

2018
Potomac River Fisheries Commission
COMMERCIAL Fishing Seasons, Size and Catch Limits

| | Open Season | Size Limits | Daily Limit |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| American Eel | January 1 – December 31 | 9" Minimum | No Limit |
| Atlantic Croaker | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit | No Limit |
| Black Bass - Large or Small Mouth | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Black Drum | January 1 – December 31 | 16" Minimum | 1 Per Licensee |
| Black Sea Bass * | January 1 – December 31 | 11" Minimum | No Limit * |
| Bluefish * | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit | No Limit * |
| Catfish - Bullhead Channel White Blue | January 1 – December 31 | 6" Minimum | No Limit |
| | January 1 – December 31 | 8" Minimum | No Limit |
| | January 1 – December 31 | 10" Minimum | No Limit |
| | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit | No Limit |
| Cobia * | January 1 – December 31 | 37" Minimum | 2 per person/6 per vessel |
| Menhaden*** | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit | Quota = 2,709,809*** |
| Pike/Chain Pickerel | January 1 – December 31 | 14" Minimum | No Limit |
| Red Drum | January 1 – December 31 | 18" Minimum 25" Maximum | 5 Per Licensee |
| River Herring | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Shad - American or Hickory | CLOSED | CLOSED | GN & PN = 2bu./Lic. |
| Snakehead | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit ⁽²⁾ | No Limit |
| Spanish Mackerel * | January 1 – December 31 | 14" Minimum | No Limit * |
| Spot | January 1 – December 31 | No Limit | No Limit |
| Spotted Sea Trout | January 1 – December 31 | 14" Minimum | No Limit |
| Striped Bass | SEE REVERSE | SEE REVERSE | SEE REVERSE |
| Sturgeon - Atlantic or Shortnose | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Summer Flounder * | January 1 – December 31 | 14" Minimum | 24,799 |
| Tautog | January 1 – December 31 | 14" Minimum | No Limit |
| Weakfish ** | **July 28 – December 31 | 12" Minimum | 50 lbs / day |
| White Perch | January 1 – December 31 | 6" Minimum | No Limit |
| Yellow Perch | January 1 – December 31 | 9" Minimum | No Limit |

(1) – **Black Sea Bass** – The tail filament is not to be included in the total length of the fish.

(2) – **Snakehead** – It shall be unlawful to possess a live snakehead fish (of the family *Channidae*), only so long as necessary to **kill the fish** as specified in Order 2010-06.

* Denotes fisheries that may have daily catch limits imposed or be closed immediately by Order of PRFC subject to the ASMFC/MAFMC established commercial landing quotas.

** **Pound Netters** using fish cull panels as defined in Reg. III, Sec. 8(d) may possess up to 50 lbs. (1 bu.) of legal size weakfish from February 15th through July 27th. The allowance must be less than or equal to the poundage of other lawfully harvested species.

*** When the menhaden catch limit is reached, all commercial fisheries shall be closed; however, **gill net, fyke net and pound net licensees** are permitted to possess and/or land no more than 6,000 lbs. or 12,000 lbs. if two licensees are fishing together of menhaden for a single vessel per day.

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COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE

SIZE LIMITS

Season: January 1 through January 31..... 18" min. – no max.
 February 1 through March 25..... 18" min. & 36" max.
 June 1 through December 31 18" min. - no max.

Yearly Quota: 83,462 lbs. (11,505 tags) total for all licensees

POUND NET

SIZE LIMITS

Season: February 15 through March 25..... 18" min. & 36" max.
 June 1 through December 15..... 18" min. – no max.

Yearly Quota: 130,090 lbs. (22,000 tags) total for all licensees

MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL GEAR

SIZE LIMITS

(Qualifying Haul Seine and Fyke Net Only)

Season: February 15 through March 25..... 18" min. & 36" max.
 June 1 through December 15..... 18" min. – no max.

Yearly Quota: 14,001 lbs. (2,300 tags) total for all licensees who have reported harvest of species other than striped bass using that particular gear type for the last 3 years.

Haul Seine 60% - 1,380 tags total for all licensees
 Fyke Net 40% - 920 tags total for all licensees

GILL NET

SIZE LIMITS

Season: November 13, 2017 through February 14, 2018 18" min. – no max.
 February 15 through March 25, 2018..... 18" min. & 36" max.

Yearly Quota: 355,810 lbs. (44,280 tags) total for all licensees

Setting Nets: Each licensee shall be permitted to set and fish a single properly identified net in the number of their licensed locations (stands) as follows:

November 13, 2017 through February 28, 2018all stands
 March 1 through March 15 4 stands
 March 16 through March 25 3 stands

SB - IDTags: Each gill net licensee is limited to using only 60 tags per stand