

ATTENTION ANGLERS

2020 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits, & Seasons



Hard Clam 1.5 inches

Recreational Limit – 150 clams

No harvest on Sunday

Shellfish license required



Summer Flounder (Fluke)

Del. Bay and Tributaries 3 Fish at 17 Inches

All Other Marine Waters 3 fish at 18 inches

See Digest for IBSP and DE Bay Regulations

Open Season: May 22 – Sept. 19



Weakfish

1 fish at 13 inches

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31



Black Sea Bass

10 fish at 12.5 inches May 15 – June 22

2 fish at 12.5 inches July 1 – August 31

10 fish at 12.5 inches Oct. 8—Oct. 31

15 fish at 13 inches Nov. 1—Dec. 31



Bluefish

Private/Shore Angler - 3 fish

For-Hire Vessel - 5 fish

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31



Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass

1 fish at 28 inches to less than 38 inches

See Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program

Del. River and tributaries Calhoun St. Bridge,
Trenton to Salem River and tributaries

Open Mar. 1 – Mar. 31 & June 1 – Dec. 31

Atlantic Ocean

0-3 miles from shore, no closed season

Greater than 3 miles from shore, closed

All other marine waters, open Mar. 1 – Dec. 31

PROHIBITED SPECIES

See the Marine edition of the NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest or Fish & Wildlife's website for a complete list.

Other Species	Possession Limit	Total Length
American Eel	25	9"
Black Drum	3	16"
Cobia	1 per person, no more than 3 per vessel	40"
• Open Season: June 1 — Sept. 30		
Cod	NO LIMIT	21"
Haddock	NO LIMIT	18"
King Mackerel	3	23"
Pollock	NO LIMIT	19"
Red Drum	1	18-27"
River Herring	CLOSED	N/A
Scup (Porgy)	50	9"
Shad	6	NO LIMIT
• No more than 3 American shad in Del. Bay, River & tributaries		
• No American shad in all other waters		
Spanish Mackerel	10	14"
American Lobster	6	3 3/8" to 5 1/4" Carapace Length
• LMA 4 Open Season: Jan. 1 - Apr. 29 & June 1 - Dec. 31		
• LMA 5 Open Season: Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 & Apr. 1 - Dec. 31		
Jonah Crab	50	4 3/4" Carapace Width



Tautog 15 inches

4 fish Jan. 1 – Feb. 28

4 fish Apr. 1 – Apr. 30

1 fish Aug. 1 – Nov. 15

5 fish Nov. 16 – Dec. 31



Winter Flounder

2 fish at 12 inches

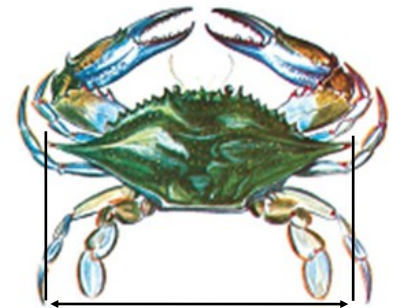
Open Season: Mar. 1 – Dec. 31



Shark

1 fish per vessel

See NMFS for size, season, and gear restrictions



Blue Crab

(measured point to point)

Peeler or Shedder — 3 inches

Soft — 3½ inches

Hard — 4½ inches

Recreation Limit — One Bushel

Crab pot/Trot line Seasons:

Delaware Bay & tributaries

Apr. 6 — Dec. 4

All other waters

Mar. 15 — Nov. 30

Register before fishing! It's free, easy, and required.

SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Fish and Wildlife
www.njfishandwildlife.com

