

## **Fisheries Regulatory & Penalty Update**

**Dates Covered: 10/7/15 to 1/15/16**

### **Public Notices Issued**

View Public Notices at <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/notices/notices.asp>

- 10/6/15 — Application for 3 Shellfish Aquaculture Submerged Land Leases — Frederick C. Pomeroy and Lexine D. Lowe in the Little Choptank River oyster sanctuary, Dorchester Co.
- 10/13/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Lancashire Farms, Inc. in the Harris Creek oyster sanctuary, Talbot Co.
- 10/13/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Shore Things Shellfish, LLC in Herring Creek, St. Mary's Co.
- 10/21/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Barren Island Oyster Company, LLC in Tar Bay, Dorchester Co.
- 10/21/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Submerged Land Lease — Eric Wisner in Ellis Bay, Wicomico Co.
- 10/27/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Submerged Land Lease — Robert K. Witt and Walter R. Witt, Jr. in the Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel Co.
- 10/27/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Submerged Land Lease — Francis W. Kilinski and Suzanne E. Kilinski in the Wicomico River, Charles Co.
- 10/29/15 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Season Modification
- 11/3/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Bennett I. Mumford in Martin Bay, Worcester Co.
- 11/6/15 — Commercial Spiny Dogfish Catch Limit
- 11/12/15 — Application for Two Shellfish Aquaculture Submerged Land Leases — George M. Hayden and Ellis M. Hayden in St. Catherine Sound, St. Mary's Co.
- 11/12/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Dale T. Cropper, III in Breton Bay, St. Mary's Co.
- 11/18/15 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Water Column Lease — Christian G. Schou and Perry Summers, Jr. in the South River, Anne Arundel Co.
- 11/24/15 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
- 11/24/15 — Commercial Striped Bass Individual Transferable Quota Season Modification
- 12/18/15 — 2016 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery
- 12/18/15 — 2016 Summer Flounder Size Limit and Creel Limit
- 12/18/15 — 2016 Atlantic Coast Recreational Striped Bass Creel Limit
- 12/30/15 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
- 1/7/16 — 2016 Commercial Shark Size Limits

### **Regulations that became Effective**

- Oyster — 08.02.04.07 and .12 — Effective 10/12/15 — County committee election changes; correction of a power dredge study area coordinate.
- General — 08.02.01.14 — Effective 11/9/15 — Method of interpreting coordinates.
- Oyster — 08.02.04.13 — Effective 1/7/15 — Removal of 10 harvest reserve areas.
- Fishing in Nontidal Waters — 08.02.11.01, .04 and .07 — Effective 1/18/16 — annual changes

## **Regulations that have been Proposed and are Following the APA Process**

View Maryland Register at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDRegister/mdregister.aspx>

View Proposed Regulations at

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/proposed.aspx>

- Oysters (Shellfish Aquaculture) — Proposed — 08.02.04.15  
Maryland Register 11/30/15, Comment Period Ends 12/30/15, Scheduled Effective 2/16  
Corrects citations and requires notification prior to using power dredge in lease
- Fish and Aquaculture — Proposed — 08.02.05.03 and 08.02.14.13  
Maryland Register 11/30/15, Comment Period Ends 12/30/15, Scheduled Effective 2/16  
Removal of outdated regulations for trawls and shell transport
- General — Proposed — 08.02.01.05  
Maryland Register 12/11/15, Comment Period Ends 1/11/16, Scheduled Effective 2/16  
Updates commercial license targets
- Gear — Proposed — 08.02.25.02 and .03  
Maryland Register 12/28/15, Comment Period Ends 1/27/16, Scheduled Effective 3/14/16  
Allows use of minnow traps on public property
- Striped Bass — Proposed — 08.02.15.07  
Maryland Register 12/28/15, Comment Period Ends 1/27/16, Scheduled Effective 3/14/16  
Allows use of someone else's gill net or pound net if the owner is present
- Striped Bass — Emergency — 08.02.15.07  
Submitted to AELR 11/20/15, Requested to be Effective 12/14/15  
Allows use of someone else's gill net or pound net if the owner is present (identical to the proposed action)
- Fish — American Eel — Proposed — 08.02.05.08  
Maryland Register 1/8/16, Comment Period Ends 2/8/16, Scheduled Effective 3/14/16  
ASMFC requirements; permit for commercial eel harvesters; reporting requirements
- Blue Crabs — Proposed — 08.02.03.07, .12, .14, .15  
Maryland Register 1/22/16, Hearing Scheduled 2/2016, Comment Period Ends 2/22/16, Scheduled Effective 3/28/16  
Prohibits use of crabs in the bait box; defines an area for a float; clarifies catch limits for bay and coast; removes requirement to close cull rings in the coastal bays from April 23 - May 31
- Oysters — Proposed — 08.02.04.11  
Maryland Register 1/22/16, Comment Period Ends 2/22/16, Scheduled Effective 3/28/16  
Process for opening and closing portions of PSFAs in cooperation with county oyster committees
- Fish — Spiny Dogfish — Proposed — 08.02.05.24  
Maryland Register 1/22/16, Comment Period Ends 2/22/16, Scheduled Effective 3/28/16  
Tiered catch limits for non permit holders, spiny dogfish permittees and Atlantic striped bass permittees; change the 2 year/10,000 lb landing requirement to 3 years/15,000 lbs; eliminate paper permits; process for issuing a permit when an existing permit expires
- Penalties — Proposed — 08.02.13.03, .05, .08  
Maryland Register 2/5/16, Comment Period Ends 3/7/16, Scheduled Effective 4/11/15  
Annual updates to the recreational, commercial and charter penalty system.

## **Emergency Regulations in Effect**

None

### **Commercial Fishing Suspension and Revocation List**

Last updated 12/30/15. View List at

[http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/Commercial\\_Fishing\\_SuspensionsRevocations.pdf](http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/Commercial_Fishing_SuspensionsRevocations.pdf)

### **Recreational Fishing Suspension and Revocation List**

Last updated 9/15/15. View List at

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/RecSuspensions.pdf>