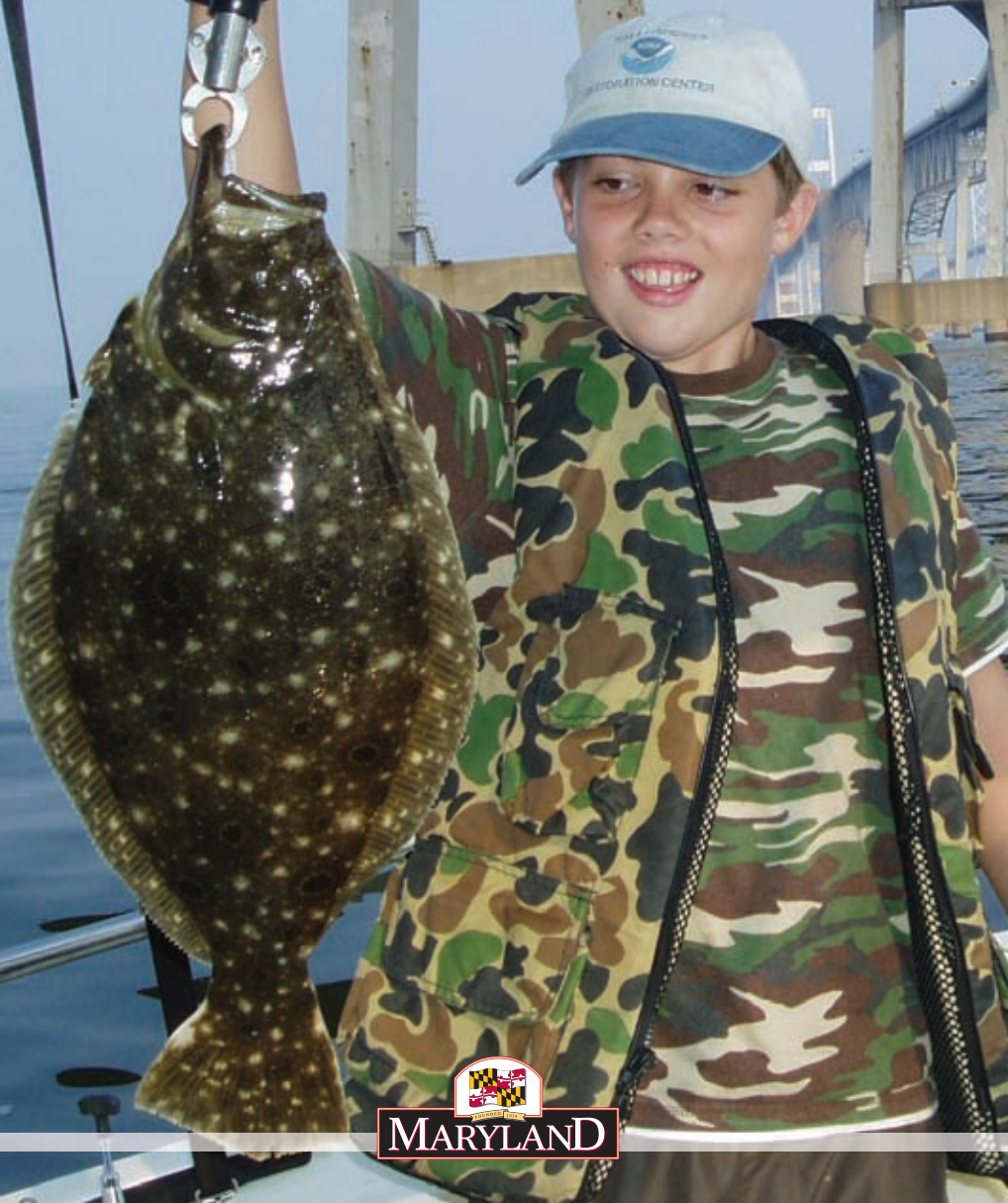


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Dear Angler:

Recreational fishing is a deep-rooted part of our State's heritage and culture, and contributes greatly to our quality of life.

Marylanders have enjoyed this time-honored tradition since our earliest days, and we continue to pass along our love of the sport from generation to generation. In sharing our passion for fishing with our children, we are encouraging them to forge a personal connection with our natural world while also inspiring them to become better stewards of our natural resources.

Of course, our natural world provides for our economic growth as well as our quality of life. More than 650,000 adults and tens of thousands of children enjoy fishing our scenic waterways each year, generating an estimated \$1 billion for Maryland businesses large and small.

Maryland anglers are also among our strongest partners and most ardent conservationists. Working together, we continue to make progress in protecting the health and the beauty of our rivers and streams, and restoring the health of our national treasure – the Chesapeake Bay.

Together we are better targeting our Bay restoration efforts, rehabilitating existing oyster reefs and building new fish habitat. And, working together with our Sport Fisheries, Tidal Fisheries and Oyster Advisory Commissions, and our Coastal Fisheries Advisory Committee, we are charting a new course for fisheries management in Maryland.

While we continue to make real and steady progress, we know that there is still much more to do. With your continued commitment to protecting the health of the land, the air, and the water we love, we will be able to pass along our rich fishing tradition for all the generations to come.

On behalf of our One Maryland, thank you for helping us achieve our vision for a smarter, greener more sustainable future.



Sec. John R. Griffin and Gov. Martin O'Malley



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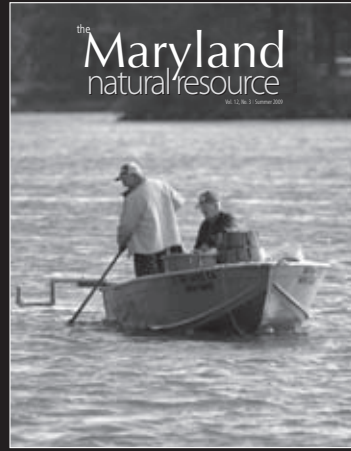
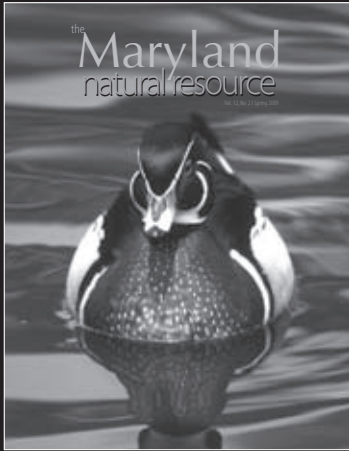
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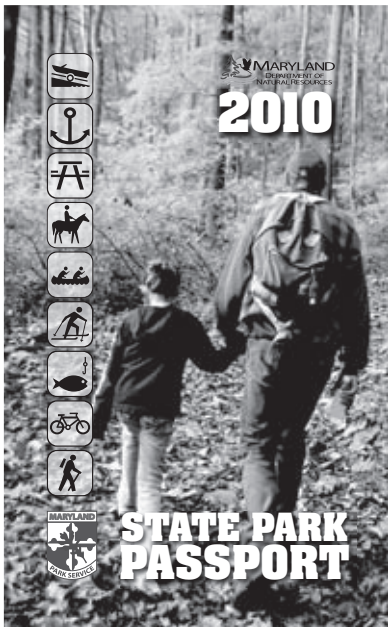
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License Fees (NONTIDAL WATERS*)

Resident of the State of Maryland	\$20.50
Resident of the State of Maryland 5-Day	\$7.50
Nonresident	Variable

\$30.50 minimum or reciprocal for state of residence whichever is greater

Nonresident 3-Day or 5-Day	Variable
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3-Day/\$5.00 or 5-Day/\$7.50 minimum or reciprocal for state of residence whichever is greater

Resident and Nonresident Blind Person	License Required, No Fee
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Consolidated Senior Resident Sport fishing License	\$5.00
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Allows a person 65 years of age or older to fish:

1. In nontidal waters of the State of Maryland;
2. For trout in nontidal waters;
3. In the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Trout Stamp	\$5.00
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Not required for persons under 16 years of age or Consolidated Senior Resident License

Replacement License Fees

Resident and Nonresident	\$1.00
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Trout Stamp	\$1.00
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Fishermen who lose their licenses may obtain a replacement license from any DNR Regional Service Center. (Inside back cover)

**The terms freshwater, nontidal and inland are used interchangeably.*

License Requirements

A person may not fish the nontidal waters of Maryland without first obtaining a license. No fee is charged for licenses issued to blind persons or to former prisoners of war. The license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. **However, a person may fish for finfish without a license in Maryland's nontidal waters if the person is:**

1. Under 16 years of age.
2. A resident of Maryland on active duty with Armed Forces, on leave with official orders.
3. A patient of a veterans hospital hospitalized for service connected disability (contact Fisheries Service for permit information).
4. A patient under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility or an individual who attends or resides in a State-approved retardation facility.
5. A caregiver, family member or designee of a mental health care facility or private group home of a patient who is under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility (must provide a letter of proof to the Department).
6. A person who fishes in nontidal waters of the State on free fishing days designated by the Secretary. (First two Saturdays in June and July 4)
7. An owner or tenant, their spouse, children or the spouses of their children residing on the property may fish from their riparian shoreline on nontidal waters. 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.
8. A resident of Virginia possessing a valid Virginia fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in nontidal waters of the Potomac River (mainstem only) opposite the shore of Virginia.
9. A resident of West Virginia possessing a valid West Virginia fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in nontidal 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).
10. A resident of Pennsylvania possessing a valid Pennsylvania fishing license issued in that resident's name may fish in the waters of the Conowingo and Youghiogheny Reservoirs.

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A Trout Stamp Is Required

1. For anyone 16 years of age or older to fish in a “special catch-and-return trout management area” or possess trout taken from nontidal waters. Maryland residents holding a valid Consolidated Senior Resident Sport Fishing License are exempt.
2. Trout stamps are not required to possess trout taken from privately owned lakes or ponds or licensed fee fishing lakes or ponds that are stocked with trout artificially propagated by, or purchased from, persons licensed by the State to sell fish.

Fishing Guide License

Types Available

NT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services only in nontidal waters

NTT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services in nontidal waters and designated tidal areas

L – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services (on foot, paddle and oar only) in all waters of the State

Documents Required by Applicant

1. **A valid freshwater angler’s license, if applicable;**
2. **A valid Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing license, if applicable;**
3. **Any necessary stamps issued by the Department;**
4. **A valid license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, if operating a vessel;**
5. **A valid copy of a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR); and**
6. **A valid copy of an American Red Cross First Aid certificate or equivalent.**

Requirements differ for each license type. Contact a DNR Service Center for fees, fishing locations and restrictions.

It Is Unlawful

1. **To use more than 3 rods at one time (except for ice fishing) and to use any rod with more than 2 hooks per line.**
2. **To use more than 5 rods (hand held devices) or tip-ups for ice fishing.**
3. **To cut a hole through the ice measuring more than ten (10) inches in any direction for the purpose of ice fishing.**
4. **Bait Fish**
 - a. To use a seine that exceeds 6 feet in length or 4 feet in depth to catch bait fish.
 - b. To take bait fish of any description from any Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.
5. **Spear Gun**
 - a. To use a spear or spear gun within 100 yards of any private or public swimming areas, scuba diver’s flag, (other than that used by the spear fisherman), vessel in the water or human being without specific advance permission.
 - b. To use a spear or spear gun in State owned ponds, lakes or Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Management Areas for Trout.
 - c. To shoot any trout, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, large and smallmouth bass, muskellunge or tiger muskie, with a spear gun or spear in the nontidal waters of the State.
6. **To use a trotline:**
 - a. Except in the mainstem of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers.
 - b. In any waters during April, May and June.
 - c. In any waters between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., E.S.T.
 - d. Made of metallic material.
 - e. Having more than 75 single hooks.
 - f. More than 300 feet in length.
 - g. Baited with scale bait.
 - h. To catch walleye, smallmouth bass or largemouth bass.
 - i. Not identified with a metal tag securely attached to it showing the name and address of the person operating it.
 - j. Anchored from one shore to the other.

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It Is Unlawful *(continued)*

7. In Deer and Swan Creeks in Harford County:

- a. 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.
- b. For a person to possess or use minnows for bait while fishing.

8. Bush-bobs/bank poles

- a. For anyone other than a resident to use bush-bobs or bank poles.
- b. For residents to use more than 25 bush-bobs or bank poles, or any bush-bobs or bank poles having more than 1 hook to a pole or bob.
- c. To use bush-bobs or bank poles except in the mainstems of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers within Carroll, Washington and Frederick counties.
- d. To use bush-bobs or bank poles between sunrise and sunset.
- e. To use bush-bobs or bank poles on any streams stocked with trout.
- f. To use a bush bob or bank pole baited with scale bait or live bait to catch suckers, catfish, carp, eels, gudgeons and every species of sunfish, including bluegills and rockbass, commonly known as redeye.

9. Dip net

- a. For anyone other than a resident to use a dip net in:
 1. the Susquehanna River in Cecil and Harford counties.
 2. Allegany and Washington counties.
 3. the Monocacy and Potomac Rivers in Carroll and Frederick counties.
- b. To use a dip net from April 16 to December 31 inclusive.
- c. To use a dip net within 50 yards of the mouth of a tributary or the breast of any dam.
- d. To use a dip net in waters of the State stocked with trout, any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area or Special Fisheries Management Area for Trout. (Landing nets used to land fish are not considered dip nets.)
- e. To use a dip net to fish for any trout species, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, or muskellunge hybrids (including tiger muskie).
- f. For anyone to use a baited dip net by attaching an attractant to the net material or frame.

10. For a nonresident:

- a. To fish in nontidal waters of the State with nets of any description. However, nonresidents may use a net commonly known as a landing net to land fish caught by hook and line.
- b. To gig at any time.

11. To use a gig to catch all trout species, frogs, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, muskellunge, muskellunge hybrids including tiger muskie and largemouth and smallmouth bass. See page 7 for eel requirements.

12. To snag fish with hooks, except for snakeheads.

Import of Fish for Stocking

The Fisheries Service is responsible for the protection and management of fish populations across the state. To prevent the introduction of fish that may compete with native or naturalized species, it is unlawful to introduce any fish species except bait fish on a hook for the purpose of angling without a permit from Fisheries Service.

To import fish to Maryland, suppliers must register with the Department and comply with Maryland Fish Health Requirements to ensure that stocked fish do not impact resident fish. Please **do not** release aquarium fish to the wild, and **never** transfer fish from one area to another.

For permitting information, please contact the Annapolis office at 410-260-8317.



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It Is Unlawful *(continued)*

- 13. 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.
- 14. To use a trap in nontidal waters.**
- 15. To disturb, take, destroy or possess the nest or eggs of a terrapin or snapping turtle.**
- 16. For a person to catch snapping turtles from waters of the State by hook and line, trotline, bow and arrow, net, seine, fishpot, or other fishing rig, spear, gig or iron or any device capable of piercing any part of the turtle at any time.**
- 17. To use a bow and arrow:**
 - a. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in a Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.
 - b. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in state-controlled community ponds or lakes. However, the Department may permit the taking of carp with bow and arrow, if the angler first obtains a valid freshwater fishing license.
 - c. To shoot all trout species, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, muskellunge, muskellunge hybrids including tiger muskie and largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- 18. To trespass or fish any waters closed to the public for fishing by the Department.**
- 19. To operate any vehicle on any lands owned or controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division without written permission from the Division except on those roads, lanes or areas which are open to automobile traffic or which are specifically marked by the Division.**
- 20. To camp on lands owned and controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division except on designated sites or with written permission.**
- 21. To swim in any State controlled lake except in designated areas.**
- 22. To cut any brush, trees or shrubbery on the C&O Canal National Historical Park unless authorized by the National Park Service of the Federal Government.**
- 23. Battie Mixon Fishing Hole**
 - a. To fish in Battie Mixon Fishing Hole in Allegany County between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
 - b. To use boats propelled by gasoline or diesel power on the waters of Battie Mixon Fishing Hole (electric motors only).
- 24. To throw, dump, deposit, or cause to be thrown, dumped or deposited, any trash, junk or other refuse upon any of the waters of this State.**
- 25. 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 freshwater impoundments of five acres or more.)**
- 26. To cull trout. "Replacing a trout in possession with another trout." "Possession" refers to any condition where a trout cannot freely swim away.**
- 27. To use a seine:**
 - a. Within 50 yards of the mouth of any river or tributary or the base of a dam.
 - b. In waters of the State stocked with trout, any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area or Special Fisheries Management Area for Trout.
- 28. Crayfish:**
 - a. To catch any species of crayfish in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture.
 - b. To use any species of crayfish as bait in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is removed behind the eyes.
 - c. To possess any species of crayfish while fishing in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins unless the head is removed behind the eyes.
 - d. To catch and possess a female crayfish with eggs attached to the underside of the abdomen in the Middle Potomac River, Upper Potomac River and Susquehanna River basins.
- 29. To buy, sell, or offer to buy any fish harvested from the nontidal waters of the State.**
- 30. To use a cast net in nontidal waters.**

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Maryland Nontidal Hook & Line Fishing Seasons

*Size, Season, Daily Creel Limits and Possession Limits of Certain Species in Nontidal Waters (these rules subject to change).
Possession refers to any condition where a fish cannot freely swim away.*

BASS (*Largemouth And Smallmouth In Aggregate**)

Minimum Size: 12 inches or as provided for by special regulations.

Creel Limit: Daily 5 and Possession 10; in aggregate.

Season: Closed March 1 through June 15.

Catch and release is permitted during closed season.

Tidal Season: See page 32

WALLEYE

Minimum Size: 15 inches year round, and during January 1 through April 15 the minimum size is 15 inches with a maximum size of 20 inches, in the Potomac River mainstem approximately 0.5 miles upriver from Chain Bridge upstream to the spillway in Cumberland.

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 5

Season: *There is no closed season for Walleye, except on Deep Creek Lake and the Youghiogheny River downstream of the Route 42 bridge from March 1 through April 15.*

CHAIN PICKEREL (*Pike*)

Minimum Size: 14 inches **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 5

NORTHERN PIKE

Minimum Size: 30 inches **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 2

MUSKELLUNGE AND HYBRID (*Tiger Muskie*)

Minimum Size: 36 inches **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 1

HERRING

Minimum Size: None

Open Season: January 1 through June 5

Creel Limit: None

AMERICAN EEL

Minimum Size: 6 inches **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 25

Eels may not be taken by gig in any Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.

STRIPED BASS (*Rockfish And Hybrid Striped Bass*)

Special Regulations – See page 15

YELLOW PERCH – STATEWIDE

Minimum Size: 9 inches **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 10

No minimum size or creel if caught in nontidal lakes or ponds. (See page 15 for rivers, streams and tidal information.)

YELLOW PERCH – DEEP CREEK LAKE

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily 10 and Possession 20

AMERICAN (WHITE) SHAD AND

HICKORY SHAD – NO OPEN SEASON

CATCH & RELEASE IS PERMITTED

WHITE PERCH

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: None

TROUT – STATEWIDE (*All Species Of Trout*)

Minimum Size: None – Except when otherwise noted.

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 2 daily and possession, in aggregate. Except as provided for by special regulations.

Season: Open Year Round – except when otherwise noted.

TROUT – PUT-AND-TAKE AREAS (*All Species Of Trout*)

Minimum Size: None

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 5 in aggregate.

See pages 12 and 16 for specific requirements.

CRAPPEE

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily 15 and Possession 30; in aggregate

CARP

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 15 daily; 30 possession

CHANNEL CATFISH

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily 5 and Possession 10

BAIT, including Madtoms

Creel Limit: Daily and Possession: 35 in aggregate

SUNFISH, INCLUDING BLUEGILLS AND ROCK BASS

(Commonly known as Red Eye or Goggle-Eye)

Minimum Size: None

Creel Limit: Daily 15 and Possession 30; in aggregate
Open Year Round

SUCKERS

Minimum Size: None **Open Year Round**

Creel Limit: Daily 30 and Possession 60; in aggregate

BIVALVE/SHELLFISH (MUSSELS & CLAMS) No Open Season

**See definition on page 13.*

ALL OTHER FISH SPECIES have no size or creel limits and no closed season. Any species caught during its closed season shall be returned to waters of the state immediately after being caught. Fish with size limits are measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin.

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Youghiogheny Reservoir Special Fishing Area

The portion of the Youghiogheny Reservoir lying within the State constitutes a special fishing area and is subject to the following season, minimum size limits and creel limits. These laws and regulations have been set forth for 2010 by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in accordance with a reciprocal agreement between Maryland and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON

Regular Season: 8 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to midnight Labor Day.

Minimum Size: 7 inches

Daily Limit: 5 (combined species)

Extended Season: All approved trout waters and downstream plus lakes and ponds. January 1 through the last day of February, and the day after Labor Day through December 31.

Minimum Size: 7 inches

Daily Limit: 3 (combined species)

BASS – LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED

Season: January 1 through the day before opening day of regular trout season and November 1 through December 31.

Minimum Size: 15 inches / **Daily Limit:** 4 (combined species)

Season: The opening day of regular trout season through the first Friday after June 11.

No Harvest – Catch and immediate release only, no tournaments permitted.

Season: The first Saturday after June 11 through October 31.

Minimum Size: 12 inches

Daily Limit: 6 (combined species)

MUSKELLUNGE AND MUSKELLUNGE HYBRID

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: 40 inches

Daily Limit: 1 (combined species)

PICKEREL

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: 18 inches

Daily Limit: 4

PIKE NORTHERN

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: 24 inches

Daily Limit: 2

WALLEYE

Season: January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

Minimum Size: 15 inches

Daily Limit: 6

SAUGER

Season: January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

Minimum Size: 12 inches

Daily Limit: 6

AMERICAN SHAD

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: None

Daily Limit: 6

HERRING AND GIZZARD SHAD

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: None

Daily Limit: 50 (combined species)

STRIPED BASS AND STRIPED BASS/WHITE BASS HYBRID

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: 20 inches

Daily Limit: 2 (combined species)

SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, WHITE PERCH, CRAPPIES, CATFISH, ROCK BASS, SUCKERS, CARP AND WHITE BASS

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: None

Daily Limit: 50 (combined species)

BAIT FISH, FISH BAIT (EXCEPT MUD BUGS)

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: None

Daily Limit: 50 (combined species)

MUD BUGS (Dragonfly Nymphs)

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: None

Daily Limit: Unlimited if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from rivers and streams.

AMERICAN EEL (As Bait Fish)

Season: Open Year Round

Minimum Size: 6 inches to 8 inches

Daily Limit: 50

PADDLEFISH

Season: Closed Year Round

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Special Fisheries Management Areas

Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas - Limited to Artificial Fly Fishing Only

1. Special provisions in effect for these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers constructed in a normal fashion using natural and/or synthetic materials (which may include feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, plastic, cork, wire and rubber) on a single hook with the components wound on or about 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.
- c. A person may fish only 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.
- d. Except for artificial flies and streamers, a person may not use or possess any natural bait, or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.
- e. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Big Hunting Creek, Frederick County. All waters of Big Hunting Creek and its tributaries within Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain Park except Owens Creek, Little Hunting Creek, Cunningham Falls Lake and Frank Bentz Pond.
- b. Beaver Creek, Washington County. From the confluence with Black Rock Creek downstream approximately 1 mile to a red post located 0.1 mile above Beaver Creek Road.
- c. Patuxent River, Montgomery and Howard Counties. From red bank posts located on both sides of the river, approximately 400 yards below Brighton Dam downstream to Mink Hollow Road.

Put 'em Back Alive

Use of barbless hooks is recommended in special fishery management areas and for those anglers that release some or all of the fish they catch. Although use of barbless hooks does not appear to significantly increase the chance of a released fish surviving, there are benefits. Barbless hooks are easier to remove, thereby reducing the amount of stress from handling when removing a hook. Injuries to fish which cause scarring and loss of mouth parts are also reduced. Barbless hooks also have the added advantage of being easier to remove from an angler's skin after an errant cast.

Because barbless hooks may not be available at tackle retailers, you can easily make your own by breaking, filing or pinching down the barbs on regular hooks. Give barbless hooks a try, you may be surprised to find that you catch more fish.



Never release unused bait to the water. It can spread disease or become a nuisance species. Take home all fouled, tangled fishing line.

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Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas - Limited to Use of Artificial Lures Only

1. Special provisions in effect for these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies (See definition on Page 13).
- c. The use or possession of any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with scent capable of catching fish is prohibited.
- d. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Patuxent River, Howard and Montgomery counties. The mainstem of the Patuxent River from the crossing of Maryland Route 97 upstream to the crossing of Maryland Route 27 and Cabin Branch from its confluence with the Patuxent River upstream to Hipsley Mill Road.
- b. Morgan Run, Carroll County. From bridge on London Bridges Road upstream to bridge on Maryland Route 97.
- c. Paint Branch and tributaries, Montgomery County. Upstream of Fairland Road.
- d. Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore County. Mainstem from Prettyboy Reservoir Dam downstream to Bluemount Road.
- e. North Branch Potomac River from the mouth of unnamed tributary at Bench Mark 1218 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle downstream approximately 0.75 mile to a red post, located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia, and from a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, downstream approximately 4 miles to the confluence of Piney Swamp Run.
- f. Youghiogheny River, Garrett County. Mainstem beginning at a red post approximately 100 yards upstream of the Deep Creek Lake tailrace and extending downstream 4 miles to the Sang Run Bridge.
- g. Little Hunting Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from a red post located approximately 0.25 mile downstream of Route 806, upstream approximately 1 mile to the upper boundary of Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area.

Trophy Trout Fishing Areas - Limited to Use of Artificial Lures and Flies Only

1. The following provisions apply to this area:

- a. Open Season – There is no closed season.
- b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
- c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
- d. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.
- e. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies. Treble hooks are prohibited. Each artificial lure is restricted to a single hook with a single hook point.
- f. Except for artificial lures and artificial flies, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish while fishing in this area.

2. Area subject to these provisions:

- a. Savage River mainstem from its mouth upstream for a distance of approximately 2.7 miles to the lower suspension bridge (Allegheny Bridge).

Trophy Trout Fishing Areas - Limited to Use of Artificial Flies Only

1. The following provisions apply to this area:

- a. Open Season – there is no closed season.
- b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
- c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
- d. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.
- e. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers.
- f. The use or possession of any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish, other than artificial flies, is prohibited in this area.

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- g. A person may fish only 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.

2. Area subject to these provisions:

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

Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas

1. Group I

a. Areas:

- i. 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.
- ii. Middle Patuxent River (Howard County) from U.S. Route 29 downstream to Murray Hill Road.
- iii. Town Creek mainstem (Allegheny County) within Green Ridge State Forest, from a red post located approximately 3/4 mile downstream of the upper ford on Lower Town Creek Road, just south of the Wagner Road intersection, downstream to a red post located just upstream of the lower ford on Lower Town Creek Road (Mallory Place), and from a post located approximately 1/2 mile downstream of Manifold Road to a red post located approximately 1 3/4 miles downstream (Bull Ring Ranch).

b. Restrictions for these areas:

- i. From June 1 through September 30, inclusive, the daily creel limit and possession limit is five trout (all species of trout in aggregate), with no tackle restrictions.
- ii. From October 1 through May 31, inclusive, a person:
 - (a) May not have any trout in possession while fishing.
 - (b) Shall immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
 - (c) Except for artificial lures, may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.

2. Group II

a. Areas

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Youghiogheny River mainstem (Garrett County) below Friendsville from a site located 50 yards downstream of Maple Street (at the confluence of Minnow Run) downstream 1.8 miles to the powerline crossing upstream of the Youghiogheny Reservoir.

b. Restrictions for these areas:

- i. From June 16 through September 30, inclusive, the daily creel limit and possession limit is five trout (all species of trout in aggregate), with no tackle restrictions.
- ii. From October 1 through June 15, inclusive, a person:
 - (a) May not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas.
 - (b) Shall immediately release any trout caught to the water from which the trout was taken.
 - (c) Except for artificial lures, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in these areas.

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Under Sixteen Years of Age, Sixty-Five Years Old or Older and Blind Persons Fishing Areas

1. Special provisions in effect on these areas:

- a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old, persons 65 years old and older and blind persons.
- b. All regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas, shall apply to these special trout management areas. (See page 16)

2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Jones Falls, Baltimore County. That portion of Jones Falls and tributaries above Stevenson Road to their source.
- b. Laurel Run (Moscow) Allegany County.
- c. Avalon Pond, Baltimore County.
- d. Pangborn Pond, Washington County.
- e. Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County. Restrictions for 16, 65, Blind in effect from March 1 through May 15. On May 16, the area returns to limited harvest with no age restriction.
- f. Lion's Park Pond, (Frostburg) Allegany County.

Youth and Blind Fishing Areas

1. The following special regulations are in effect on these areas:

- a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old and blind persons.
- b. Regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas shall apply to these areas. (See page 16)

2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

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

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

1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:

- a. From March 1 through May 31 the daily creel limit and possession limit is 5 trout, all species in aggregate. During this period no special bait, lure, or tackle restrictions are in effect. The stream is subject to 1 and 4 Put-and-Take stream closure dates.
- b. From June 1 through the last day of February, a person may not keep or have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. Except for artificial lures, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish in this area.

2. Area subject to these provisions:

- a. Owens Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road.

Zero Creel Limit for All Trout Species

1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:

- a. Open season - no closed season
- b. Creel and possession limits, all trout species in aggregate: daily - 0, possession - 0
- c. No tackle restrictions.

2. Area subject to these provisions:

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

Zero Creel Limit Areas for Brook Trout

1. The following provisions apply to these areas:

- a. Open Season - no closed season.

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- b. Creel limit. Brook Trout - Daily 0; possession - 0. All other trout species: daily - 2, possession - 2
- c. Tackle is restricted to artificial flies and lures.
- d. A person may not possess or use any natural or live bait, or any device enhanced with a scent capable of catching fish while fishing in these areas.

2 Areas subject to these provisions:

Savage River mainstem and tributaries upstream of the Savage River Reservoir dam; excluding 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).

Trophy Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass Fishing Areas

1. The following special regulations are in effect for these areas during the open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass:

- a. A person may possess 5 bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass in aggregate) per day while fishing in these areas.
- b. A person may not possess any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass from 11 inches up to, but not including 15 inches total length while fishing in these areas.
- c. A person may possess one largemouth or smallmouth bass per day, 15 inches or over, as part of the 5 bass per day limit, in these areas.

2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- a. Blair Valley Lake, Washington County.
- b. Centennial Lake, Howard County.
- c. All ponds located within the Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Calvert County.
- d. Johnson Pond, Wicomico County.
- e. Leonard Mill Pond, Wicomico County.
- f. Little Seneca Lake, Montgomery County.
- g. All ponds located within the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center, St. Mary's County.
- h. St. Mary's Lake, Maryland Route 5, St. Mary's County.

Catch-and-Return Bass Fishing Areas

1. Special provisions in effect for Catch-and-Return bass areas are that a person:

- a. who catches a largemouth or smallmouth bass shall immediately release that bass in the water where it was caught.
- b. may not possess largemouth or smallmouth bass while within the designated Catch-and-Return areas.

2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

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

General Definitions

The following definitions are included as a guide to the angler in interpreting fishing regulations contained in this booklet.

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 about the hook, and designed to be cast by means of a fly rod.

Artificial Lure – Following is a partial list of items 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, doughballs, corn, cheese, bread, meat and marshmallows. The addition of any scent to an artificial lure or fly to make it smell like bait, makes it bait.

Possession – refers to any condition where a fish cannot freely swim away.

In Aggregate – A catch of related fish species counted together.

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Limited Harvest Fishing Areas Special Management – All Species

1. The following special requirements are in effect in these areas:

- A person may possess not more than 10 fish, only one of which can be a largemouth bass, while fishing in these areas.
- If these areas are also on the put-and-take trout fishing list, up to 5 fish of the 10 fish limit may be trout species.
- A person may possess one largemouth bass per day not to exceed 15 inches maximum size while fishing in these areas.
- There is no minimum size for largemouth bass in these areas.

2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- 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.
- Greenbelt Lake, Prince George's County.
- Hughesville Pond, Charles County.
- Hutchins Pond, Calvert County.
- Lake Artemesia, Prince George's County.
- All ponds located within the Merkle Wildlife Management Area, Prince George's County.
- Milktown Landing Pond, Prince George's County.
- Myrtle Grove Pond, Charles County.
- Pemberton Pond, Wicomico County.
- Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County.
- Roberts Field Pond, Carroll County.
- Robert's Mill Pond, Carroll County.
- Tucker Pond, Prince George's County.
- Westminster Community Pond, Carroll County.
- South Germantown Park Pond, Montgomery County, in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road.

ATTENTION FISHERMAN

As you enjoy Maryland's waterways, please take the following precautions to prevent the spread of invasive species and diseases:

- Drain all water from boats, bilges and livewells; don't move water from one area to another
- Scrub all equipment and gear with a brush to remove mud and plant matter; rinse well with water from a clean source and dry completely in the sun
- Don't move fish, fish parts or any live bait from one water body to another; dispose of fish or fish parts in garbage or burn
- Don't dump live or cut bait; dispose of in garbage at home
- If possible, refrain from wearing felt bottom boots while wading. Felts' absorbency makes cleaning difficult, so if you must wear them, scrub and allow to dry thoroughly before moving from one water body to another.
- If you think you have caught or observed an invasive species call the Department of Natural Resources at 1-877-620-8DNR

For further information, go to www.dnr.maryland.gov/invasives

Mind Your Stream Manners

- Use good manners on the stream today to ensure access to your favorite fishing spots tomorrow. If fishing on private land, remember – you are a guest of the landowner.
- Ask permission of the landowner before entering.
- Treat the area, including trees, shrubs, grass, fences, etc., with respect.
- When departing, leave the area as clean as you found it – littering is unlawful as well as bad manners.
- Do not obstruct driveways, cattledways or fields, or dig in or drive over cleared or cultivated lands – these actions are also unlawful.



Leave No Trace Fisherman Outdoor Ethics

Take your trash and that of others with you. Pack it in – Pack it out. Do not dispose of unused bait on or near the water and clean your fish at home. Be considerate of others and their outdoor experience. Avoid impacting stream banks and lake sides. Know your local and state fishing regulations.



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Hellbender

Please Do Not Kill – Help Save One Of Maryland’s Endangered Species

The hellbender is a large, dark aquatic salamander that lives for more than 30 years and may grow to over two feet long. Hellbenders do not have a poisonous bite, but are difficult to handle because they are covered with a coating of protective slime. To release a hellbender, cut the line as close to the hook as possible. If you have seen or caught a hellbender we would like to hear from you.



Please telephone Heritage and Biodiversity Conservation Programs at 410-260-8540.

Impoundments Limited to Catch-and-Return Fishing

1. The following provisions shall apply to these areas:

- a. A person may not possess any fish caught from these areas or have any fish in possession in these areas. All fish caught shall be released and returned live to the water.

2. The areas subject to these provisions are:

- a. Lake Hashawha, Carroll County.
- b. Upper John Owings Pond, Carroll County.
- c. Waterworks Park, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County.
- d. Governor’s Bridge Natural Area Pond (old Izaak Walton Pond), off Governor’s Bridge Road, Prince George’s County.

Yellow Perch

1. Yellow Perch cannot be harvested from the following areas during February, March and April

- a. Magothy River from the base of Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet.
- b. Severn River or Severn Run from Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.

2. Creel Limit – 10 in possession per person per day from the waters of the State, except 20 possession and 10 per day in Deep Creek Lake.

3. Minimum Size: 9 inches, except no minimum size in Deep Creek Lake.

4. It is unlawful to catch or possess yellow perch eggs from State waters without prior authorization.

NOTE: There is no minimum size or creel limits for yellow perch caught in reservoirs, lakes, ponds or freshwater impoundments.

Nontidal Striped Bass

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

Open Season: No closed season

Minimum Size: 18 inches

Creel Limit: 2 striped bass/striped bass hybrid per day, only one of which may be over 30 inches.

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2010 Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas

Put-and Take Trout Fishing Areas are closed to all fishing from 10:00 p.m. of the first date, to 5:30 a.m. of the second date, during each of the closure periods listed in the following schedule.

Closure Schedule

2010

Closure 0 – No Closure

Closure 1 – March 7 to March 27

Closure 2 – March 21 to March 27

Closure 3 – April 11 to April 17

Closure 4 – April 18 to April 24

Hours From 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except as provided for by special regulation or where more restrictive fishing hours are posted.

Creel and Possession Limits (all species of trout in aggregate) – 5 daily /5 in possession

Minimum Size (all species of trout) – No minimum size restriction

The following areas are subject to these regulations:

ALLEGANY COUNTY

Battie Mixon Ponds	0
Cotton Cove Pond in Lion's Park Glendening Recreational Complex at Frostburg	2
Dans Mountain Pond	0
Evitts Creek – mainstem upstream of Interstate Route 68.....	1, 3
Evitts Creek Ponds.....	0
Fifteen Mile Creek Watershed.....	1, 4
Flintstone Creek Watershed	1, 3
Georges Creek – mainstem from the upper extent of Town Park in Westernport upstream to Neff Run	1, 3
Jennings Run – mainstem downstream of the confluence of North Jennings Run	2, 3
Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap Lake)	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	1, 3
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, 3

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Lake Waterford	0
Severn Run – mainstem upstream of Maryland Route 3	1, 4

BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY

Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from a 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 Route 95 bridge	1, 4
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, 4
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Route 165.....	1, 4
Patapsco River – mainstem from the B&O Viaduct upstream to Blodes Dam	1, 3
Stansbury Park Pond	0

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CALVERT AND CHARLES COUNTIES

Calvert Cliffs Pond	0
Hughesville Pond.....	0
Hutchins Pond	0
Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management area - all ponds	0
Wheatley Lake	0

CAROLINE AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES

Tuckahoe Creek and impoundment above abandoned stone railroad bridge upstream of Route 404	0
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CARROLL COUNTY

Beaver Run – upstream of Maryland Route 91	1, 3
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, 3
Piney Run – mainstem downstream from Arrington Road	1, 3
Piney Run Reservoir	0
Robert’s Mill Pond	0

CECIL COUNTY

Big Elk Creek – mainstem from the bridge at Maryland Route 277 upstream to the Pennsylvania State Line.....	1, 4
Howards Pond	0
Principio Creek – mainstem upstream of Maryland Route 7	1, 4

FREDERICK COUNTY

Cunningham Falls Lake	2
Fishing Creek – mainstem upstream of Fishing Creek Reservoir including left fork (Steep Creek)	1, 4
Frank Bentz Pond	2
Friends Creek Watershed	1, 4
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, 4
Middletown Pond	0
Owens Creek – mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road (see page 27).....	1, 4
Rainbow Lake	2
Urbana Lake	0
Whiskey Springs Pond	2
Whittier Lake	0
Woodsboro Community Pond	0

GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Pond.....	1, 4
Bear Creek – mainstem.....	1, 3
Broadford Lake	0
Deep Creek Lake.....	0
Herrington Creek – mainstem.....	1, 4
Herrington Lake	0
Jennings Randolph Lake.....	0
Little Youghiogheny River – mainstem from Maryland Route 219 downstream to the Youghiogheny River	1, 4
Mill Run – mainstem downstream of uppermost bridge on Mill Run Road	1, 4
Muddy Creek – mainstem.....	1, 4
New Germany Lake.....	1

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2010 Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas (continued)

North Branch Potomac River mainstem – from Jennings Randolph Lake upstream approximately 6 miles to the lower boundary of Potomac State Forest; from the uppermost boundary of Potomac State Forest at Wallman upstream approximately 8.5 miles to a bridge at Old Wilson Road; from a red post located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia, downstream to a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, and from Piney Swamp Run downstream to the Allegany County line.....	0
Piney Reservoir	0
Sand Run Watershed	0
Savage Reservoir	0
Savage River – mainstem from Savage Reservoir upstream to Poplar Lick	2
Snowy Creek mainstem	0
Youghiogheny River – mainstem upstream of the junction of Muddy Creek and from the upstream side of the Maryland Route 42 bridge downstream 0.4 miles to a site 50 yards downstream of Maple Street (at the confluence of Minnow Run).....	0

HARFORD COUNTY

Deer Creek – mainstem from 1 mile south of Rocks State Park upstream to the bridge at Maryland Route 23 ..	1, 3
Forest Hill Pond	2
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Maryland Route 165.....	1, 4

HOWARD COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

Allen’s Pond	0
Centennial Lake	0
Cosca Lake	0
Elkhorn Lake	0
Great Seneca Creek – from Maryland Route 28 upstream to Maryland Route 355.....	1, 3
Greenbelt Lake	0
Izaak Walton Pond	2
Lake Artemesia	0
Lake Needwood	0
Laurel Lakes	0
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond.....	2
Melwood Pond	0
Northwest Branch Watershed – upstream of Maryland Route 410 to Norwood Road	2
Patuxent River – mainstem from base of Rocky Gorge Reservoir Dam in Laurel downstream to the B&O Railroad crossing	1, 3
Pine Lake	2
Schoolhouse Pond	0
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, 3
South Germantown Park Pond – in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road	0
Tucker Pond	0

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Antietam Creek – mainstem from upstream boundary of Devil’s Backbone Park to the mouth of Beaver Creek.....	0
Beaver Creek – from the downstream side of the bridges on the private farm lane located below the Albert Powell State Trout Hatchery downstream to Black Rock Creek, and from Beaver Creek Road downstream to the confluence with Antietam Creek.	1, 3
Big Pool	2
Blairs Valley Lake	2

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Greenbriar Lake	2
Indian Springs Pond	2
Israel Creek	0
Licking Creek Mainstem.....	1, 3
Sharpsburg Community Pond.....	0
Sideling Hill Creek Watershed.	1, 4

WICOMICO COUNTY

Beaverdam Creek - in Salisbury from Schumaker Dam downstream to the bridge crossing at Memorial Plaza Road	0
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WORCESTER COUNTY

Shad Landing Pond.....	0
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Dividing Lines

Tidal and Nontidal Waters

The following are boundaries designated as official dividing lines for tidal and nontidal waters. These boundary lines are for the purpose of delineating those areas in which nontidal fishing licenses or Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing licenses are required and tidal or nontidal fishing regulations apply, and have no other legal significance.

HARFORD COUNTY

- Bynum Run – Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7
- Deer Creek – railroad bridge located at the mouth of Deer Creek
- Grey'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.

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
- Stemmers Run – Golden Ring Road Bridge

BALTIMORE AND HOWARD COUNTIES

- Patapsco River – B&O viaduct at Relay

ANNE ARUNDEL AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES

- Anacostia River – Northeast Branch Bridge at northbound lane of Alternate Route 1 Bladensburg Road, Northwest Branch Bridge at southbound lane

- of Rhode Island Avenue
- Furnace Branch – Maryland Route 2
- Patuxent River
 - Mainstem: bridge on Maryland Route 214
 - Lyons Creek: Maryland Route 4
 - Stocketts Run: confluence with the river
 - Rock Run: confluence with the river
 - Ferry Branch: confluence with the river
- Magothy River – Catherine Avenue
- Marley Creek – Maryland Route 10
- Severn River – bridge on Maryland Route 3
- South River and its tributaries –
 - North River: Rutland Road
 - Bacon Ridge Branch: Chesterfield Road
 - Beards Creek: Maryland Route 214
 - Broad Creek: Harry S. Truman Parkway

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
 - Mainstem: Maryland Route 6
 - Mill Run (Burgess Creek): Maryland Route 6
 - Hill Top Fork: Maryland Route 6
 - Wards Run: Maryland Route 6
- Oxen Creek (Run) – Maryland Route 210
- Patuxent River
 - Swanson Creek: Maryland Route 381
 - Mataponi Creek: St. Thomas Church Road
 - Spice Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
 - Full Mill Branch: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
 - Black Swamp Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road
- Piscataway Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 224 (Livingston Road)

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Dividing Lines *(continued)*

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

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

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 Stratum Road about one mile below Maryland Route 16
Hunting Creek – Maryland Route 331
Marshy Hope Creek – at its confluence with Faulkner Branch
Mill Creek – Maryland Route 16
Tuckahoe Creek – abandoned stone railroad bridge upstream of Maryland Route 404
Watt’s Creek – bridge on American Legion Road

WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES

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

ST. MARY’S COUNTY

Buds Creek – Maryland Route 234
Chaplico Run – Chaplico 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

CALVERT COUNTY

Battle Creek – bridge about two miles east of Bowers (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
Parker’s Creek – Maryland Route 765
Plum Point Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 263
Quaker Swamp – Maryland Routes 2/4
St. Johns Creek – Maryland Route 4
St. Leonard’s Creek – Parran Road

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

Conowingo Dam – at U.S. Route 1

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 – Amtrack crossing below Maryland Route 7
Rock Run – confluence with the Susquehanna River

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Chicamicomico River – U.S. Route 50
Transquaking River – dam at Higgins Mill Pond

MARYLAND – PENNSYLVANIA DIVIDING LINE

Cecil County – Railroad Tunnel White Marker
Harford County – Michaels Run



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Maryland's Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Stranding Network

If you see a stranded animal...

- Record its location.
- Identify species or note color, length, head shape, dorsal fin shape and position.
- Note carcass condition — alive, fresh dead, moderate decomposition, advanced decomposition, skeleton.
- Note obvious signs of human interaction — entangled in gear or plastic, propeller wounds, etc.
- Note the environment — e.g. fishing nets in area or a large whale in a narrow, shallow creek.



An endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle

Maryland's Sea Turtle & Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline
1-800-628-9944* (Natural Resources Police Hotline)

* Number will only work when calling from a Maryland in-state number.

Protect Your Maryland Waters

Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasives

Non-native invasive species can aggressively colonize our waters and push out native populations. This can lead to negative impacts on water quality, recreational and commercial fisheries, habitat, and recreation. Here are a few simple steps you can take to prevent the spread of these harmful species in your waters.



Never Release

unwanted aquatic pets into or near Maryland waters. Find a new home for them or destroy them in a humane manner

Remove

aquatic plants and mud from boat, motor, trailer, and fishing equipment before launching and after take out; place in trash

Drain

water from motor, live wells, bilge, bait buckets, and coolers after use

Dispose

of unused bait far from water or in trash. Crayfish must have their heads removed immediately upon possession in the Upper and Middle Potomac and Susquehanna river basins.

Rinse

boat, motor, trailer, live wells, bait buckets, coolers and SCUBA gear with hot or high pressure water

Call DNR

if you find a suspected invasive species. Keep and freeze any specimens, take lots of photos! For more information, visit us at: www.dnr.state.md.us/invasives

Invasive Species Regulations

Snakeheads

A person may take a snakehead by any legal method so long as it is killed immediately upon capture.

Stocking Prohibition

A person may not introduce into the nontidal waters, or import or possess for introduction, any live fish not indigenous to the nontidal waters of the State.



Catch and Release Tips for Handling Fish

MDNR urges everyone to be responsible in handling fish which are to be released alive. A released fish is wasted if we don't make the effort to handle it properly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Basic Fish Handling Tips

1. Don't hold fish in air for more than 30 seconds. When air temperature is greater than 85° F, reduce the time out of water.



2. Don't let fish hit the ground or the boat deck. Hold them over the water in case they are dropped.
3. Use a soft landing net (rubber or small nylon mesh) or firmly hold the fish with a wet rag or glove while removing the hook.

4. Try reviving fish that do not appear lively by opening its mouth and pulling it forward to force water over the gills.

Fishing Techniques to Improve Survival

1. Use a non-offset circle hook when using bait. They are extremely effective in reducing injury.
2. Use barbless hooks with artificial bait. Barbs can be pinched down with pliers or filed off.
3. Always have pliers or hemostats handy for deeply hooked fish.
4. Leave hooks in fish that have swallowed them and cut the line as close to the mouth as possible.

Additional information available at: http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/articles/catch_release.html

Special Tips for Bass and other Live Release Tournaments

Are Bass in the Live Well?

1. Use an effective culling strategy that minimizes wounding the fish.
2. Wipe down live wells and transport tanks thoroughly before using them.
3. Remove dead fish from live wells and store in an ice chest.
4. Use ice and water exchanges to keep live well water temperatures within 5 – 7° F of ambient water temperature.
5. Perform partial water exchanges at least every 3 hours with good quality water.
6. Use an aerator and continuous recirculation to provide enough dissolved oxygen.

Bass Tournament Organizers are asked to register their events. Registration will allow MDNR to better monitor angler success and bass populations as well as provide tips and useful information to tournament participants. Please contact the MDNR Tidal Black Bass Manager, Dr. Joe Love at 410 260 8257 or visit <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/recreational/tidalbass/> for more information.

Maryland Fish



Striped Bass - ■ ■ ■
rockfish



Black Drum - ■ ■



Channel Catfish - ■ ■



Black Sea Bass - ■ ■



Croaker - ■ ■
hardhead



Chain Pickerel - ■ ■
pike



Flounder - ■ ■



Bluefish - ■ ■



Red Drum - ■ ■
channel bass



Tautog - ■



Scup - ■
porgy



Weakfish - ■ ■



Spanish Mackerel - ■ ■



White Perch - ■ ■ ■



Spotted Seatrout - ■ ■



Yellow Perch - ■ ■

Maryland Fish

■ Freshwater

■ Chesapeake Bay



Northern Pike - ■



Rainbow Trout - ■



Smallmouth Bass - ■ ■



Walleye - ■



Brook Trout - ■



Largemouth Bass - ■ ■



Brown Trout - ■



Muskellunge - ■

**For the most up-to-date Maryland fishing information:
www.dnr.maryland.gov/fishinginmd/**

Recreational Crabbing Rules for Chesapeake Bay

(See page 31 for coastal bays and ocean rules.)

LEGAL HARVEST – minimum allowable size – male only!

April 1 to July 14 – 5" hard crab – 3 1/4" peeler

July 15 to December 15 – 5 1/4" hard crab – 3 1/2" peeler

There is NO recreational harvest of female hard or peeler crabs.

Soft crabs April 1 – December 15 – 3 1/2"

Sally – CANNOT HARVEST

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 – CANNOT HARVEST

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 – CAN HARVEST

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

Time, gear and catch restrictions are on pages 28-31 of the 2010 Fishing Guide and at www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/recregchrt.html

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RECREATIONAL CRAB POT REQUIREMENTS

All waterfront property owners who set crab pots attached by rope, line or pole in front of their property or privately owned pier or dock are required to attach a Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) to each funnel or entrance to the lower chamber of the crab pot. This action was taken as a conservation effort to prevent air-breathing animals (turtles and muskrats) from entering and drowning in crab pots. BRDs have been proven to greatly reduce diamondback terrapin mortality and do not reduce the catch of blue crabs.



BRD Height 1 3/4" x Length 4 3/4"
Maryland Diamondback Terrapin

Maryland Freshwater Sport Fishing

Lakes And Ponds Open To Public Fishing

Boats on Ponds and Lakes

The use of boats and/or motors on ponds and lakes is subject to local restrictions. Consult with local authorities before making your trip. Refer to the spring stocking schedule to determine which impoundments are stocked with trout. Contact Inland Fisheries Division for a detailed guide listing Maryland piers and ramps locations.

🐟 Designates locations with boat ramp facilities.

<i>Name of Property</i>	<i>Acreage</i>
ALLEGANY COUNTY	
Battie Mixon Fishing Hole – Maryland Route 51; at Oldtown	33
Cotton Cove Pond - Lion's Park Glendening Recreational Complex in Frostburg	1
Dan's Mountain Pond – Maryland Route 36; two miles east of Lonaconing	1
Evitts Creek Community Ponds – I-68, Exit 46; four miles east of Cumberland	4
Lions Park Pond - Frostburg.....	1
Orchard Pond – Maryland Route 51; Green Ridge State Forest	2
🐟 Rocky Gap Lake (Lake Habeeb) – I-68, Exit 50; five miles northwest of Flintstone	243
White Sulphur Community Pond – I-68, Exit 62; Green Ridge State Forest, 12 miles east of Flintstone	1
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	
Friendship Park Pond – Route 778, Friendship.....	1
Friendship Pond – Maryland Route 170.....	1
Lake Waterford – Route 648 near Severna Park	11
Patuxent Ponds – Patuxent Road near Conoways.....	3.2
Waterworks Park – by permit only.....	1.5
BALTIMORE COUNTY	
Avalon Pond – within Patapsco Valley State Park, Glen Artney Area (entrance on South St. off Maryland Rt. 1)	1
Gwynbrook Community Pond – off U.S. Route 140; near Owings Mills.....	1.3
Hillcrest Pond – Maryland Route 144 at Lansdowne.....	4
Lake Roland – Maryland Route 139; Baltimore.....	98.2
🐟 Liberty Reservoir – Maryland Route 26 near Ward's Chapel.....	3100
🐟 Loch Raven Reservoir – Maryland Route 146; Dulaney Valley Road	2400
🐟 Prettyboy Reservoir – off Maryland Route 25 and U.S. Route 111, Beckleysville Road	1500
CALVERT COUNTY	
Calvert Cliffs Park Pond – Route 4, near Lusby.....	1
Hutchins Pond – off Mt. Harmony Road, off Route 2, near Sunderland	2.3
CAROLINE COUNTY	
Chambers Lake – Maryland Route 306 in Federalsburg	6
🐟 Smithville Lake – U.S. Route 404 east to Noble Road	40
CARROLL COUNTY	
Bennett Cerf Pond – off Maryland Route 27 within Random House Industrial Park	1
Farm Museum Pond – west of Maryland Route 32; near Westminster.....	4.7
Lake Hashawha – off Rinehart Road.....	1
Liberty Reservoir – Route 26 near Wards Chapel	3,100
North Carroll Community Pond – Maryland Route 30 at Manchester	1.2
🐟 Piney Run Reservoir – Maryland Route 32 near Eldersburg	300
Robert's Mill Pond – east of Taneytown, north of Route 140.....	2
Upper John Owings – John Owings Road.....	0.5
Westminster Community Pond – U.S. Route 140 at Westminster	1.3

Maryland Freshwater Sport Fishing

Lakes And Ponds Open To Public Fishing (continued)

Cecil County

☞ Conowingo Reservoir – U.S. Route 1 at Conowingo	400
Elkton Community Pond – Maryland Route 281 east of Maryland Route 213.....	1.3
Rising Sun Community Pond – Maryland Route 273 in Rising Sun	1
☞ Stemmers Lake – Stemmers Run Road at Maryland Route 282 – (telephone 410-836-4557 for permission)	90

CHARLES COUNTY

☞ Gilbert Run Park (Wheatley Lake) – Maryland Route 6; east of Olivers Shop	75
Hughesville Community Pond – Maryland Route 5 at Hughesville	1
☞ Myrtle Grove Lake – Maryland Route 225 near Ripley.....	23

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Galestown Lake – Galestown Road east of Maryland Route 313	15
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FREDERICK COUNTY

Brunswick Community Pond – U.S. Route 79 at Brunswick.....	1
☞ Cunningham Falls Lake – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont	42
Emmitsburg Reservoir (Rainbow Lake) – Hampton Valley Road; near Emmitsburg	8
Frank Bentz Memorial Pond – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont.....	2
Gambrell's Community Pond – U.S. Route 40 near Frederick	1
Libertytown Community Pond – Maryland Route 75 at Libertytown	1
Urbana Community Pond – Dixon Road off Route 80 at Urbana	5

GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Community Pond – U.S. Route 219; Accident	1
☞ Broadford Lake – Maryland Route 135 at Mt. Lake Park	230
☞ Deep Creek Lake – U.S. Route 219, McHenry	3900
☞ Herrington Manor Lake – U.S. Route 219 five miles north of Oakland	44
☞ New Germany Lake – I-68, Exit 22; six miles south of Grantsville	10
Piney Reservoir – U.S. Route 40 Alt.; north on Piney Run Road; east of Grantsville.....	18
Pleasant Valley Lake – Maryland Route 495; twelve miles south of Grantsville	18
☞ Jennings Randolph Lake – Maryland Route 135; south on Mt. Zion Road; five miles from Kitzmiller on West Virginia Route 46.....	952
☞ Savage Reservoir – Maryland Route 135 on Savage River Road.....	350
☞ Youghioghenny Reservoir – Maryland Route 42; two miles north of Friendsville	800

HARFORD COUNTY

Bynum Run Community Pond – Maryland Route 22 at Bel Air	1.1
☞ Conowingo Reservoir	4000
Churchville Community Pond – Maryland Route 155 at Glenville Road.....	1.5
Dublin Dell Community Pond – Maryland Route 136 in Dublin	1
Forest Branch Park – Joppatowne, Foster Branch Road	1
Forest Hill Community Pond – Maryland Route 23 at Forest Hill.....	1.3

HOWARD COUNTY

☞ Centennial Lake – Columbia	50
Lake Elkhorn – Columbia.....	37
Guilford Park Pond – Maryland Route 32 off Interstate 95.....	0.5
Lake Kittamaqundi – Columbia	31
Wilde Lake – Columbia	22

KENT COUNTY

Millington Wildlife Management Ponds (4) –Massey Delaware Line Road, east of Massey telephone 410-928-3650 for permission.....	3.7
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Maryland Freshwater Sport Fishing

Sassafras Pond.....	2
☞ Urvieville Community Lake – Maryland Route 213 north of Chestertown	35
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	
Clopper Lake – within Seneca State Park.....	90
☞ Duckett Reservoir – Maryland Route 198 and U.S. Route 29; Burtonsville.....	800
Kings Community Pond – U.S. Route 355 and Maryland Route 121; Clarksburg.....	1
Lake Frank – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck.....	54
Lake Needwood – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck.....	74
☞ Little Seneca Lake – near Boyds	505
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond	5
Pine Lake – Maryland Route 97 near Wheaton.	5
☞ Triadelphia Reservoir – off Maryland Route 650 near Brighton.....	800
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY	
Allens Pond – Maryland Route 197 near Bowie	10
Bowie Town Center Pond – off Mitchellville Road, Bowie	8
Cedarville Pond – off Cedarville Road in Cedarville State Forest	4
Cosca Lake – Thrift Road south of Clinton	11
Duck Pond – U.S. Route 193 and Adelphi Road in University Hills Park	1
Greenbelt Lake – off Crescent Road in Greenbelt Park	21
Lake Artemesia – Branchville Road, Berwyn Heights.....	38
Laurel Lake – Route 1 and Cherry Lane, Laurel.....	11
Melwood Community Pond – Maryland Route 223, Woodyard Road between Maryland Routes 4 and 5.	1.3
Merkle Ponds – Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, off Fenno Road.....	2
Milltown Landing Pond – Patuxent River Park, off Milltown Landing Road	1
Schoolhouse Pond – across from County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro	4
Tucker Pond – Tucker Road near Oxon Hill.	1.4
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY	
Tuckahoe Lake	43
☞ Unicorn Lake – Maryland Route 313 south of Millington	45
☞ Wye Mills Community Lake – Maryland Route 662 south of U.S. Route 50	50
ST. MARY’S COUNTY	
☞ St. Mary’s Lake – Maryland Route 5, Calloway	250
WASHINGTON COUNTY	
Big Pool – I-70, exit 12; Maryland Route 56; east of Fort Frederick State Park.....	88
Blairs Valley Lake – Blairs Valley Road north from Clearspring.....	35
☞ Brownsville Community Pond – Maryland Route 67 at Brownsville	1.2
☞ Greenbrier Lake – Greenbrier State Park, U.S. Route 40 near Hagerstown.....	42
Indian Springs Community Pond – Mooresville Road; eight miles west of Clear Spring.....	1.3
Little Pool – off Maryland Route 615; east of Hancock.....	18
WICOMICO COUNTY	
☞ Johnsons Lake – Isabella Street at U.S. Route 50 to Lake Street.....	108
Leonards Mill Lake – U.S. Route 13 north of Salisbury.....	30
Powellville Pond – Maryland Route 354 in Powellville	4
Shumaker Lake – Maryland Route 12 in Salisbury.....	35
WORCESTER COUNTY	
Big Mills Lake – Big Mills Road west of Maryland Route 12.....	10
Moore’s Pond – U.S. Route 13 near Pocomoke City	2

Maryland Freshwater Sport Fishing

Contact Information for Restricted Areas

Anne Arundel County

Waterwork Park – fishing by permit only
(410) 263-7959

Baltimore City Reservoirs

For Prettyboy and Liberty (boat permits required) information, rules, and regulations, call Watershed Control Division (410) 795-6150 or Loch Raven Fishing Center (410) 887-7692.

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Lakes

Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge fishing by permit only. For permits, rules and regulations call Brighton, Maryland (301) 774-9124.

River Flow Information

1. North Branch Potomac and Savage River Flows 410-962-7687 or email: webmaster@nab02.nab-wc.usace.army.mil
2. Potomac River Flows at Hagerstown 301-223-6377
3. U.S. Geological Survey Flow Information on the internet at md.usgs.gov
4. Youghiogheny River white water release schedule 315-413-2823 or email: www.deepcreekhidro.com

Private Property Rights

We urge anglers to respect property rights and seek permission before attempting to park, fish or trespass on 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 them to post their property to prevent access. Remember that every angler pays for the improper actions of a few; always be courteous and respectful.

Potomac River Regulations And Safety Tips

A person aboard a vessel, raft or tube shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while underway (not anchored) 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 at all times by persons underway (not anchored).

1. ALWAYS – wear an approved personal flotation device while using the Potomac.
2. Leave a float plan with someone at home describing where you are going, who you're with and when you expect to return.
3. REMEMBER – the river currents are strong and unpredictable, especially after heavy rains.
4. Wading should NOT be attempted when the river levels exceed the normal level.
5. Know the weather predictions for the area. Keep an AM radio handy for the latest updates.

Maryland Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing

Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License Fees

Resident	\$15.00*
Nonresident	\$15.00*
Consolidated Senior Resident	
Sport Fishing License	\$5.00*
<i>Persons at least 65 years old may fish:</i>	
1. In nontidal waters of the state.	
2. For trout in nontidal waters.	
3. In the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.	
Resident or Nonresident	
Blind Persons	NO FEE*
Short Term License <i>Valid for 5 consecutive days from date issued.</i>	\$6.00*

Consolidated Bay Sport Boat License

For a resident or nonresident boat, that is not for hire, to fish and crab the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries \$50.00*

1. Persons fishing aboard licensed boats do not need a license.
2. A complimentary Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License is issued to the boat owner who purchases this license.

* NOAA Angler Registration

- Unless exempt below, all Maryland anglers who fish tidal waters will need to register to fish with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This is required even if you have purchased the Maryland Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing license, are aboard a licensed Bay Sport boat, or are in a free fishing area. See the NOAA National Saltwater Angler Registry description on page 30.
- Maryland tidal anglers will NOT need to register if they are under 16; only fish on licensed charter, party or guide boats; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit, or possess a valid commercial license.

Reciprocal Licenses

The Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will honor a valid recreational fishing license issued by any of these jurisdictions for use in their tidal waters:

Chesapeake Bay – any portion of the Chesapeake Bay, or any of the tidal tributaries.

Potomac River – any portion of the mainstem of the Potomac River downstream of the I-95 Woodrow Wilson Bridge including tidal tributaries of Maryland and Virginia.

Recreational fishermen entering the waters of each jurisdiction are subject to all finfish and crabbing laws and regulations of that jurisdiction.

A Person May Fish For Finfish Without A License In The Chesapeake Bay And Its Tributaries If You:

1. are less than 16 years of age.
2. possess a valid commercial Tidal Fish License.
3. fish from private property as an owner, family member of an owner, or a non-paying guest of an owner:*
4. fish a hook and line (rod and reel) from a public bridge or pier which has been designated by the Department as a free fishing area. Go to www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries for a list of areas.*
5. are a resident or nonresident fishing from a licensed charter boat.
6. are a resident of Maryland, on active duty with the Armed Forces, on leave with official leave orders.
7. fish on a free fishing day designated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. (First two Saturdays in June and July 4)

It Shall Be Lawful

1. between June 15 and December 31 of each year, for an individual to take or shoot fish, within specific seasons and limits established by the Department, with a spear gun or spear.
2. to take or shoot carp, garfish, skate, bullfish, shark, oyster toads, swelling toads (blowfish), American eel, sea lamprey, stingrays or other ray fish with a spear gun or spear at any time.

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3. to take or shoot carp, garfish, skate, bullfish, shark, oyster toads, swelling toads (blowfish), sting rays or any other ray fish with a bow and arrow (except crossbow).
4. to use a seine up to 50 feet in length and 5 feet wide to obtain bait minnows.
5. to use a cast net with a radius of 10 feet in Chesapeake Bay and tributaries where nets are permitted.
6. to keep any size white perch if caught by hook and line.
7. to use an "umbrella rig" that has no more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks
8. to catch-and -release American or hickory shad.

It Shall Be Unlawful

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 pounds of any fish cut up upon which a size or weight limit is prescribed by law or regulations.
3. to have in one's possession American or hickory shad.
4. 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.
5. **for a person to use eels as bait while fishing for striped bass with hook and line from December 16 through May 15, inclusive.**
6. to cull striped bass.
7. to possess striped bass from 12 midnight to 5 AM while fishing on the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
8. to use a gaff to land striped bass.
9. 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.
10. to intentionally snag a fish.
11. to use a dip net in the Susquehanna River above the mouth of Deer Creek except to land a fish caught by hook and line.
12. to operate a boat within the area 400 yards below or 400 yards above the Conowingo Dam.

2010 Striped Bass Seasons

Susquehanna Flats , Lower Susquehanna River & Northeast River Only

CATCH & RELEASE • TO BE DETERMINED

CATCH & KEEP • Sunday, May 16 Thru Monday, May 31

Creel Limit And Size • One striped bass per person per day 18 to 26 inches.

Fishing Location

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 in Lapidum to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit; and Northeast River. No eels. (Circle hooks required when fishing with baited hooks with a gap larger than 1/2")

Please check for regulation updates.

Spring Seasons

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 THRU SATURDAY, MAY 15

Creel Limit And Size

One striped bass per person per day 28 inches or greater.

Fishing Location

Chesapeake Bay from Brewerton Channel to the Maryland-Virginia Line. Excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers, except Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 THRU MONDAY, MAY 31

Creel Limit And Size

Two striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches total length OR 1 striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches and 1 striped bass larger than 28 inches.

Fishing Location

Chesapeake Bay downstream of a line drawn from the south corner of the Hart-Miller Island Dike to the end of Maryland Route 21 at Tolchester and south to the Maryland-Virginia Line. Excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers.

Maryland Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing

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.

Summer/Fall Season

MONDAY, JUNE 1 THRU TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Creel Limit And Size:

Two striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches total length OR one striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches and 1 striped bass larger than 28 inches.

Fishing Location

Maryland's Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Legal Size Of Certain Fish

Size, season and daily creel limits of certain species in Chesapeake tidal waters (These rules are subject to change)

Open year round unless otherwise noted.

CROAKER (HARDHEAD)

Minimum Size: 9"

Creel Limit: 25 per person per day

BLUEFISH

Minimum Size: 8"

Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

CHAIN PICKEREL (PIKE)

Minimum Size: 14"

Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

Closed Season: March 15 – April 30

CATFISH (EXCEPT BULLHEADS)

Minimum Size: 10"

LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

Minimum Size: 15" March 1 thru June 15

12" June 16 thru last day in February

Creel Limit: 5 per person per day; in aggregate

BLACK DRUM

Minimum Size: 16"

Creel Limit: 1 per person per day

Daily Catch Limit: 6 per boat

SPOTTED SEATROUT

Minimum Size: 14"

Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)

Minimum Size: 18" – 27" maximum

Creel Limit: 1 per person per day

WEAKFISH

Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries

Creel, Minimum Size and seasons to be announced

WHITE PERCH

Minimum Size: None if caught with hook & line

8" minimum if caught with other gear

FLOUNDER

Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries

Creel, Minimum Size and seasons to be announced

BLACK SEA BASS

Creel, Minimum Size and Season to be announced

SPANISH MACKEREL

Minimum Size: 14"

Creel Limit: 15 per person per day

YELLOW PERCH

Minimum Size: 9"

Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

Closed Areas: Magothy River from Lake Waterford dam downstream for 3,300 feet; Severn River and Severn Run from the Route 3 Bridge downstream for 2,400 feet.

WALLEYE

Minimum Size: 15"

Creel Limit: 5 per person per day

EELS

Minimum Size: 6"

Creel Limit: 25 per person per day

Maryland Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing

Chesapeake Bay Recreational Crab Season And Size Limits

CRAB SEASON: APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 15

MINIMUM SIZE:

HARD CRAB	5 inches from April 1 to July 14 5 1/4 inches from July 15 to December 15
PEELER CRAB	3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14 3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 15
SOFT CRAB	3 1/2 inches from April 1 to December 15

NO RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF FEMALE HARD OR PEELER CRABS.

Recreational Crab License Fees For The Chesapeake Bay

Maryland Resident	\$5.00
Nonresident	\$10.00
Maryland Resident who possesses a Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License or a Resident Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License	\$2.00
Recreational Crab Boat License	\$15.00
Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License for Maryland Resident or Nonresident*	\$50.00

An individual under 16 years of age may crab without a license in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and is restricted to the same limits as an unlicensed crabber.

** One individual complimentary crabbing license will also be issued.*

Time Restrictions

Crabbing using crab pots from private piers, seines, dip nets, and handlines is permitted 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week.

It is unlawful to set, place or fish crabbing gear prior to or after the prescribed time restrictions.

Permitted Times

For Rivers, Creeks And Tributaries

April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to sunset

May through September

One half hour before sunrise to sunset

For the Chesapeake Bay

April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

May through September

One half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

No crabbing on Wednesdays except:

1. when using crab pots from private piers;
2. when using seines, handlines or dip nets; or
3. On a Wednesday during a week when a state or federal holiday falls on a Wednesday or Thursday..

It Shall Be Unlawful For A Recreational Crabber:

1. To sell crabs without a commercial license.
2. To possess an egg-bearing (sponge) crab or any female crab.
3. To set or fish a trotline, collapsible trap or crab net ring within 100 feet of another individual's trotline.
 - a. Collapsible crab traps must have a flat bottom measuring no more than 20" X 15" and have no more than four articulated sides.
 - b. Crab rings must have a rim less than or equal to 30" in diameter.
4. To fish crab pots which belong to another person.
5. To set a trap or ring without a bouy bearing the name of the owner unless attached to a pier, wharf or boat.
6. To use a diving apparatus by itself or in conjunction with any other gear.

A Recreational Crabber Without A License May:

1. Use any number of seines, dip nets, and handlines.
2. Use not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person.
3. Set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property that:
 - a. are attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock; or

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- b. Are not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked with a buoy, pole or sign indicating the owner's name and address; and
- c. 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 panel of the pot; and
- d. Have a turtle reduction device attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape with dimensions not larger than 1 3/4 inches high by 4 3/4 inches long.

A Recreational Crabber With A License May Use:

- 1. All of the gear listed in the section titled **A Recreational Crabber Without A License May** (see page 28);
- 2. Up to 1200 feet per boat (regardless of the number of licensees on board) of trotline, with a float of the same color, size, and shape attached to each end;
- 3. Up to 30 or a combination of 30 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per licensee or per boat (regardless of the number of licensees on board); and
- 4. Up to 10 eel pots for catching your own crabbing bait. The pots must be labeled with the owner's name and not in a buoy free channel.

Recreational Crabbing Daily Catch and Possession Limits

While using a seine, regardless of the number of individuals, the daily catch and possession limit is 2 dozen hard crabs and 1 dozen peelers, soft crabs, or combination of peelers and soft crabs.

Recreational crabbers may not harvest female hard crabs or peeler crabs.

License = 1 individual license OR 1 Recreational Crab Boat License OR 1 Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License

License	Hard Crabs	Peeler or Soft Crabs OR A Combination of Peeler and Soft Crabs
Licensed individual or Licensed boat	1 bushel	2 dozen
Unlicensed individual	2 dozen	1 dozen
Licensed boat with one licensee on board	1 bushel	2 dozen
Licensed boat with 2 or more licensees on board	2 bushels	2 dozen
Unlicensed boat with 2 or more licensees on board	2 bushels	2 dozen
Unlicensed boat with no licensees on board	4 dozen	1 dozen

Catch a Poacher...

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

It's Illegal

Taking sportfish or game out of season • Taking of banned sportfish or non-game wildlife • Exceeding creel or bag limit (legal quantity in possession) • Taking game or sportfish with illegal methods or equipment • Taking sportfish or game outside of established hours

Reward

Citizens who supply the Natural Resources Police will receive cash rewards for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of a violator. Be specific in the description of individuals. When possible, give name, addresses and vehicle descriptions. The anonymity of the information/caller is guaranteed.

Report a Poacher

This is a cooperative program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Association of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting and Sport Fishing Associations, and citizens of Maryland. For additional information on the Catch-A-Poacher program, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the reward fund contact:

CALL TOLL-FREE: 800-635-6124

THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM • Tawes State Office Building • Annapolis, MD 21401



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE



NOAA Fisheries Service is an agency within the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our nation's economic, social and environmental needs. The NOAA Fisheries Service provides world class science and stewardship.

For more information
on how to register, go to:

www.CountMyFish.noaa.gov

NEW LAW IN 2010

National Saltwater Angler Registry

Most Maryland saltwater recreational anglers and spearfishers will need to be registered to fish for anadromous species in tidal waters or for any fish in Federal waters beginning January 1, 2010.

OVERVIEW

The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is a new tool being used to achieve NOAA's mission of safeguarding the long-term health of our shared marine resources. The focus of the program is on saltwater recreational fishing, which generates an estimated \$82 billion in sales and supports over 500,000 jobs annually. MRIP is changing the way recreational fishing data is collected and reported to help ensure that managers, anglers, and other stakeholders have reliable information necessary to manage fish stocks and their surrounding ecosystems for generations to come.

THE NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY

A critical component of MRIP is the new National Saltwater Angler Registry, which will serve as a "phone book" of the nation's sport fishermen. The registry will enable NOAA to more effectively gather information from saltwater fishermen, enhancing our ability to produce the most timely and accurate information possible about the health of recreational fish stocks.

Most important, the registry will enable NOAA and anglers to more effectively work together to protect the long-term sustainability of our oceans and the sport of saltwater fishing.

WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER IN 2010

Maryland anglers will need to register if they:

- Fish for or catch anadromous species in tidal waters;
- Fish in the Federal waters more than 3 miles from the ocean shore or from the mouth of Chesapeake Bay;
- Don't meet any of the exceptions below.

Federal law requires anglers to register with NOAA even if they have a Maryland saltwater fishing license, boat license, or fish in a free area.

There is no cost to register in 2010.

EXCEPTIONS

Marylanders will not need to register if they are under 16; only fish on licensed charter, party or guide boats; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit; or hold and are fishing under a valid commercial license.

Out-of-state saltwater anglers who are already registered with NOAA do not need to re-register to fish in Maryland.

Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries and Atlantic Ocean Sport Fishing

Legal Size of Certain Fish

*Size, Season and Daily Creel Limits of Certain Species in the Atlantic and Coastal Bays
(These rules are subject to change)*

STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH)

Minimum Size: 28 inches
Creel Limit: 2 per person per day

CROAKER (HARDHEAD)

Minimum Size: 9 inches
Creel Limit: 25 per person per day

BLUEFISH

Minimum Size: 8 inches
Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

BLACK SEA BASS

Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.

SPOTTED SEATROUT

Minimum Size: 14 inches
Creel Limit: 10 per person per day

RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)

Minimum Size: 18" min. – 27" max.
Creel Limit: 1 per person per day

SHARKS (ALL SPECIES)

*Consult Fisheries Service website
See page 33*

TAUTOG

Minimum Size: 14 inches
Creel Limit: Jan 1 thru May 15 and Nov 1 thru
Nov 30 4/person/day
May 16 thru Oct 31 2/person/day
Closed Season: December 1 – December 31

WEAKFISH & FLOUNDER

Creel, Minimum Size and Seasons to be announced.

SCUP (PORGY)

Minimum Size: 8 inches
Creel Limit: 50 per person per day

BLACK DRUM

Minimum Size: 16 inches
Creel Limit: 1 per person per day
Daily Catch Limit: 6 per boat

American Eel

Minimum size: 6 inches
Creel limit: none

Spanish Mackerel

Minimum size: 14 inches
Creel limit: 15 per person per day

Lobster

Minimum size: 3 3/8" carapace, 5 1/4" maximum.
Must be landed whole.
Creel limit: 100 lobster/person/day or 500 lobster/trip for
5 day trip when using gear other than lobster traps.
Gear: A lobster trap shall have:
• A minimum of one rectangular escape vent which shall be a minimum of two inches by 5 3/4 inches; or
• A minimum of two circular escape vents which shall have a minimum diameter of 2 5/8 inches.

It Shall be Unlawful

1. To possess a daily catch limit of more than 250 hard shell clams per person per day. Clams must measure 1" thick.
2. To have in one's possession American or hickory shad.
3. To cull striped bass. (To cull means that after a person is in possession of a striped bass, that person discards or exchanges that striped bass to possess another striped bass).
4. To fish without first registering with NOAA National Saltwater Angler Registry.

Recreational Crab Seasons And Size Limits

Crab SeasonApril 1 to December 31
Size (measure from tip to tip of spikes)

Hard Crab5 inches

Soft Crab 3 1/2 inches

Peeler Crab 3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14,
..... 3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 15

MATURE FEMALE CRAB NO MINIMUM SIZE. SPONGE CRABS ARE PROHIBITED.

License Requirement & Time Restrictions None

Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries and Atlantic Ocean Sport Fishing

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:

- (1) 1 bushel per person; and
- (2) 2 bushels per boat if two or more individuals are on the boat

It Shall Be Lawful

- 1. To crab** in the Coastal Bays of Maryland's Atlantic Ocean and their tributaries using:
 - a. not more than 600 feet of baited trotline, with floats of the same color, size and shape attached to each end; or
 - b. not more than two 600-foot trotlines if 2 or more persons are in the boat; or
 - c. dip nets and any number of handlines; or
 - d. not 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
 - e. not more than 25, or a combination of 25, collapsible crab traps or crab net rings, if two or more persons are in a boat.
- 2. For waterfront property owners** to set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property that:
 - a. are attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock; or
 - b. are not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked with a buoy, pole or sign indicating the owner's name and address; and
 - c. have one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on a side panel of the upper compartment and one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on the lower compartment; and
 - d. have a "turtle reduction device" attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangular in shape with dimensions not larger than 1 3/4-inches high by 4 3/4-inches long.

Federal Highly Migratory Species Permits (Tunas, Shark, Swordfish, Billfish) 1-888-872-8862 • <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>

Bluefin tuna, marlins, sailfish and swordfish landed in Maryland must be tagged before being removed from the boat. For information on obtaining tags, call Maryland DNR at 410-213-1531

Fish Consumption Recommendations

Fish are an excellent source of protein, vitamins, beneficial fats and are recommended as a part of a healthy and balanced diet. However, fish caught in some Maryland waters can contain harmful pollutants. To minimize exposure to such pollutants all of us, especially women of child bearing age and young children, should pay attention to which types of fish we consume and how often.

General Tips for Healthy Fish Consumption:

- To reduce exposure to some of the pollutants: cut off all fat and use cooking methods that allow fat to drip away, like baking, grilling or broiling.
- Eat smaller fish, which tend to be low in contaminants.
- Eat a variety of fish caught from different locations.
- Do not eat crab "mustard", which can be high in contaminants.
- Spread your fish meals out over time.
- Avoid fish with obvious wounds or sores. Also, fish that do not smell or taste fresh should not be eaten.
- To protect yourself against germs, wash your hands before and after handling fish and seafood.

The Department advises that striped bass and bluefish caught through recreational fishing in Atlantic coastal waters should not be eaten by sensitive populations such as pregnant women, women of childbearing age, nursing mothers and children six years of age and younger. The general population should eat no more than one meal (8 ozs. per adult and 3 ozs. per child) per month of striped bass, and one meal every month of bluefish.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) routinely monitors Maryland fish and provides detailed fish consumption recommendations. To obtain MDE's recommendations and updates please visit our website at: www.mde.maryland.gov/CitizensInfoCenter/Fishandshellfish/home/index.asp or call 410-537-3906.



Sharks

Species Approved for Recreational Harvest

Species	Closed Season	Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic sharpnose shark (<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>)		
Blacknose shark (<i>Carcharhinus acronotus</i>)		
Bonnethead shark (<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>)	NONE	NONE
Finetooth shark (<i>Carcharhinus isodon</i>)		
Smooth dogfish (<i>Mustelus canis</i>)		
Blue shark (<i>Prionace glauca</i>)		
Common thresher shark (<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>)		
Oceanic whitetip shark (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>)	NONE	54 inches
Porbeagle shark (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)		
Shortfin mako shark (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)		
Blacktip shark (<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>)		
Bull shark (<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>)		
Hammerhead shark, great (<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>)	May 15 Through July 15	54 inches
Hammerhead shark, scalloped (<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>)		
Hammerhead shark, smooth (<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>)		
Lemon shark (<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>)		
Nurse shark (<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>)		
Spinner shark (<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>)		
Tiger shark (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>)		



Authorized Recreational Gear: Handlines and rod & reel only.

No sale allowed: A recreational angler may not sell, barter, or trade sharks or shark parts.

Finning is prohibited: All sharks caught by a recreational angler shall have heads, tails and fins attached naturally to the carcass through landing.

Filleting sharks at sea is prohibited.

Spiny Dogfish: There are no season, size or creel limits for spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), but finning regulations apply.

Prohibited Species: All other species not listed in table (except spiny dogfish).

Recreational Shark Angler Possession Limits

Shore Fishing Each recreational shore-angler is allowed a maximum harvest of 1 shark from the Shark Species Approved for Recreational Harvest List, per calendar day. In addition, each recreational shore angler may harvest 1 additional bonnethead, and 1 additional Atlantic sharpnose, and 1 additional smooth dogfish per calendar day.

Vessel Fishing Recreational fishing vessels are allowed a maximum harvest of 1 shark from the Shark Species Approved for Recreational Harvest list, per trip, regardless of the number of people on board the vessel. In addition, each recreational angler fishing from a vessel may harvest 1 Bonnethead, and 1 Atlantic sharpnose shark, and 1 smooth dogfish per trip.

Shark Identification Links

<http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/bookstore/sharkplacard2.pdf>

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/education/sharkkey/sharkkeynew.htm>

Dolphin and Wahoo

Recreational creel limit of 10 dolphin and 2 wahoo per person/day, with a limit of 60 dolphin/boat/day (headboats are excluded from the boat limit). Operators of commercial vessels, charter vessels, and headboats that are required to have a federal vessel permit for dolphin and wahoo must have and display operator permits. To apply for a vessel, dealer, or operator permit, contact the NMF5 Southeast Regional Permits Office: 727-824-5326 or Toll Free (877) 376-4877 or see www.safmc.net/Home/tabid/139/Default.aspx.

2010 MARYLAND FISHING TOURNAMENT

Chesapeake Bay, Freshwater and Atlantic Coast Division

The Department of Natural Resources manages the recreational fish resource to offer anglers a high quality fishing experience. Fishing represents many different things to different people. To some fishermen, it means the satisfaction from releasing a wild brown trout that was just caught in the Gunpowder River. To others, it might be recalling the fight of a yellowfin tuna at the Baltimore Canyon over the aroma of tuna steaks on an outdoor grill. For still others, it might mean the catch of a lifetime, a new state record, which would be proudly placed at home or office with the opportunity to reminisce at a glance. Because fishing means so many things to people, the Department of Natural Resources has created a tournament program that educates as well as recognizes anglers, and is intended to promote the wonderful recreational fishing opportunities in Maryland. The program offers citations for outstanding catches of eligible species in Maryland waters whether anglers choose to keep their catch or practice catch-and-release. A list of sporting goods stores which will act as our agents as official citation centers for this tournament are listed in this brochure.

Rules For 2010

The tournament will begin at 12:01 A.M. January 1 and will end at midnight December 31. Fish caught on the final day must be entered before 12:00 noon on January 15. Any entries made after this time will not be eligible for awards.

1. Anyone is eligible except a professional guide, a charter boat captain or a crewman of a for-hire boat or anyone who offers his fish for sale. No registration fee is required.
2. All fish registered must be caught on rod and reel.
No other person may touch the rod or line until the leader is within grasp or the end of the leader has reached the rod tip.
3. Fish which have been snagged, shot, gaffed, speared, scaled, filleted or mutilated are not eligible.
4. The catch must be lawful. Anglers should be aware of the rules pertaining to fishing and eligible sizes of fish at all times.
5. The Maryland Sport Fishing Tournament reserves the right to refuse any application that is not complete.
6. For sharks, billfish and red drum, awards will go to released fish only*. The word **released** must be printed on the entry blank.
7. The decision of the Maryland Sport Fishing Tournament will be final.
8. Special citations may be awarded upon approval of the tournament director in the case of unusual catches or extenuating circumstances.
9. Submission of photographs authorizes DNR to use them for multimedia purposes, including the internet.
*Exceptions will be made for the establishment of a new state record, in which case the fish must be weighed.

Where to Fish

Freshwater Division

All freshwater ponds, lakes, impoundments and non-tidal waters.

Chesapeake Bay Division

All of the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.

Atlantic Coast Division

Atlantic Ocean, Ocean City Inlet, Chincoteague Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight Bay and Assawoman Bay (and their tributaries) bounded to the north by the Maryland-Delaware Line and to the south by the Maryland-Virginia Line. Fish caught while aboard any sport fishing vessel leaving and returning to a Maryland port will be eligible.

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Awards

1. Citations will be mailed to anglers whose catch equals or exceeds the minimum sizes listed on the eligible species list.
2. For conservation purposes, the Maryland Sport Fishing Tournament will no longer award citations for marlin, sharks, swordfish, sailfish or red drum which are killed and returned to port. The only exception to this rule will be in the event a new state record is established, in which case the fish must be weighed. Anglers and captains should be aware of the current record sizes for marlin and sharks.
3. My 1st Fish recognizes an angler of any age that catches a fish, in fresh or tidal waters of the State of Maryland, for the first time in their life. Any species, regardless of length is eligible. A special certificate will be awarded to each individual in this category.

Maryland Catch and Release Award Program

The Catch and Release Program rewards fishermen who release their catch alive if the catch meets or exceeds the minimum size of any species of citation sportfish that is in season.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Fish must be caught in Maryland waters by rod and reel and released alive.
2. Only one citation per day per species per season.
3. Fish must be measured from tip of jaw to tip of tail. An entry form must be filled out and sent in. If possible a photograph should be enclosed with your entry.

Entering Your Catch

1. Fish must be registered at an official citation center and the registration form must be legible and completely filled out.
2. Citation centers must forward a copy of the entry form to the tournament manager's office no later than 14 days from the date of the catch.
3. All entries with the exception of sharks, billfish and red drum must be measured. All measurements should be in total length (tip of the nose to the tip of the longest extended portion of the tail of the fish). Exceptions will be made for the establishment of a new state record, in which case the fish must be weighed.
4. All sharks, billfish and red drum must be released alive with a photograph and the signature of the captain of the vessel accompanying the citation form in order to be eligible for the tournament.

State Record Rules and Procedures

The Maryland Sport Fishing Tournament maintains state records for sportfish. A special "State Record" plaque will be awarded to the angler whose catch exceeds the current record for that species.

1. Entries must be submitted within two (2) weeks of the catch.
2. Fish must be a species commonly fished for with rod and reel and caught by legal methods during a legally open season.
3. If a new species category is to be opened for recognition the fish must be considered "trophy sized."
4. The catch must be weighed on certified scales and confirmed by a biologist from the Department of Natural Resources.*
5. It is the responsibility of the angler to fill out completely and accurately the official Maryland Sport Fish Tournament entry blank. A side view photograph of the catch must accompany the entry and the actual tackle used must be exhibited to the agent of the citation center.
6. Fish which are caught from pay to fish areas are not eligible for record consideration.
7. Citation centers and anglers should immediately notify the Maryland Sport Fishing Tournament Office of a potential state record fish as soon as possible.

Tournament Office Contact Information

Tournament Manager: Keith Lockwood

Direct: 410-226-0078 x107 • Fax: 410-226-0120

Late day or weekend catches should be immersed in ice water until the tournament office is notified.

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8. Positive identification of the species of fish is mandatory for state records applications. Fish must be inspected by a Maryland Department of Natural Resources biologist.
9. 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.

*Although citations are awarded based on length only, all fish being considered for state records must be weighed. This is because existing records have been maintained by weight. If the citation center you visit does not have a certified scale, a biologist from the Department of Natural Resources will verify the weight and species.

Maryland State Records

FRESHWATER DIVISION

SPECIES	WEIGHT	ANGLER	WHERE CAUGHT	DATE
Bluegill	3 lbs., 7 oz.	Sarah Brenneman	Deep Creek Lake	08/09/98
Brook Trout	6 lbs., 1.75 oz.	Mike Fiorita, Jr.	North Branch-Potomac	04/10/99
Brown Trout	18 lbs., 3 oz.	Gary Kuhn	North Branch - Potomac	08/03/01
Carp	47 lbs., 8 oz.	Wayne Longenecker	Farm Pond	06/11/97
Catfish, Bullhead	3 lbs., 6 oz.	Zeljko Koretic	Loch Raven Reservoir	08/11/07
Catfish, Channel	27 lbs., 0.92 oz.	Steven Trent Abell	Potomac R. above Seneca Cr.	07/05/04
Chain Pickerel	7 lbs., 4 oz.	Roy Molick, Sr.	Johnson Pond	11/27/76
Crappie	4 lbs., 7 oz.	Jason D. Morrison	farm Pond	05/30/06
Cutthroat Trout	7 lbs., 9 oz.	David G. Martin	North Branch of the Potomac	05/20/00
Largemouth Bass	11 lbs., 2 oz.	Rodney Cockrell	Farm Pond	10/04/83
Muskellunge (True Strain)	28 lbs., .25 oz.	Matt Beall	Upper Potomac River	08/05/04
Northern Pike	24 lbs., 12 oz.	Shawn Jacobson	Deep Creek Lake	10/16/99
Rainbow Trout	14 lbs., 3 oz.	Dave Schroyer	Savage River Reservoir	10/21/87
Redear Sunfish	2 lbs., 5 oz.	Vittie Alkocius	Gilbert Run	06/04/85
Rock Bass	1 lb., 4.1 oz.	Earl Jenkins, III	Thurmont Farm Pond	04/20/09
Smallmouth Bass	8 lbs., 4 oz.	Gary Peters	Liberty Reservoir	10/04/74
Striped Bass	47 lbs., 2 oz.	Robert Bruce	Liberty Reservoir	09/14/00
Tiger Muskellunge	29 lbs., 4.75 oz.	Kevin Conner	Dam #5 - Potomac River	02/14/97
Walleye	14 lbs., 4 oz.	John McCarley	Jennings Randolph Lake	05/16/98
Warmouth	9.76 oz.	Don Perantoni	Cash Lake	08/07/09
White Perch	1.62 lb.	John Williams	Loch Raven Reservoir	04/05/08
Yellow Perch	3 lbs., 5 oz.	Phillip Deere, IV	Harford County Farm Pond	03/12/06

CHESAPEAKE DIVISION

*American Shad (White)	8 lbs., 2 oz.	Vance Carter	Wicomico River	05/03/75
Atlantic Spadefish	10 lbs.	Charlie Barron	Buoy 72	07/15/07
Black Drum	103 lbs., 8 oz.	Robert Messick, Jr.	Buoy #16	09/23/73
Bluefish	22 lbs.	John Davidson	off Queen Anne Marina	10/18/79
		Ronald Raffo	Hackett's Point	05/31/86
		Thomas R. Talbott	Chesapeake Beach	05/08/91
Carp	44 lbs., 6 oz.	Jimmy Lake	Morgantown Beach	04/28/78
Catfish, Channel	29 lbs., 10 oz.	Kevin Kern	Mattawoman Creek	04/26/97
Chain Pickerel	6 lbs., 8 oz.	James Grant	Susquehanna River	05/19/65
Cobia	97 lbs., 12 oz.	John Scheifele	Middle Grounds	09/12/69
Crappie	4 lbs.	Sid Stollings	Dundee Creek	03/30/07
Croaker	6.52 oz.	Russell Knapp	Triangle off Point Lookout	09/04/06
Gar	16 lbs.	Thomas Pruitt	Wicomico River	07/29/06
* Hickory Shad	4 lbs.	John Schaeffer, Jr.	Susquehanna River	05/05/72
Largemouth Bass	11.18 lbs.	Justin Riley	Potomac River	01/26/08
Norfolk Spot	2 lbs.	Parlett Moore	Tangier Sound	09/05/78
* Red Drum	74 lbs., 6 oz.	Ernest Hutchison	Tangier Sound	05/15/77
Rock Bass	1 lb.	Timothy A. Adams	Susquehanna River	05/04/97

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Sheepshead	13 lbs.	Margaret L. Taylor	Tangier Sound	06/11/06
Smallmouth Bass	6 lbs.	Charles Jones	Susquehanna River	07/23/71
Spanish Mackerel	12.4 lbs.	Dean Mitchell	Middle Grounds	10/06/07
Spotted Seatrout	16 lbs., 6 oz.	John Phillips	Roaring Point	05/15/77
Striped Bass	67 lbs., 8 oz.	Devin Nolan	Bloody Point	05/13/95
Summer Flounder	15 lbs.	Kenneth Grimes	Buoy #50	10/14/78
Tautog	9 lbs.	Gary Halbeisen	Point Lookout	10/29/05
Weakfish	16 lbs., 8 oz.	Wayne Lappe	Nanticoke River	05/08/79
White Perch	2 lbs., 10 oz.	Sid Stollings	Dundee Creek	05/18/79
Yellow Perch	2 lbs., 3 oz.	Niles Pethel	Marsh Creek	11/21/79

ATLANTIC COAST DIVISION

Albacore (Longfin)	74 lbs.	Victor Gardner	Baltimore Canyon	07/17/04
Atlantic Spadefish	11 lbs., 6.5 oz.	Noel Lohr	Triple Wrecks	09/02/04
Black Drum	79 lbs.	Stanley Ilyes	Bassgrounds	09/07/85
Bluefish	23 lbs., 8 oz.	Lillian Morris	Assateague Island	10/30/74
Blue Marlin	1062 lbs.	Robert Farris	Baltimore Canyon	08/07/09
Cobia	72 lbs.	Chris Toner	Great Gull Shoal	07/25/09
Dolphin	67 lbs., 8 oz.	Kim Lawson	53 miles off Ocean City	07/21/85
False Albacore	22 lbs., 8 oz.	Kevin Sheckells	Third Lump	06/25/95
Flounder	17 lbs.	Anthony Vicari	Assateague Island	10/03/74
Golden Tilefish	62 lbs.	Steve Doctor	Baltimore Canyon	10/22/09
Kingfish	2 lbs., 8 oz.	Grace Walker	Assateague Island	10/01/75
King Mackerel	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	Big Gulf	10/18/85
Porgy	6 lbs., 3 oz.	Pearl Hopple	Fenwick Shoal	07/04/66
*Red Drum	70 lbs.	Robert Light	Assateague Island	09/24/77
Seabass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	Jackspot	1978
Sheepshead	17 lbs., 8 oz.	Raymond Daniel	North Jetty, Ocean City	07/25/04
Spotted Seatrout	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	Sinepuxent Bay	08/21/73
Striped Bass	57 lbs., 2 oz.	Gary Smith	Assateague Island	05/06/06
Tautog	20 lbs., 11 oz.	Sam Beauchamp	MD's Atlantic Coast	03/11/07
Tuna, Bigeye	375 lbs., 8 oz.	Cecil Browne	Ocean City	08/26/77
Tuna, Blackfin	32 lbs.	Bob Zang	Ocean City	09/20/98
Tuna, Bluefin	625 lbs.	James Daniels IV	45 miles East Ocean City	08/03/75
Tuna, Yellowfin	236 lbs. 8 oz.	Mark Bennett	Washington Canyon	09/22/02
Wahoo	111 lbs.	Christian Tiller	Poor Man's Canyon	10/08/03
Weakfish	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	Ocean City Inlet	09/11/76
White Marlin	135 lbs.	George Pierson	Poor Man's Canyon	08/29/80
Winter Flounder	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Jeremy Kuhn	Ocean City	08/03/06

SHARKS:

Black Tip	193 lbs.	Brian Zysk	Ocean City	08/04/91
Blue	280 lbs.	Martin Waltman	Ocean City	09/13/97
*Dusky	469 lbs.	Jim Liberto	Ocean City	07/01/82
*Great White	467 lbs.	Jack Holmes	Ocean City	06/11/92
Hammerhead, Scalloped	254 lbs.	Jamie Gill	Massey's Canyon	08/05/09
Hammerhead, Smooth	375 lbs.	George Wilson Ford	Parking Lot	06/17/04
Mako	876 lbs.	Jim Hughes	Poor man's Canyon	06/20/09
*Sand Tiger	334 lbs.	Billy Leidner	Ocean City	09/08/83
Sandbar	235 lbs.	Mark Sampson	Ocean City	07/08/83
Smooth Dogfish	15 lbs., 5 oz.	Gregg Bacchien	Ocean City	05/22/93
Spiny Dogfish	11 lbs., 8 oz.	Mayels Sampson	Ocean City	05/17/93
Thresher	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	The Fingers	06/19/09
Tiger	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak	Ocean City, 20 Fathom Line	07/09/83

* Indicates species is no longer eligible for state record consideration.

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MINIMUM SIZES FOR CITATIONS

FRESHWATER DIVISION

Bluegill 11 in.
Brook Trout 15 in.
Brown Trout 21 in.
Carp 36 in.
Catfish, Bullhead 15 in.
Catfish, Channel 30 in.
Chain Pickerel 24 in.
Crappie 15 in.
Cutthroat Trout 20 in.
Largemouth Bass 21 in.
Northern Pike 38 in.
Rainbow Trout 20 in.
Redbreast Sunfish 10 in.
Redear Sunfish 11 in.
Rock Bass 10 in.
Smallmouth Bass 21 in.
Striped Bass 36 in.
Muskellunge 40 in.
Tiger Muskellunge 40 in.
Walleye 26 in.
White Perch 13 in.
Yellow Perch 14 in.

CHESAPEAKE BAY DIVISION

Black Drum 48 in.
Bluefish 34 in.
Carp 30 in.
Catfish, Channel 30 in.
Chain Pickerel 24 in.
Cobia 44 in.
Crappie 15 in.
Croaker 18 in.
Flounder 24 in.

Gar 36 in.
Largemouth Bass 22 in.
Red Drum* any size
Rock Bass 10 in.
Sheepshead 24 in.
Smallmouth Bass 20 in.
Spanish Mackerel 22 in.
Spot 12 in.
Spotted Seatrout 24 in.
Striped Bass 40 in.
Walleye 26 in.
Weakfish 24 in.
White Perch 13 in.
Yellow Perch 14 in.

ATLANTIC COAST DIVISION

Albacore (Longfin) 36 in.
Amberjack 45 in.
Atlantic Spadefish 24 in.
Black Drum 48 in.
Bluefish 34 in.
Blue Marlin* any size
Cobia 44 in.
Croaker 18 in.
Dolphin 45 in.
False Albacore 24 in.
Flounder 24 in.
Golden Tilefish 28 in.
King Mackerel 40 in.
Northern Whiting (Kingfish) 14 in.
Red Drum* any size
Saifish* any size
Seabass 20 in.

Shark, Blue* any size
Shark, Hammerhead* any size
Shark, Mako* any size
Shark, Sand Tiger* any size
Shark, Thresher* any size
Shark, Tiger* any size
Sheepshead 22 in.
Spot 12 in.
Spanish Mackerel 22 in.
Spotted Seatrout 24 in.
Striped Bass 40 in.
Swordfish* any size
Tautog 24 in.
Tuna, Bigeye** 60 in.
Tuna, Blackfin** 30 in.
Tuna, Bluefin** 60 in.
Tuna, Yellowfin** 50 in.
Wahoo 60 in.
Weakfish 24 in.
White Marlin* any size

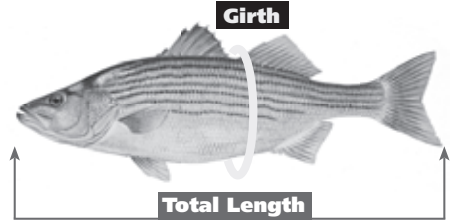
* Only released fish are eligible.
** Use curved fork length measurements.

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The total length is the maximum length of the fish with the mouth closed and the tail fin pinched together. The best way to obtain this length is to push the fish's snout up against a vertical surface with the mouth closed and the fish laying along a tape measure, then pinch the tail fin closed and determine the total length, do NOT pull a flexible tape measure along the curve of the fish.

"Girth" is best measured with a fabric ruler. Knowing the girth is important when trying to certify a fish for a record. Using total length and girth you can get a rough estimate of a fish's weight using various formulas.



Note: Mouth should be shut and tail fin pinched closed.

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