ATTENTION ANGLERS

2021 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits, & Seasons

- Fish are measured from the tip of the snout to tip of the tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).
- Filleting of fish with a minimum size limit at sea is prohibited. See the Marine Digest or the Fish & Wildlife website for exceptions.

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

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass
1 fish at 28 inches to less than 38 inches
See Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program and Circle Hook Requirements

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.

- No more than 3 American shad in Del. Bay, River & tributaries
- No American shad in all other waters

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

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