

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*Modifications to the 2024 Summer Flounder Fishery — Effective 3/1/2024*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces modifications to the 2024 summer flounder fishery. This notice supersedes all notices effective prior to March 1, 2024, affecting the 2024 summer flounder fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. March 1, 2024:

**SEASON**

The season is open January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

**RECREATIONAL MINIMUM SIZE**

- January 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024: 16 inches
- June 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024: 17-1/2 inches

**RECREATIONAL CATCH LIMIT**

4 fish/person/day

**COMMERCIAL MINIMUM SIZE**

- Hook and Line:
  - January 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024: 16 inches
  - June 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024: 17 1-2 inches
- Gear other than Hook and Line: 14 inches

**WHY THIS IS NECESSARY**

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan.

[https://asmfc.org/files/SFlounderScupBSB\\_Board\\_MtgSummary\\_Feb2024.pdf](https://asmfc.org/files/SFlounderScupBSB_Board_MtgSummary_Feb2024.pdf).

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch summer flounder recreationally or commercially.

**EFFECTIVE TIME AND DATE**

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. March 1, 2024.

**AUTHORITY**

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