Blue Crabs

Size:

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Atlantic – 5”

Season:

Bay – 4/1 – 12/15
Atlantic – 4/1 – 10/31

Female Importation:

Dates established by public notice in March/April (2021)

Striped Bass

Seasons:

Atlantic - all gears: 10/1 – 5/31

Sizes:

Bay – Min. 18” & Max. 36”
Atlantic – Min. 24”

Tag Colors:

2021: Common Pool – White; ITQ – Blue; Atlantic – Red
2022: Common Pool – Orange; ITQ – Yellow; Atlantic – Green

Oysters

Season: All gears except power dredge: 10/1 – 3/31; Power dredge: 11/1 – 3/31
Sizes: 3” for wild caught and aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 10/1-3/31); 2” for aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 4/1 – 9/30 and water column lease year round)

*Each bushel of oysters must be tagged with the appropriate wild fishery tag or aquaculture tag.

Open Fishing Seasons (Most Commonly Sold Fish)

Yellow Perch: 12/1 – 3/31
Summer Flounder: 1/1 – 12/31
Black Sea Bass: 1/1 – 12/31
Spiny Dogfish: 5/1 – 4/30
Tautog: 1/1 – 5/15 and 7/1 – 12/31
Spanish Mackerel: No closure
Red Drum: No closure
Black Drum: Not open in Coastal bays, No closure in Chesapeake Bay or Atlantic Ocean
Croaker: 3/16 – 12/31
Catfish: No closure

NOTE: Seasons may be subject to close by public notice (notices available HERE)

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