



**New Jersey's Striped Bass Bonus Program  
PARTY AND CHARTER BOAT INSTRUCTIONS: 2017**

**Only the Blue Bonus Permits are valid for 2017.  
Permits are issued by owner and vessel and are only valid on the vessel which they are issued.**

The Division is required to submit weekly harvest reports to ASMFC to ensure the quota is not exceeded.

**Any party/charter boat failing to submit weekly Bonus Harvest reports and/or annual logs to the Division may not be considered for the 2018 Striped Bass Bonus Program.**


**TWO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**


1) **Weekly Bonus Harvest Report Form:** Submit weekly on Mondays starting when permits are received.

- Week runs from Monday to Sunday. Reports due to the Division each Monday for the previous week.
- If did not fish/harvest bonus fish, submit a no harvest report or leave a message at 609-748-2074.
- Record date, **length and weight** of **ALL Bonus fish**.
- Weights are **mandatory** and should be to the nearest half –pound.

2) **Daily Logbook:** Complete daily for each directed striped bass trip even if no striped bass are caught.

- Record lengths of **all** striped bass kept and released.
- Submit logs at the end of the season by January 15, 2018.
- Logs must be completed even if all bonus permits have been used and reported for the year.


 All measurements should be the longest length to the nearest inch.

 Additional logsheets are available or you can make copies.

**PERMIT PROCEDURES:**

 Securely attach permit to fish immediately upon capture and prior to transportation.

 Participants are allowed one striped bass from 24” to less than 28” in total length.

 One Bonus permit per person.

 Fish do not have to be harvested in a particular order. The Bonus fish can be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> fish.

 Bonus permits are only valid from September 1 through December 31, 2017.

 All employees should be instructed on proper Bonus Program techniques and regulations.

**SUBMITTING REPORTS AND LOGBOOKS:**

 **All reports should be submitted by either mail (address below), email ([sbbp@dep.nj.gov](mailto:sbbp@dep.nj.gov)), or fax (609-748-2032). Smartphone pictures of all Report Forms are accepted and can be emailed directly to [sbbp@dep.nj.gov](mailto:sbbp@dep.nj.gov)**

A limited number of permits will be issued in 2017 based on the Division’s discretion. If the cumulative harvest weight reaches the quota (215,912 pounds), the program will be terminated for the remainder of the calendar year. The Division requires that participants mail all Bonus permits, logbooks, and other Bonus Program materials to our Nacote Creek Office (address below) by January 15, 2018. Should a 2018 Bonus Program exist, those who failed to return 2017 materials may not be eligible for the 2018 Bonus Program. Please call 609-748-2020 or email [sbbp@dep.nj.gov](mailto:sbbp@dep.nj.gov) if you have any questions or comments concerning this program or any other striped bass issue.

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