

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION 2005 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS SIZE and POSSESSION LIMITS

AMERICAN EEL	Minimum Size Limit	.....6 inches
	Possession Limit	.....50 per person
AMBERRACK	Minimum Size Limit	.....32 inches
	Possession Limit	.....2 per person
BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)	Minimum Size Limit	.....16 inches
	Possession Limit	.....1 per person
BLACK SEA BASS	Minimum Size Limit	.....12 inches
	Possession Limit	.....25 per person
BLUEFISH	Minimum Size Limit	.....None
	Possession Limit	.....10 per person
COBIA	Minimum Size Limit	.....37 inches
	Possession Limit	.....1 per person
GRAY TROUT (WEAKFISH)	Minimum Size Limit	.....12 inches
	Possession Limit	.....7 per person
KING MACKEREL	Minimum Size Limit	.....27 inches
	Possession Limit	.....3 per person
RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)	Minimum Size Limit	.....18 inches
	Possession Limit	.....26 inches
SCUP (PORGY)	Minimum Size Limit	.....3 per person
	Possession Limit	.....8 inches
SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD) (Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries)	Minimum Size Limit	.....50 per person
	Possession Limit	.....Closed; Illegal to possess
SHARK (ALL SPECIES EXCEPT DOGFISH)	Minimum Size Limit	.....None
	Possession Limit	.....1 per person

Federal waters beyond the three mile limit governed by different Regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

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SPADEFISH	Possession Limit4 per person
SPANISH MACKEREL	Minimum Size Limit14 inches
	Possession Limit	.....15 per person
SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)	Minimum Size Limit	.....14 inches
	Possession Limit	.....10 per person

STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)
Regulations on Seasons, Size Limits, Possession Limits,
Available on Separate Regulation Card or From the Virginia
Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information see Below.)

STURGEON	Minimum Size Limit	.....16.5 inches
SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)	Minimum Size Limit	.....6 per person
TAUTOG	Minimum Size Limit	.....14 inches
	Possession Limit	.....7 per person

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Saltwater Fishing License – Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted.

Cast Net – License required to use cast net, except to catch small quantities of mullet, menhaden or minnows.

Measurements – Size limits are total length measurements; fish must be measured tip of nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

Snagging - Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.

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Regulations Information, including Updates and Changes.

Information on the most current regulations can be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., Newport News, Virginia 23607, (757) 247-2200; from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 968 South Oriole Drive, Virginia Beach Virginia 23451, (757) 491-5160; and from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission internet website at, www.vmrvc.virginia.gov