

Fisheries Regulatory Update

Dates Covered: 1/14/14 to 4/15/14

Public Notices Issued

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- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
Opens fishery on 1/28/14, closes on 1/30/14, includes limits
- Public Information Session on Proposed Aquaculture Lease — MD Water Holdings, LLC
Announces a open-house style information session regarding application #127 in Calvert Bay, St. Mary's County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
Opens fishery on 2/11/14, closes on 2/13/14, includes limits
- Striped Bass — Invitation For Bids
Soliciting bids for the MD Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Spawning Area Experimental Drift Gill Net Survey: Spring, 2014. Includes requirements and dates.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Gill Net Season Modification
Opens fishery on 2/25/14, closes on 2/28/14, includes limits
- Spiny Dogfish — Commercial Catch Limits
Includes limits for licensees – limits are dependent on type of permits (federal/Maryland)
- Oyster — Harvest Reserve Area Openings
Certain harvest reserve areas opened. Includes dates, gear, harvest conditions and coordinates. Blunt; Coppers Hill; Devils Playground; Horse Race; Howell Point Addition (Sanctuary prohibited); La Trappe Creek; Brewer; Bramleigh Creek.
- Yellow Perch — Commercial Closure — Chester River
Closes fishery on 3/7/14.
- Yellow Perch — Commercial Modification — Upper Bay and Patuxent River
Extends season on the Upper Bay and Patuxent River through 3/20/14.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Lashley & Lashley
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease in St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Trossbach, Trossbach, & Trossbach
Application for 2 shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases in St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County.
- Oyster — Harvest Reserve Area Openings
Evans oyster harvest reserve area opened. Includes dates, gear, harvest conditions and coordinates.

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Fowlkes & Mumford
Applications for 3 aquaculture submerged land leases in the Nanticoke River, Dorchester County.
- Blue Crab — Chesapeake Bay Commercial Mature Female Hard Crab Catch Limit and Crew Requirements
Commercial mature female hard crab bushel limit and closure periods for 2014 for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Dalys Fresh Seafood, LLC
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease in the Patuxent River, St. Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Budden
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease in the Chester River, Kent County.

Regulations that became Effective

- Spiny Dogfish — 08.02.05.24 — Effective 2/17/14
Creates limited entry system for the commercial fishery
- Sharks — 08.02.12.03 and 08.02.22.02,.03,.04 — Effective 3/3/14
Changes to groupings and recreational sizes.
- Eels — 08.02.05.07 — Effective 3/3/14
Size; undersize; season; gear; mesh size
- Menhaden — 08.02.05.08 — Effective 3/3/14
Reporting requirements
- Oysters — 08.02.04.11 — Effective 3/3/14
Emergency — Effective 1/2/14 through 3/3/14
Bushel price
- Snapping Turtles — 08.02.06.01 — Effective 3/17/14
Commercial and recreational updates
- Penalties — 08.02.13.02, .03, .05, .07, .08 — Effective 3/31/14
Commercial, recreational, and charter boat
- Bait Harvester — 08.02.20.01, .02 — Effective 4/14/14
Species; limits; permits; penalties
- Spotted Sea Trout — 08.02.05.13 — Effective 4/14/14
Limits; sizes
- Shell Recycling Tax Credit — 08.02.26.01—.06 — Effective 3/31/14

Emergency — 1/13/14 to 3/31/14

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://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/proposedregulations.asp>

- Menhaden — Proposed — 08.02.05.07
Maryland Register 4/18/14, Comment Period Ends 5/19/14, Scheduled Effective 6/23/14
Allows bycatch allowance permittees to name an operator.
- Crabbing Charters — Proposed — 08.02.03.15 and 08.02.05.02
Maryland Register 5/2/14, Comment Period Ends 6/2/14, Scheduled Effective 7/7/14
Hearing — 5/13/14 at 6pm in C-1 of the Tawes State Office Building
Clarifies permissible activity and creates a crabbing charter decal.

Emergency Regulations in Effect

- Gear — Emergency — 08.02.25.02
Effective 3/20/14 through 9/16/14
Removes 3 rod limit in tidal waters.