

Updated 2/3/2017	2017 COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS FOR COMMONLY HARVESTED SPECIES (pounds/vessel)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b>	750/wk (1/1)* 500/wk (1/22)	500/wk	500/wk		50/day (5/1)* (closed Fridays)		50/day (7/1)* (closed Fridays)	CLOSED (8/1)*	50/day (9/15)* (closed Fridays)	CLOSED	50/day (11/1)*	
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	500/wk (1/1)*	500/wk	500/wk 250/wk (2/5)		4,000/wk (5/1)*						500/wk (11/16)*	
<b>MENHADEN</b> In the Menhaden Management Area	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED						25,000/day for designated fall season area (9/1)*			
<b>MENHADEN</b> In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited									
<b>SCUP</b> General Category	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day		10,000/wk (5/1)*				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		Unlimited (5/1)*						2,000/day (11/1)*	
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> General Category	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	5 fish/day (5/29)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)				5 fish/day (9/8)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)			
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> Floating Fish Traps	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	Unlimited (4/1)*								
<b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b>												
Without a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day		50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)				100/day (9/16)*			
With a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day		50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)				100/day (9/16)*			
Weekly (aggregate) limit (permitted vessels only)	CLOSED	CLOSED 1,300/bi-wk (2/5)**	1,300/bi-wk**		CLOSED (5/1)*		200/wk (6/1)** (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)		CLOSED (9/16)*			
<b>TAUTOG</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10 fish (4/15)*			CLOSED (6/1)*	CLOSED	10 fish (8/1)*	CLOSED (9/16)*	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/rmf3.pdf>