

2021 Fishing Regulations Changes and NNAC Tournaments

(as of 4/2/2021)





Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Season Regulations for 2021

	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Spring Season	Closed	May 1 - May 15***	May 1 - May 15*
Size Limit	N/A	35" minimum	35" minimum
Harvest Limit	N/A	1 per person per day	1 per person per day (incl. Charter Capt.)
Summer Season	May 16 – Jun 15****	May 16 – Jul 15***	May 16 – Jul 6**
Size Limit	20" – 28"	19" minimum	20" minimum
Harvest Limit	1 per person per day	1 per person per day	2 per person per day
Fall Season	Oct 4 – Dec 31****	Aug 1 – Dec 10***	Aug 21 – Dec 31**
Size Limit	20" – 36"	19" minimum	20" minimum
Harvest Limit	1 per person per day	1 per person per day	2 per person per day

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***Anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when live-lining or chumming; Anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when using fish, crabs or worms as bait and targeting striped bass, or when using processed baits and targeting striped bass.

****Anglers must use non-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing with bait, live or chunk.

Chesapeake Bay Bluefish Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open	Open	TBD
Size Limit	None	Minimum 8"	TBD
Harvest Limit	3 per person per day (Private Boat) 5 per person per day (For Hire Boat)	3 per person per day (Private Boat) 5 per person per day (For Hire Boat)	TBD

Chesapeake Bay Cobia Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Jun 15 – Sep 15	Jun 15 – Sep 15	TBD
Size Limit	Minimum 40"	Minimum 40"	TBD
Harvest Limit	1 per person per day; or up to 2 cobia per vessel per day if there are 2 or more individuals on the vessel*	1 per person per day; or up to 2 cobia per vessel per day if there are 2 or more individuals on the vessel	TBD

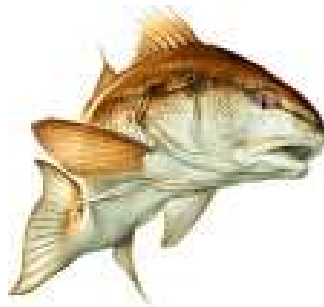
*1 fish per vessel per day may be over 50"

Chesapeake Bay Croaker Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open Year Round	Open Year Round	Open Year Round
Size Limit	No Minimum	Minimum 9"	Minimum 9"
Harvest Limit	50 per person per day	25 per person daily	25 per person daily

Chesapeake Bay Red Drum Season Regulations for 2021



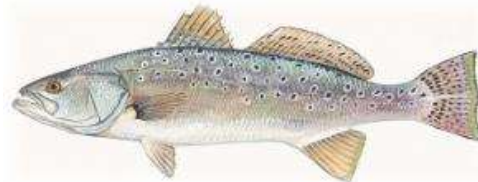
	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open Year Round	Open Year Round	Open Year Round
Size Limit	18" – 26"	18" – 27"	18" – 25"
Harvest Limit	3 per person daily	1 per person daily	5 per person daily

Chesapeake Bay Spanish Mackerel Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open Year Round	Open Year Round	Open Year Round
Size Limit	Minimum 14"	Minimum 14"	Minimum 14"
Harvest Limit	15 per person daily	15 per person daily	15 per person daily

Chesapeake Bay Speckled Trout Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open Year Round	Open Year Round	Open Year Round
Size Limit	Minimum 14"	Minimum 14"	Minimum 14"
Harvest Limit	5 per Person, only 1 greater than 24"	4 per person daily	10 per person daily

Chesapeake Bay Flounder Season Regulations for 2021



	Virginia	Maryland	Potomac River
Season	Open Year Round	Open Year Round	TBD
Size Limit	Minimum 16.5"	Minimum 16.5"	TBD
Harvest Limit	4 per Person	4 per person daily	TBD