

2018 New Jersey Marine Fishing Regulations

BLACK DRUM: No closed season, **3** fish at 16" (Proposed 32" size limit pending hearings)

BLACK SEABASS*: May 15 to June 22, **10** fish at 12.5"; July 1 to August 31, **2** fish at 12.5"; October 8 to 31, **10** fish at 12.5"; November 1 to December 31, **15** fish at 13"

BLUE CRAB: 3" minimum size for peeler/shedder 3-1/2" for soft shell 4-1/2" hard shell

BLUEFISH: No closed season, **15** fish, no min. size

COBIA: No closed season, **2** fish at 37" (no possession in Federal waters)

COD & HADDOCK: No closed season, no creel limit, 21" min. size

FLUKE: May 25 – September 22, **3** fish at 18" (r IBSP and Delaware Bay same as 2017)

KING MACKEREL: No closed season, **3** fish at 23"

POLLACK: No closed season, no creel limit, 19" min. Size

PORGY: **50** fish at 9"; January 1 - February 28 & July 1 - DEcember 31

RED DRUM: No closed season, **1** fish from 18" to 27"

SPANISH MACKEREL: No closed season, **10** fish at 14"

STRIPED BASS: No closed season, **1** fish from 28" to less than 43", **1** fish greater than 43" - NJ waters only (0-3 miles out)

TAUTOG: Min. size 15": **4** fish January 1 - February 28; **4** fish April 1 - 30; **1** fish July 17 - November 15; **6** fish November 16 - December 31

WEAKFISH: No closed season, **1** fish at 13"

WINTER FLOUNDER: March 1 - December 31, **2** fish at 12"

NOTE*: The official **Black Sea Bass 2018** regulation will not be final until the **NOAA** decision following the appeal hearing in early **May**.