

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

2026 Atlantic Coast Recreational and Charter Boat Striped Bass Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces changes to the recreational striped bass size and catch limits for the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and their tributaries. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:

- Anglers may keep one striped bass per person per day from the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays, and their tributaries.
- The minimum size for striped bass is 28 inches, total length.
- The maximum size is 31 inches, total length.

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.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch striped bass recreationally in the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and the coastal bay tributaries. It does not apply to individuals fishing in the Chesapeake Bay or the Chesapeake Bay tidal tributaries.

AUTHORITY

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