PUBLIC NOTICE The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Changes for the Chesapeake Bay Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery — Effective 5/16/2023

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces a change to the size limit for the striped bass recreational and charter boat summer and fall fishery for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, including the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River. Effective 12:01 a.m. May 16, 2023, the minimum size for striped bass is 19 inches and the maximum size for striped bass is 31 inches. This rule is effective for the 2023 striped bass season, which runs from May 16, 2023, through July 15, 2023, and August 1, 2023, through December 10, 2023. All other rules remain the same.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/64529753pr10AtlSripedBassEmergencyAction.pdf

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch striped bass recreationally in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, including the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River.

AUTHORITY

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