

Fisheries Regulatory Update

Dates Covered: 4/15/14 to 7/15/14

Public Notices Issued

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

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Eric Wisner
Application for 3 submerged aquaculture land leases in Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Wicomico County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Ralph L. Kraft, Jr. & Mary E. Kraft
Application for a submerged aquaculture land lease in Wicomico River, Somerset County.
- Striped Bass – Commercial Atlantic Coast Season Modification
Season in Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries extended through 5/15/14, includes limits.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – David Schwenk & Paula Schwenk
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease in South River, Anne Arundel County.
- Striped Bass – Commercial Common Pool Season Modification
Opens 6/3/14, closes 6/4/14, includes limits.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Oliver & Oliver
Application for a submerged aquaculture land lease in St. Catherine Sound, St Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Brown, Gibson, & Brown
Application for a submerged aquaculture land lease in St. Catherine Sound, St. Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Chesapeake Sea Farms
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease in St. Jerome Creek, St Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Harry J. Insley, Sr. & Paula F. Insley
Application for a submerged shellfish aquaculture land lease in Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Peter Schwer, Penelope Archibald & James Keefe
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease in Little Choptank River, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Harry J. Insley, Sr. & Paula F. Insley
Application for a submerged shellfish aquaculture land lease in Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Wicomico County.
- Horseshoe Crab – 2014 Commercial Season
Establishes quota, season, and catch limits state-wide.
- Striped Bass – Commercial Common Pool Season Modification
Opens 6/17/14, closes 6/18/14, includes limits.
- Public Information Session on Proposed Aquaculture Leases – Trossbach, Trossbach & Trossbach and Lashley & Lashley
Announces an open-house style information session regarding applications #59, #60, and #91 in St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County.
- Striped Bass – Commercial Common Pool Season Modification
Opens 7/1/13, closes 7/2/14, includes limits.

Regulations that became Effective

- Menhaden — 08.02.05.07 — Effective 6/23/14
Allows bycatch allowance permittees to name an operator.
- Crabbing Charters — 08.02.03.15 and 08.02.05.02 — Effective 7/7/14
Clarifies permissible activity and creates a crabbing charter decal.

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>

- Striped Bass – Proposed – 08.02.15.04 and .07
Maryland Register 5/16/14, Comment Period Ends 6/16/14, Scheduled Effective 7/21/14
Extends declaration period for permittees and makes changes to striped bass fishery.
- Horseshoe Crabs – Proposed – 08.02.10.01
Maryland Register 5/30/14, Comment Period Ends 6/30/14, Scheduled Effective 8/4/14
Updates Horseshoe Crab regulations.
- Striped Bass – Proposed – 08.02.15.05
Maryland Register 5/30/14, Comment Period Ends 6/30/14, Scheduled Effective 8/4/14
Clarifies tagging requirements and changes terminology in check station requirements.
- Summer Flounder – Proposed – 08.02.05.12
Maryland Register 7/11/14, Comment Period Ends 8/11/14, Scheduled Effective 9/15/14
Establishes a 2-year study, clarifies declaration period for permittees, and requires agency to notify permittees of their appeal rights
- Gear – Proposed – 08.02.19.06 and 08.02.25.01-.03
Maryland Register 7/25/14, Comment Period Ends 8/25/14, Scheduled Effective 9/29/14
Clarifies recreation fishing gear definitions and their uses.
- Shellfish Lines (Oysters) – Proposed – 08.02.04.09 and .13
Maryland Register 7/25/14, Comment Period Ends 8/25/14, Scheduled Effective 9/29/14
Expands harvest reserve area and fixes coordinates for hand tong lines.

Emergency Regulations in Effect

- Spiny Dogfish – Emergency – 08.02.05.24
Effective Pending AELR Approval
Changes declaration period for spiny dogfish landing permit
- Gear — Emergency — 08.02.25.02
Effective 3/20/14 through 9/16/14
Removes 3 rod limit in tidal waters.