

08.02.05.02 (11/21/08)

.02 Definitions and General Fishing Prohibitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Prohibitions and Limitations on Fishing in General.

(1) – (4) (text unchanged)

(5) During the period March 1 through May 31, a person may not catch, harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, or attempt to catch striped bass or striped bass hybrids in the striped bass spawning rivers and areas listed in COMAR 08.02.15.03B. However, during the period March 1 through May 3, inclusive, a person authorized in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-745, Annotated Code of Maryland, to recreationally angle for finfish may hook striped bass and shall immediately release the striped bass unharmed to the water from which the striped bass was taken in the following areas:

(a) Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from a point at or near Sandy Point, defined by Lat. 39° 26.96'N and Long. 76° 03.63'W; then running in an easterly direction to a point at or near Turkey Point, defined by Lat. 39° 27.13'N and Long. 76° 00.70'W and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting a point at or near the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp in Lapidum, defined by Lat. 39° 35.86'N and Long. 76° 07.67'W; then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Twin Rocks, defined by Lat. 39° 36.17'N and Long. 76° 07.56'W; then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit, defined by Lat. 39° 36.23'N and Long. 76° 06.99'W; and

(b) (text unchanged)

(6) – (13) (text unchanged)

08.02.15.03 (Nov. 12, 2008)

.03 Spawning Rivers, Areas, and Reaches.

A. – C. (text unchanged)

D. General Fishing Restrictions.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Notwithstanding §D(1) of this regulation, during the period March 1 through May 3, inclusive, a person authorized in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-745, Annotated Code of Maryland, to recreationally angle for finfish may hook striped bass and shall immediately release the striped bass unharmed to the water from which the striped bass was taken in the following areas:

(a) Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from a point at or near Sandy Point, defined by Lat. 39° 26.96'N and Long. 76° 03.63'W; then running in an easterly direction to a point at or near Turkey Point, defined by Lat. 39° 27.13'N and Long. 76° 00.70'W and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting a point at or near the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp in Lapidum, defined by Lat. 39° 35.86'N and Long. 76° 07.67'W; then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Twin Rocks, defined by Lat. 39° 36.17'N and Long. 76° 07.56'W;

then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit, defined by Lat. 39° 36.23'N and Long. 76° 06.99'W; and

(b) (text unchanged)

(3) (text unchanged)

08.02.15.08 (10/21/08)

.08 Recreational and Charter Boat Spring Fishery.

A. Season. Notwithstanding Regulation .03D(1) of this chapter, the recreational and charter [spring boat] boat spring season is [April 19, 2008] the third Saturday of April through [May 13, 2008] May 15 for the areas described in §D of this regulation.

B. (text unchanged)

C. (text unchanged)

D. Fishing [Area] Areas. An individual may fish for striped bass only in [that area of the Chesapeake Bay] the following areas:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Between the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge northern span and the Maryland-Virginia state line excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks, and rivers, except Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound[; and] .

(3) (text unchanged)

E. Bait Prohibited. A person may not use eels as bait while participating in the striped bass spring fishery.

08.02.15.09 (11/24/08)

.09 Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tidal Tributaries.

A. Early Season.

(1) – (2) (text unchanged)

(3) Susquehanna Flats and Northeast River.

(a) Notwithstanding [COMAR 08.02.05.02B(5)] COMAR 08.02.15.03D(1), the areas subject to the provisions of §A(3) of this regulation are:

(i) Susquehanna Flats, upstream of a line from a point at or near Sandy Point, defined by Lat. 39° 26.96'N and Long. 76° 03.63'W; then running in an easterly direction to a point at or near Turkey Point, defined by Lat. 39° 27.13'N and Long. 76° 00.70'W and the Susquehanna River downstream from a line connecting a point at or near the Susquehanna State Park boat ramp in Lapidum, defined by Lat. 39° 35.86'N and Long. 76° 07.67'W; then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Twin Rocks, defined by Lat. 39° 36.17'N and Long. 76° 07.56'W; then running in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit, defined by Lat. 39° 36.23'N and Long. 76° 06.99'W; and

(ii) (text unchanged)

(b) (text unchanged)

B. Summer and Fall Season.

(1) The recreational and charter boat summer and fall season for taking striped bass is June 1 through December 15.

(2) The areas subject to the provisions of [§D] §B of this regulation are the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries except for the tributaries of the Potomac River.

(3) (text unchanged)

C. (text unchanged)

08.02.15.12 (11/17/08)

.12 General Restrictions.

A. – G. (text unchanged)

H. Season Limitations. The Secretary:

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) May modify or close a season or catch limit or set a monthly catch limit or modify size limit by publishing notice in a daily newspaper of general circulation at least 48 hours in advance of the time of modification, stating the effective hour and date; and

(5) (text unchanged)

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