

2017 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

| SPECIES | OPEN SEASON | MINIMUM LENGTH | HARVEST & POSSESSION LIMIT <small>(per person unless noted)</small> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| American Eel | No Closed Season | 9" | 25 |
| Black Drum | No Closed Season | 16" | 3 |
| Black Sea Bass* | May 26-Jun. 18 | 12.5" exc. tail filaments | 10 |
| | Jul. 1-Aug. 31 | 12.5" exc. tail filaments | 2 |
| Blue Crab - Peeler or Shedder | Fall/Winter Seasons | To Be Determined | To Be Determined |
| | Crab Pot/Trot line Seasons: | 3" | Recreational limit - One Bushel |
| | Soft Delaware Bay & Tributaries: | 3.5" | |
| | Hard Apr. 6-Dec. 4 | 4.5" | |
| | All other waters: Mar. 15-Nov. 30 | | |
| Bluefish (Snapper) | No Closed Season | No minimum | 15 |
| Cod | No Closed Season | 21" | No Limit |
| Cobia | No Closed Season | 37" | 2 |
| Pollock | No Closed Season | 19" | No Limit |
| Porgy (Scup) | Jan. 1-Feb. 28 & July 1-Dec. 31 | 9" | 50 |



Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).
No species of fish with a minimum size limit listed above may be filleted or cleaned at sea.

*Notice - Possible in-season changes. See NJFishandWildlife.com for current regulations.

For more information on what catch is safe to eat, visit: FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org

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| Red Drum | No Closed Season | 18" but not greater than 27" | 1 |
| River Herring | Closed | NA | 0 |
| Shark - not including dogfish | See current Marine Digest or njfishandwildlife.com for regulatory requirements. | | |
| Spanish Mackerel | No Closed Season | 14" | 10 |
| Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass | | | |
| • Delaware River & Tributaries (Calhoun St. Bridge to Salem River & Tributaries) | Mar. 1-31 & Jun. 1-Dec. 31 | 28" to less than 43" 43" or greater | 1 |
| • Atlantic Ocean 0-3 miles from shore | No Closed Season | | 1 |
| • All other marine waters | Mar. 1-Dec. 31 | | |
| • Greater than 3 miles from shore | Harvest and Possession Prohibited | Harvest and Possession Prohibited | |
| Summer Flounder (Fluke) | May 25-Sept. 5 | 18" | 3 |
| • Delaware Bay & Tributaries | May 25-Sept. 5 | 17" | 3 |
| • Island Beach State Park | May 25-Sept. 5 | 16" | 2 |
| See njfishandwildlife.com for current Summer Flounder Regulations in Delaware Bay and Island Beach State Park | | | |
| Tautog (Blackfish) | Jan. 1-Feb. 28 | 15" | 4 |
| | Apr. 1-Apr. 30 | 15" | 4 |
| | Jul. 17-Nov. 15 | 15" | 1 |
| | Nov. 16-Dec. 31 | 15" | 6 |
| Weakfish | No Closed Season | 13" | 1 |
| Winter Flounder | Mar. 1-Dec. 31 | 12" | 2 |

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