

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

**Dates Covered: 1/21/17 to 3/31/17**

### **Public Notices Issued**

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

- 1/25/17 — Commercial Striped Bass Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
- 1/26/17 — Public Information Session on Proposed Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Cooney & Robinson
- 1/26/17 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Stuart E. Dawson and Mary Julia DuBois
- 1/27/17 — Public Hearing on Proposed Blue Crab Regulations
- 2/3/17 — Invitation for Bids — Gill Net Survey
- 2/17/17 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Isaac Wilding and John N. Hargrove
- 2/28/2017 — 2017 Summer Flounder Season, Size Limit and Creel Limit — March through December
- 2/28/2017 — 2017 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery — March through December
- 3/9/2017 — Striped Bass Recreational and Charter Boat Spring Fishery Modification
- 3/10/2017 — 2017 Commercial Yellow Perch Closure on the Upper Bay
- 3/30/20017 — Public Information Session on Proposed Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — McBee and Connelly
- 3/17/2017 — 2017 Commercial Yellow Perch Opening on the Upper Bay
- 3/20/2017 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington III
- 3/20/2017 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Jennifer L. Redmer
- 3/24/2017 — Chesapeake Bay Commercial, Female Blue Crab Catch Limits and Crew Requirements — April through June 2017
- 3/30/2017 — Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Mahoney, Jr. and Mahoney, Sr.

### **Regulations that became Effective**

View regulations at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx>

- General — Commercial License Targets — 08.02.01.05 — Effective 01/30/17
- Horseshoe Crabs — 08.02.10.01 — Effective 01/30/17 — no harvest from shore.
- Fish — Scup — 08.02.05.22 — Effective 01/30/17 — minimum mesh size for trawls
- Fishing in Nontidal Waters — 08.02.11.01 and .04 — Effective 02/13/17 — possession limits for certain species; limits for yellow perch; 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 — 08.02.01.09 — Effective 02/13/17 — Barren Creek
- Yellow Perch — 08.02.21.03 — Effective 02/27/17 — commercial size limit
- Gear — 08.02.25.01, .02, .03 and .04 — Effective 03/27/17 — Changes for bows, bush bobs, bank poles, dip nets, gigs and finfish trotlines.
- Blue Crabs — 08.02.03.01, .09, .11, .12 and .14 — Effective 03/27/17 — coastal commercial times and statewide clarifications

## **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/changes.aspx>

- General — Fishery Management Areas — Proposed — 08.02.01.13  
Maryland Register 8/5/16, Public Hearing 8/29/16, 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.
- Channeled Whelk — Proposed — 08.02.08.14  
Maryland Register 3/31/17, Comment Period Ends 5/1/17, Scheduled Effective 6/5/17  
Establishes a girth size of 3-3/8”.

## **Emergency Regulations in Effect**

- Yellow Perch — Emergency — 08.02.21.03 — Not voted on by AELR; identical  
proposed action became effective 2/27/17

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

Last updated 3/31/17. 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 2/9/17. View List at

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