



Hard Clam

1.5 inches

Recreational Limit = 150 clams
No harvest on Sunday
Shellfish license required

ATTENTION ANGLERS
2024 NJ Recreational Size Limits,
Possession Limits and Seasons

• Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).
• Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited.



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



Summer Flounder (Fluke)

All marine waters except those noted below:

3 fish at 18 inches

Delaware Bay & Tributaries:

3 fish at 17 inches

Island Beach State Park:

2 fish at 16 inches

Open Season: May 4 – Sept 25



Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass

1 fish at 28 inches to 31 inches

See Marine Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program, circle hook requirements and gaff prohibition.

Delaware River & Tributaries Calhoun St Bridge, Trenton to Salem River & Tributaries:

Open Mar 1 – Mar 31 and 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



Winter Flounder

2 fish at 12 inches

Open Season: Mar 1 – Dec 31



Weakfish

1 fish at 13 inches

Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31



Black Sea Bass

10 fish at 12.5 inches May 17 – June 19

1 fish at 12.5 inches July 1 – Aug 31

10 fish at 12.5 inches Oct 1 – Oct 31

15 fish at 12.5 inches Nov 1 – Dec 31



Bluefish

Private/Shore Angler – 3 fish

For-Hire Vessel – 5 fish

Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31

PROHIBITED SPECIES
See the Marine Digest or njfishandwildlife.com for a complete list!

Other Species	Possession Limit/Season	Total Length
American Eel	25	9"
Black Drum	3	16"
Cobia	1 per vessel	37"
Cod	5 fish:	23"
	Jan 1 - May 31 & Sept 1 - Dec 31	
Haddock	No Limit	18"
King Mackerel	3	23"
Pollock	No Limit	19"
Red Drum	1	18" to less than 27"
River Herring	CLOSED	N/A
Scup (Porgy)	30 fish:	10"
	Jan 1 - June 30 & Sept 1 - Dec 31	
Shad	6 combined	No Limit
*No more than 2 American shad in Del Bay, River & Tributaries		
*Zero 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 & April 1 - Dec 31		
Jonah Crab	50	4 3/4" carapace width



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 – 3 1/2 inches

Hard – 4 1/2 inches

Recreational 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



This publication is a summary of the New Jersey recreational fishing regulations at the time of publication. It is not the full law.

