

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
2021 Atlantic Ocean Commercial Striped Bass Transfer Rules — Effective 2/22/2021

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the following rules for the Atlantic Ocean commercial striped bass temporary and permanent transfer processes for the 2021 quota year:

- A Striped Bass Atlantic Ocean Fishery permit or allocation may be temporarily transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through December 20, 2021.
 - The minimum allocation increment for an allocation transfer is 540 pounds, or the entire remaining allocation if the transferor has less than 540 pounds.
 - For each increment of 540 pounds transferred, the transferor must return 50 tags to the Department. If the transfer is less than 540 pounds, all remaining tags assigned to the transferor must be transferred to the transferee.
 - For each increment of 540 pounds received, the transferee will be issued 50 new tags by the Department.
- A Striped Bass Atlantic Ocean Fishery permit or share may be permanently transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through October 16, 2021.
 - The minimum share increment for a share transfer is 540 pounds, or the entire remaining share if the transferor has less than 540 pounds.
 - For each increment of 540 pounds transferred, the transferor must return 50 tags to the Department. If the transfer is less than 540 pounds, all remaining tags assigned to the transferor must be transferred to the transferee.
 - For each increment of 540 pounds received, the transferee will be issued 50 new tags by the Department.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to ensure Maryland's compliance with the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who are permitted to participate in the commercial striped bass fishery in the Atlantic Ocean.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. February 22, 2021.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.15.04H

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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