



Potomac River Fisheries Commission



MARYLAND - VIRGINIA
"Potomac River Compact of 1958"

ORDER #2024-01 "Revised" (replaces #2024-01) 2024 RECREATIONAL AND CHARTER FISHERIES STRIPED BASS SEASON

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 I, Sections 7(a) and 8(a), Regulation III, Sections 9, 10 and 11;

HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS: the following restrictions shall apply to the recreational and charter striped bass fishery:

Catch & Release Season: Open Dates: January 1 thru May 15, 2024
Creel Limit: No harvest permitted, catch and release fishing only
Bait Restrictions: No live eel. **Non-offset (inline) Circle Hooks* are required to be used when fishing for striped bass using cut or whole natural bait.** No more than two (2) hooks or sets of hooks for each rod or line may be used. Artificial lures or plugs with multiple hooks are considered one set of hooks.

Summer/Fall Season: Open Dates: May 16 thru July 6, 2024 and Aug. 21 thru Dec. 31, 2024
Closed Dates: July 7 thru August 20, 2024 (No Direct Targeting)
Open Area: Downstream of Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95)
Creel Limit: One (1) fish per person per day
Size Limit: Minimum Nineteen (19.0) inches TL and Maximum Twenty-Four (24.0) inches TL
No High-Grading: Unlawful to return fish to the water after it is placed into a cooler or storage area.
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* A Circle Hook is defined as a non-offset or inline hook where the point is pointed perpendicularly back towards the shank. The term "non-offset" or "inline" means the point and barb are in the same plane as the shank (e.g. when the hook is laying on a flat surface, the entire hook and barb also lay flat).

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: this Order #2024-01 "Revised" shall become effective March 18, 2024 and remain in effect until further notice.

This Order was duly adopted by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on March 8, 2024
ATTEST:

Ronald W. Owens, Executive Secretary

Date