

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*2026 Recreational Bluefish Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the catch limit, size limit, and season for the 2026 recreational bluefish fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:

- Recreational anglers fishing from shore or private boats can keep up to 5 bluefish per person per day.
- Recreational anglers fishing from for-hire boats can keep up to 7 bluefish per person per day.
- The minimum size is 8 inches.
- There is no closed season.

**WHY THIS IS NECESSARY**

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Bluefish.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch bluefish recreationally.

**AUTHORITY**

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