

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Menhaden, Tautog, and Weakfish Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Ave., E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or complete the comment form at <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#mtw>. Comments will be accepted through October 19, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.07 Atlantic Menhaden.

A.—F. (text unchanged)

G. General.

(1) *Public Notice.*

[(1)] (a) When the menhaden quota, established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, has been met, the Secretary may issue a public notice on the [Fisheries Service] Department's website to modify the season and catch limits in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan.

(b) *The public notice shall state its effective hour and date and shall be published on the Department's website at least 48 hours in advance of the effective hour and date.*

[(2)] (c) —[(3)] (d) (text unchanged)

(2) *A seafood dealer licensed in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall allow Department staff to collect commercial fishery biological data required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan from Atlantic menhaden landed in Maryland.*

.13 Weakfish and Spotted Sea Trout.

A.—E. (text unchanged)

F. Public Notice. [The Secretary:]

(1) [May] *The Secretary may modify, open, or close a season in order to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Fishery Management Plan for Weakfish by [publishing notice in a daily newspaper of general circulation at least 48 hours in advance, stating the effective hour and date; and] issuing a public notice on the Department's website.*

(2) *The public notice shall state its effective hour and date and shall be published on the Department's website at least 48 hours in advance of the effective hour and date.*

[(2)] (3) [Shall] *The Secretary shall make a reasonable effort to disseminate a public notice through various other media so that an affected person has a reasonable opportunity to be informed.*

(4) *A violation of the restrictions set by the Secretary in accordance with this section is a violation of this regulation.*

G. *Dealers. A seafood dealer licensed in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland shall allow Department staff to collect commercial fishery biological data required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan from weakfish landed in Maryland.*

.20 Tautog.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. General.

(1) *Public Notice.*

[(1)] (a)—[(2)] (b) (text unchanged)

[(3)] (c) The Secretary shall make a reasonable effort to disseminate a public notice through various other media so that an affected person has a reasonable opportunity to be informed.

[(4)] (d) (text unchanged)

[(5)] (2) (text unchanged)

(3) *A seafood dealer licensed in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall allow Department staff to collect commercial fishery biological data required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan from tautog landed in Maryland.*

JOSH KURTZ

Secretary of Natural Resources

08.02.15 Striped Bass

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-215, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[26-131-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .07 under **COMAR 08.02.15 Striped Bass.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to allow an individual participating in the striped bass drift gill net fishery to harvest other species of fish while fishing for striped bass using large mesh (5 to 7 inches) drift gill nets. Striped bass permittees fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries during the commercial drift gill net season (December through February) have reported that they also catch non-target species, such as blue catfish and gizzard shad, in their large mesh nets. Currently, during the commercial drift gill net season in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, only striped bass may be harvested from large mesh gill nets. This means that other species of fish that are caught (bycatch) in these nets are not legally allowed to be harvested and must be returned to the water.

In order to maximize the value of fish and minimize the possibility of dead discards across all species, the proposed action modifies the drift gill net rules to allow an individual participating in the drift gill net fishery to harvest species of fish other than striped bass from their net, only if they hold a striped bass permit with the required minimum amount of allocation remaining. The remaining allocation required to participate in harvesting bycatch will be determined by the Department and set by public notice. Setting the amount by public notice ensures that the striped bass commercial drift gill net fishery retains its focus as a striped bass fishery and allows the Department to respond to fishing behavior in a timely manner. The proposed action establishes the process for issuing and distributing the public notice. Any species being harvested is subject to all other applicable rules and regulations. The proposed action does not change seasons, size limits, or catch limits for any species.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The proposed action will economically benefit commercial striped bass permit holders and seafood dealers. However, the actual impact is indeterminable.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+)	Magnitude
	Cost (-)	
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:		
(1) Striped Bass Permittees	(+)	Indeterminable
(2) Seafood Dealers	(+)	Indeterminable

- E. On other industries or trade groups: NONE
- F. Direct and indirect effects on public: NONE

other media so that an affected individual has a reasonable opportunity to be informed.

(iv) *A violation of the restrictions set by the Secretary in accordance with this section is a violation of this regulation.*

D.—F. (text unchanged)

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

D(1). Commercial striped bass permittees that have a permit with the required minimum amount of allocation remaining will be able to harvest other species while fishing for striped bass during the striped bass drift gill net fishery (December 1 through the last day of February). This could result in additional income if they harvest species of marketable value. The actual impact is indeterminable because the Department is not able to predict the participation level of a permittee (species harvested, numbers harvested, length of participation, etc.) nor can the market for other species be predicted.

D(2). If commercial striped bass permittees harvest additional species during the striped bass drift gill net fishery (December 1 through the last day of February), there could be more fish to process and sell. This could result in additional income, but the actual impact is indeterminable because the Department is not able to predict the participation level of the permittees nor can the market for other species be predicted.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has a meaningful economic impact on small businesses. An analysis of this economic impact follows:

The proposed action has a positive impact on seafood dealers and commercial striped bass permittees. Please see the assumptions for details.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

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.07 Commercial Fishery.

- A.—B. (text unchanged)
- C. Drift Gill Net Fishery Limitations.
- (1)—(7) (text unchanged)

(8) Harvest of Species Other Than Striped Bass — Drift Gill Net.

(a) An individual participating in the drift gill net fishery in accordance with §C(2) of this regulation may harvest species of fish other than striped bass from the drift gill net if the permittee possesses the required remaining allocation set by the public notice issued in accordance with this section.

(b) A striped bass permittee harvesting fish in accordance with this section shall follow all rules and regulations for the species harvested.

(c) Public Notice.

(i) The Secretary shall establish and may modify the remaining allocation required for a permittee to take species other than striped bass as described in §C(8)(a) of this regulation by issuing a public notice on the Department's website.

(ii) The public notice shall state its effective hour and date and shall be published on the Department's website at least 48 hours in advance of the effective hour and date.

(iii) The Secretary shall make a reasonable effort to disseminate a public notice issued under this section through various

Title 10

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 09 MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

10.09.63 Community Violence Prevention Services

Authority: Health-General Article, §§2-104(b), 15-103, and 15-105, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[26-119-P]

The Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulations .03—.06 under **COMAR 10.09.63 Community Violence Prevention Services.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to reduce units of service to 15 minute increments and expand provider qualifications to include affiliation with any hospital in the State.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jordan Fisher Blotter, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 534, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-0938, or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through September 21, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Conditions for Participation.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Specific requirements for participation in the Program as a community violence prevention service provider are that a provider shall:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Maintain an affiliation with at least one [trauma Primary Adult Resource Center (PARC), level I, or level II licensed short-term general] hospital [or children's hospital] in Maryland through which the provider entity is authorized to provide community violence prevention services to beneficiaries in the hospital; and

(3) (text unchanged)

.04 Covered Services.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

C. The Program shall cover a maximum of [100 30-minute] 200 15-minute units of services in a rolling 12-month period.

JOSH KURTZ

Secretary of Natural Resources