

## **Fisheries Regulatory Update**

**Dates Covered: 10/4/14 to 1/19/15**

### **Public Notices Issued**

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

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Luther Edwards and Denis Edwards  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — J. Mark Kitching and Robert C. Floros  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease; Chesapeake Bay, Somerset County, in Goose Harbor Cove west of Chaisey Point.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — hook and line open 10/14/14 through 10/16/14; 450 lbs/permittee/week and 900 lbs/vessel/day.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — hook and line open 10/28/14 through 10/30/14; 450 lbs/permittee/week and 900 lbs/vessel/day.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Edward T. Johnston and Conner Woode  
Applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Raymond Thomas, Jr.  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Prospect Bay, Queen Anne's County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Ryan G. Murphy  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease; Chincoteague Bay, Worcester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Eric Wisner  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Nanticoke River, Wicomico County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — hook and line open 11/11/14 through 11/13/14; 450 lbs/permittee/week and 900 lbs/vessel/day.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Harry J. Insley, Sr. and Paula F. Insley  
Applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; Nanticoke River, Dorchester County.
- Oysters — Chester River Harvest Reserve Area Openings — Open areas, dates and other specifics are listed in the notice
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — gill net open 12/2/14 through 12/4/14; 400 lbs/permit/week and 1600 lbs/vessel/day.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Individual Transferable Quota Striped Bass Season Modification — the 2014 ITQ seasons for pound net and hook and line extended through 12/31/14.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington, III  
Applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; Choptank River, Talbot County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Paul S. Abey and William Abey  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Choptank River, Talbot County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — gill net open 12/16/14 through 12/18/14; 500 lbs/permit/week and 2000 lbs/vessel/day.

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Patrick Mahoney, Jr. and John M. Colhoun  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease; Rhode River, Anne Arundel County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Charles E. Wheedleton and David W. Wheedleton  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Fishing Bay, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Harvey H. Waller, Jr. & Harvey H. Waller, Sr.  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Fishing Bay, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Walter R. Witt, Jr. and Martha T. Witt  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; West River, Anne Arundel County
- Black Sea Bass — Recreational fishery will be closed from 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2015 through 11:59 p.m. February 28, 2015.
- Summer Flounder — Announces the 2015 season, size limit and creel limit
- Striped Bass — 2015 Atlantic Coast Recreational Striped Bass Creel Limit Modification  
Recreational limit in state waters of the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays, and their tributaries is 1/person/day.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification — gill net open 1/20/15 through 1/22/15; 300 lbs/permit/week and 1200 lbs/vessel/day.

### **Regulations that became Effective**

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

### **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>

- Penalty — Proposed — 08.02.13.03, .05, .07, .08  
Maryland Register 12/12/14, Comment Period Ends 1/12/15, Scheduled Effective 2/16/15  
Annual updates to the recreational and commercial penalty system.
- Shark — Proposed — 08.02.22.03  
Maryland Register 12/12/14, Comment Period Ends 1/12/15, Scheduled Effective 2/16/15  
Federal permit requirements.
- Commercial License Targets — Proposed — 08.02.01.05

Maryland Register 12/12/14, Comment Period Ends 1/12/15, Scheduled Effective 2/16/15  
Updates to the commercial license targets

- License Free Fishing Areas — Proposed — 08.02.01.07  
Maryland Register 12/26/14, Comment Period Ends 1/26/15, Scheduled Effective 3/2/15  
Revised list of license free fishing areas
- Blue Crab — Proposed — 08.02.03.03, .06, .07 and .14  
Maryland Register 1/23/14, Comment Period Ends 2/23/15, Scheduled Effective 3/30/15  
Increases size for peeler crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries 3-1/2”;  
clarifies marking requirements for crabbing gear
- Striped Bass — Proposed — 08.02.15.07  
Maryland Register 1/23/14, Comment Period Ends 2/23/15, Scheduled Effective 3/30/15  
Changes quota from a specific number to a statement that the quota is set by ASMFC
- Fishery Management Areas — 08.02.01  
Maryland Register 1/23/14, Comment Period Ends 2/23/15, Scheduled Effective 3/30/15  
Establishes rules for FMAs; distinguishes between Fishery Management Propagation  
Areas and Fishery Management Public Fishing Areas
- Snapper Grouper  
Maryland Register 1/23/14, Comment Period Ends 2/23/15, Scheduled Effective 3/30/15  
Changes the commercial harvest limits of tilefish to match the requirements of Virginia  
and federal partners
- Shellfish Aquaculture — Proposed — 08.02.05.02 and 08.02.23.03, .04 and .07  
Maryland Register 1/23/14, Comment Period Ends 2/23/15, Scheduled Effective 3/30/15  
Updates the list of violations for which a person may be suspended or revoked;  
implements a demonstration lease program.
- American Lobster — Emergency — 08.02.08.10  
Submitted to AELR 12/17/14; Pending Approval.  
Season closure to implement required 10% reduction; removes v-notching requirements

### **Emergency Regulations in Effect**

- None