

## **Fisheries Regulatory Update**

**Dates Covered: 7/16/14 to 10/3/14**

### **Public Notices Issued**

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

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Eric Wisner  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Nanticoke River, Wicomico County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Scott Budden  
Application for shellfish aquaculture water column lease, Chester River, Kent County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Hook and line open 8/5/14 through 8/6/14; includes limits.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — J. Michael Wood, III  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Chester River, Kent County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Scott Budden  
Application for shellfish aquaculture water column lease, Chester River, Kent County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Hook and line open 8/19/14 through 8/20/14; 300 lbs/permittee/week and 600 lbs/vessel/day.
- Menhaden — Commercial Daily Catch Limit Changes  
Unlimited menhaden fishery closes 8/23/14; catch limits announced
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Victoria B. Mullaney and Stephen V. Mullaney  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease and water column lease, 2 leases in Woolford Creek, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Samuel R. Leonard, Jr.  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Edge Creek, Talbot County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Brandy Lee Toomey  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Nanticoke River, Wicomico County.
- Blue Crabs — Chesapeake Bay Commercial Mature Female Hard Crab Catch Limit and Crew Requirements  
The revision only affects boats with two or more licensees on board
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Hook and line open 9/2/14 through 9/3/14; includes limits.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Raymond P. Basel, Sr.  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Balls Creek, Talbot County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Eric Wisner  
Application for shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease, Ellis Bay, Wicomico County.
- Black Sea Bass — 2014 Recreational Black Sea Bass Season Extension  
Open through 9/21/14. Reopens 10/18/14 and closes 12/31/14.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Hook and line open 9/16/14 through 9/17/14; includes limits.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Hook and line open 9/30/14 through 10/1/14; includes limits.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Proposed Information Session on Proposed Aquaculture Lease — Scott Budden — The open-house style information session will be held on

Thursday, October 16th from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Queen Anne's County Library,  
Centreville Branch, 121 S. Commerce Street, Centreville, MD 21617.

### **Regulations that became Effective**

- Striped Bass — 08.02.15.04 and .07 — Effective 7/21/14  
Extends declaration period for permittees and makes changes to striped bass fishery.
- Horseshoe Crabs — 08.02.10.01 — Effective 8/4/14  
Updates Horseshoe Crab regulations.
- Striped Bass — 08.02.15.05 — Effective 8/4/14  
Clarifies tagging requirements and changes terminology in check station requirements.
- Summer Flounder — 08.02.05.12 — 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 — 08.02.19.06 and 08.02.25.01-.03 — Effective 9/29/14  
Clarifies recreation fishing gear definitions and their uses.
- Shellfish Lines (Oysters) — 08.02.04.09 and .13 — Effective 9/29/14  
Expands harvest reserve area and fixes coordinates for hand tong lines.

### **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>

- Snapping Turtles — Proposed — 08.02.06.01  
Maryland Register 8/22/14, Comment Period Ends 9/22/14, Scheduled Effective 10/27/14  
Remove declaration period
- Penalty — Proposed — 08.02.13.10  
Maryland Register 8/22/14, Comment Period Ends 9/22/14, Scheduled Effective 11/10/14  
Creates a regulation for dealer penalties
- Oysters — Proposed — 08.02.04.12  
Maryland Register 9/5/14, Comment Period Ends 10/6/14, Scheduled Effective 11/10/14  
Corrects coordinates; creates new area in Eastern Bay (Wild Grounds); allows gear specification and opening/closing of Wild grounds and Swan Point study areas by public notice.
- Yellow Perch — Proposed — 08.02.21.03  
Maryland Register 10/17/14, Comment Period Ends 11/17/14, Scheduled Effective 12/22/14  
Extends commercial season; extends declaration period; minor coordinate corrections; removal of live market tagging requirement
- Oysters — Proposed — 08.02.04.03  
Maryland Register 10/17/14, Comment Period Ends 11/17/14, Scheduled Effective 12/22/14  
Compliance with NSSP model ordinance
- Spiny Dogfish — Proposed — 08.02.05.24  
Maryland Register 11/14/14, Comment Period Ends 12/15/14, Scheduled Effective 1/19/15  
Declaration period for permit, operator clarifications/changes

### **Emergency Regulations in Effect**

- Spiny Dogfish – Emergency – 08.02.05.24  
Effective 8/12/14 through 2/7/14  
Changes declaration period for spiny dogfish landing permit