

September 11, 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 Fridays)	50/day (closed Fridays) CLOSED (6/5)	50/day (7/1)* (closed Fridays) CLOSED (7/13)	CLOSED (8/1)*	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>50/day (9/15)*</b> (closed Fridays)	(closed Fridays)	100/day (11/1)* (open on Fridays)	
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	500/wk (1/1)*	500/wk 250/wk (2/28)	250/wk	250/wk	4,000/wk (5/1)*	6,000/wk	6,000/wk 12,000/wk (7/10)	12,000/wk	<b>12,000/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 CLOSED (6/27)	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>25,000/day in special fall open area (9/1)*</b>			
<b>MENHADEN</b> In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited 120,000 vsl/day (5/20)	120,000/vsl/day	120,000/vsl/day	120,000/vsl/day	<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)*	10,000/wk	10,000/wk	10,000/wk	<b>10,000/wk (9/18)*</b>		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)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	<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.) CLOSED (6/23)	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>5 fish/day (9/8)*</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)	(closed Fri. & Sat.)		
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> Floating Fish Traps	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	Unlimited (4/1)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited CLOSED (8/3)	<b>CLOSED</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.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>50/day</b> <b>200/day (9/11)</b> <b>100/day (9/16)*</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)		
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.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	50/day (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>50/day</b> <b>200/day (9/11)</b> <b>100/day (9/16)*</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)		
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.)	250/wk (6/1)*** (closed Fri. & Sat.)	250/wk (6/1)*** (closed Fri. & Sat.)	250/wk** (closed Fri. & Sat.)	<b>CLOSED (9/4)</b> <b>50/day</b> (closed Fri. & Sat.)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>TAUTOG</b>	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 10 fish (4/15)*	10 fish/vsl CLOSED (5/9)	CLOSED	CLOSED	10 fish (8/1)*	<b>10 fish</b>	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/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/mfsizes.php>

For all finfish regulations, go to <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rimf3.pdf>