

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
2026 Summer Flounder Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the season, catch limit, and minimum size for the 2026 summer flounder fishery. The following rules are effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:

SEASON

The season is open January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

RECREATIONAL MINIMUM SIZE

- January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026: 16 inches
- June 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026: 17-1/2 inches

RECREATIONAL CATCH LIMIT

4 fish/person/day

COMMERCIAL MINIMUM SIZE

- Hook and Line:
 - January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026: 16 inches
 - June 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026: 17 1-2 inches
- Gear other than Hook and Line: 14 inches

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch summer flounder recreationally or commercially.

AUTHORITY

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