

Striped Bass Regulations / Public Hearing

Agenda

- *Summer and Fall Striped Bass Recreational Regulations*
 - Background / ASMFC Action Needed
 - Spring Actions / Already Implemented
 - Proposal Details
 - Questions and Answers
 - Public Comment



Background

- *Addendum VI to Amendment 6 of the Striped Bass FMP*
 - Overfished and Overfishing is Occurring
 - Requires States to reduce overall removals by 18%
 - Commercial and Recreational
 - **Actions already taken:**
 - Commercial Reduction of 1.8%
 - Spring Measures – April Closure and May 1 Start Date (1@35”)
 - Atlantic Fishery: Slot limit – 1 fish @ 28-35”



Proposal details

- *Summer / Fall Proposal – Begins May 16th*
 - Catch/Possession limit is 1 fish per person per day
 - 19 inch minimum size
 - Seasonal Closure: August 16 – 31st (No Targeting) / for 2020
 - Removal of the ‘Boat Fish’ for Charters
 - End of the season on December 10



Questions and Comment

- *Changes to Fishing Regulations – DNR Website*
- *Comment due by June 8th*
- *Questions and comments must be directed to the Department – not members of the public.*
- *Questions and comments must focus on the proposal.*
- *One person will speak at a time.*
- *Be respectful of other viewpoints.*

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/ags/regulations/changes.aspx#sbsummer>

