

Updated 11/4/2016	2016 COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS FOR COMMON SPECIES (pounds/vessel)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BLACK SEA BASS	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)*	CLOSED 50/day (9/15)* (closed Fridays) CLOSED (9/29)	CLOSED	50/day (11/1)* (open on Fridays)	
BLUEFISH	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	12,000/wk	12,000/wk	12,000/wk 500/wk (11/16)*	
MENHADEN 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	CLOSED (except for designated fall area open @ 25,000/day (9/1)*	CLOSED (except for designated fall area open @ 25,000/day	CLOSED (except for designated fall area open @ 25,000/day CLOSED (11/7)	CLOSED
MENHADEN 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	120,000/vsl/day	120,000/vsl/day	120,000/vsl/day CLOSED (11/7)	CLOSED
SCUP 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	10,000/wk 10,000/wk (9/18)*	10,000/wk	18,000/day (11/1)*	
SCUP Floating Fish Traps	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day	50,000/day	Unlimited (5/1)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	18,000/day (11/1)*	
STRIPED BASS 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	CLOSED 5 fish/day (9/8)* (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (9/25) 5 fish/day (9/29)	5 fish/day CLOSED (10/10)	CLOSED	CLOSED
STRIPED BASS Floating Fish Traps	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	Unlimited (4/1)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited CLOSED (8/3)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SUMMER FLOUNDER												
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.)	50/day 200/day (9/11) 100/day (9/16)*	100/day	100/day
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.)	50/day 200/day (9/11) 100/day (9/16)*	100/day	100/day
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.)	CLOSED (9/4)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
TAUTOG	CLOSED (1/1)*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 10 fish (4/15)*	10 fish/vsl CLOSED (5/9)	CLOSED	CLOSED	10 fish (8/1)*	10 fish CLOSED (9/16)*	CLOSED 10 fish (10/15)* CLOSED (10/26) 10 fish (10/31)	10 fish CLOSED (11/3)	CLOSED

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/rmf3.pdf>