

June 27, 2016	2016 COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS FOR COMMON SPECIES (pounds/vessel)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b>	1000/wk (1/1)* 750/wk (1/24)	750/wk 500/wk (2/14)	500/wk	500/wk CLOSED (4/3)	50/day (5/1)* (closed Friday)	50/day (closed Friday) <b>CLOSED (6/5)</b>	50/day (7/1)*	CLOSED (8/1)*	50/day (9/15)*		100/day (11/1)*	
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	500/wk (1/1)*	500/wk 250/wk (2/28)	250/wk	250/wk	4,000/wk (5/1)*	<b>6,000/wk</b>					500/wk (11/16)*	
<b>MENHADEN</b> In the Menhaden Management Area	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 120,000/vsl/day (5/16)	120,000/vsl/day <b>CLOSED (6/27)</b>			OPEN at 25,000/day in special fall open area)(9/1)*			
<b>MENHADEN</b> In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited 120,000 vsl/day (5/20)	<b>120,000/vsl/day</b>						
<b>SCUP</b> General Category	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day	50,000/day	10,000/wk (5/1)*	<b>10,000/wk</b>			10,000/wk (9/18)*		2,000/day (11/1)*	
<b>SCUP</b> Floating Fish Traps	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day	50,000/day	Unlimited (5/1)*	<b>Unlimited</b>					2,000/day (11/1)*	
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> General Category	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 5 fish/day (5/29)*	5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) <b>CLOSED (6/23)</b>			CLOSED (9/1)* 5 fish/day (9/8)*			
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> Floating Traps	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	Unlimited (4/1)*	Unlimited	<b>CLOSED (6/1)*</b>						
<b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b>												
Without a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day	200/day 100/day (4/17)	50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>50/day</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)			100/day (9/16)*			
With a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day	200/day 100/day (4/17)	50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>50/day</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)			100/day (9/16)*			
Weekly (aggregate) limit	CLOSED	CLOSED 2,500/bi-wk (2/7)***	2,500/bi-wk 3,000/bi-wk (3/20)**	3,000/bi-wk 1,000/bi-wk (4/17)**	CLOSED (5/1)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>250/wk (6/1)***</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)			CLOSED (9/16)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>TAUTOG</b>	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 10 fish (4/15)*	10 fish/vsl CLOSED (5/9)	<b>CLOSED (6/1)*</b>		10 fish (8/1)*		10 fish (10/15)*		

Current possession limits in red

\* Indicates start of a sub-period

\*\* Weekly possession limit only for vessels with a Summer Flounder Aggregate Landing Program Permit.

For species not identified in this chart, go to the Marine Fisheries webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/mfsizes.htm>.

For all finfish regulations, go to <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rmf3.pdf>