

## **Fishing and Boating Services Regulatory & Penalty Update**

**Dates Covered: 10/11/16 to 1/20/17**

### **Public Notices Issued**

View Public Notices at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/notices.aspx>

- 10/12/16 — Applications for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Phillips Wharf Environmental Center Inc (302)
- 10/17/16 — Spiny Dogfish Permit Application
- 10/20/16 — Adjusted 2016 Commercial Shark Catch Limits — October 2106
- 10/27/16 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Hook & Line Season Modification
- 10/28/16 — Revised Spiny Dogfish Permit Application
- 10/31/16 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Robert T. Brown, Sr., Victoria M. Brown and Robert T. Brown, Jr.
- 11/4/16 — Kent and Queen Annes County Public Shellfish Fishery Area Closures
- 11/9/16 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Mt. Victoria LP
- 11/18/16 — Commercial Striped Bass Individual Transferable Quota Season Modification
- 12/2/16 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Hook & Line Season Modification
- 12/12/16 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Jon S. Lore, Jr. & Jon S. Lore, Sr.
- 12/12/16 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Sarah J. Lore & Jon S. Lore, Sr.
- 12/15/16 — Public Information Session on Proposed Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Cooney & Robinson
- 12/19/16 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — George M. Hayden & Ellis M. Hayden
- 12/20/16 — 2017 Commercial Atlantic Menhaden Quota and Season
- 12/20/16 — 2017 Summer Flounder Season, Size Limit and Creel Limit
- 12/20/16 — 2017 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery
- 12/22/16 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
- 12/30/16 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
- 1/5/17 — 2017 Commercial Shark Catch Limits
- 1/12/17 — Public Information Session on Propose Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Cooney & Robinson

### **Regulations that became Effective**

- Shellfish Aquaculture — 08.02.23.03 and .04 — Effective 11/7/16  
Removes the registration card requirement for individuals that are supervised by a permittee and some housekeeping changes for clarification.

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

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

View Proposed Regulations at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/proposed.aspx>

- General — Fishery Management Areas — Proposed — 08.02.01.13  
Maryland Register 8/5/16, Comment Period Ended 9/15/16, Final Action under review

Limits hunting at Urbana Lake Fishery Management Area to the use of archery equipment only.

- General — Commercial License Targets — Proposed — 08.02.01.05  
Maryland Register 11/14/16, Comment Period Ends 12/14/16, Scheduled Effective 01/30/17  
New targets based on license conversions made during the 2015/2016 license year.
- Horseshoe Crabs — Proposed — 08.02.10.01  
Maryland Register 11/14/16, Comment Period Ends 12/14/16, Scheduled Effective 01/30/17  
Requires that horseshoe crabs be harvested from a vessel, no harvest from shore.
- Fish — Scup — Proposed — 08.02.05.22  
Maryland Register 11/14/16, Comment Period Ends 12/14/16, Scheduled Effective 01/30/17  
Changes the minimum mesh size for trawls from 4.5” to 5”
- Fishing in Nontidal Waters — Proposed — 08.02.11.01 and .04  
Maryland Register 11/28/16, Comment Period Ends 12/28/16, Scheduled Effective 02/13/17  
Increases possession limits for certain species; establishes limits for yellow perch caught in reservoirs, lakes, ponds, impoundments, and waters upstream of them; changes closures of 4 put-and-take areas; extends boundary on the N. Branch Potomac River upper catch-and-return area; and defines when an individual needs a trout stamp.
- Dividing Lines for Tidal/Nontidal Waters — Proposed — 08.02.01.09  
Maryland Register 12/9/16, Comment Period Ends 1/9/17, Scheduled Effective 02/13/17  
Establishes a dividing line for Barren Creek
- Yellow Perch — Emergency — 08.02.21.03  
Submitted to AELR 11/9/16; Pending AELR Approval  
Changes commercial hook & line size to be the same as other commercial gear
- Yellow Perch — Proposed — Identical to Emergency (above)  
Maryland Register 12/23/16, Comment Period Ends 1/23/17, Scheduled Effective 02/27/17
- Gear — Proposed — 08.02.25.01, .02, .03 and .04  
Maryland Register 1/20/17, Comment Period Ends 2/21/17, Scheduled Effective 03/27/17  
Reflects changes from the 2016 Legislative Session and amends regulations to reflect current practice. Changes for bows, bush bobs, bank poles, dip nets, gigs and finfish trotlines.
- Blue Crabs — Proposed — 08.02.03.01, .09, .11, .12 and .14  
Maryland Register 1/20/17, Comment Period Ends 2/21/17, Scheduled Effective 03/27/17  
Changes the time for commercially harvesting blue crabs in the coastal bays and updates statewide blue crab regulations by clarifying text.

### **Emergency Regulations in Effect**

None

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

Last updated 12/15/16. View List at

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

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

Last updated 12/15/16. View List at

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