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O R D E R #2015-05
(replaces #2008-02)

COMMERCIAL GEAR STRIPED BASS SEASONS & SIZE LIMITS

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population to impose restrictions on fishing for striped bass, and pursuant to its authority under Regulation III, Sections 9(a) and 11(a); **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS:** the Potomac River striped bass (rockfish) seasons and size limits shall be for each gear type or segment listed below as follows:

	Gear	Season	Size Limit
1)	Commercial Hook and Line:	February 15 through March 25 June 1 through December 31	18" min. / 36" max. and 18" min.
2)	Pound Net:	February 15 through March 25 June 1 through December 15	18" min. / 36" max. and 18" min.
3)	Miscellaneous Commercial Gear: (Includes Haul Seine and Fyke Net Only)	February 15 through March 25 June 1 through December 15	18" min. / 36" max. and 18" min.
4)	Gill Net: SEE THE CURRENT GILL NET SEASON & RESTRICTIONS ORDER		

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: except for the gear types or segments listed herein and within the specified dates, it shall be unlawful to take, catch, and remove any striped bass from the Potomac River during any other times of the year or by any other means.

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: this Order #2015-05 shall become effective January 1, 2015, shall supersede and repeal Order #2008-02, and remain in effect until further notice.