

# Maryland Regulation Summary for Seafood Dealers 2016

## Maryland Crabs

### Size:

Male Hard Crabs	Soft Crabs	Peelers
Bay -(males) -4/1- 7/14: 5" -7/15 – 12/15: 5 ¼" Atlantic- 5" males	-3 ½"	-3 ¼" (4/1 – 7/14)  -3 ½" (7/15-12/15)

### Season:

Bay – 4/1 – 12/15  
Atlantic – 4/1 – 10/31

## Striped Bass

**Seasons:** Bay - pound net, haul seine, & H&L - 6/1 – 11/30; gill net – 12/1/16 -2/28/17 Atlantic - all gears is 10/1 – 5/31

**Sizes:** Bay - Min. 18" & Max. 36" Atlantic - Min. 24"

### Tag Colors:

**MA:** White

**RI:** Trap – Yellow; General - Blue

**NY:** Yellow

**DE:** Weigh Station – White; H&L – Red; Gill Net (GN) – Green

**MD:** Common Pool – Light Blue; ITQ – Green; Atlantic – Red

**PRFC:** Pound Net - Red; GN – White; H&L - Blue; Haul Seine – Black; Fyke Net – Black

**VA:** Bay – Yellow; Coast – Blue

**NC:** Atlantic – White; Other - Blue

## Oysters

**Season:** All gears except power dredge: 10/1 – 3/31; Power dredge: 11/1 – 3/31

**Sizes:** 3" for wild caught and aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 10/1-3/31); 2" for aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 4/1 – 9/30 and water column lease year round)

\*Each bushel of oysters should be tagged with the appropriate wild fishery tag or aquaculture tag.

## Open Fishing Seasons (Most Commonly Sold Fish)

Yellow Perch: 1/1 – 3/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Summer Flounder: 1/1 – 12/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Black Sea Bass: 1/1 – 12/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Spiny Dogfish: 5/1 – 4/30 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Tautog: 1/1 – 11/26

Spanish Mackerel: No closure

Red Drum: No closure

Black Drum: Not open in Bay, No closure Atlantic

Croaker: January 1- March 15

Catfish: No closure

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