

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
2026 Commercial Black Sea Bass Quota — Effective 1/1/2026

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the commercial statewide quota for the commercial black sea bass fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026, the annual total allowable landings of black sea bass for Maryland are 808,848 pounds.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Black Sea Bass.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch black sea bass commercially.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 2026 quota may be adjusted pending final 2025 landings. If the quota is adjusted a new notice will be issued.

AUTHORITY

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