

| Updated May 16, 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)*<br>500/wk (1/22)   | 500/wk                            | 500/wk                                  | 500/wk<br>600/wk (4/2)<br>700/wk (4/16) | 50/day (5/1)*<br>(closed Fridays)                    |   | 50/day (7/1)*<br>(closed Fridays) | CLOSED (8/1)*  | 50/day (9/15)*<br>(closed Fridays)                | CLOSED           | 100/day (11/1)*   |     |
| <b>BLUEFISH</b>   | 500/wk (1/1)*  | 500/wk                            | 500/wk<br>250/wk (3/5)<br>500/wk (3/26) | 500/wk<br>750/wk (4/16)                 | 6,000/wk (5/1)*                                      |   |                                   |                |   |                  | 500/wk (11/16)*   |     |
| <b>MENHADEN</b><br>In the Menhaden Management Area                      | CLOSED   | CLOSED                            | CLOSED                                  | CLOSED                                  | CLOSED   |   |                                   |                | 25,000/day for designated fall season area (9/1)* |                  |                   |     |
| <b>MENHADEN</b><br>In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area | Unlimited  | Unlimited                         | Unlimited                               | Unlimited                               | Unlimited<br>CLOSED (5/14)                           |   |                                   |                |   |                  |                   |     |
| <b>SCUP</b><br>General Category   | 50,000/day (1/1)*  | 50,000/day                        | 50,000/day                              | 50,000/day                              | 10,000/wk (5/1)*                                     |   |                                   |                | 10,000/wk (9/18)*                                 |                  | 2,000/day (11/1)* |     |
| <b>SCUP</b><br>Floating Fish Traps                                      | 50,000/day (1/1)*  | 50,000/day                        | 50,000/day                              | 50,000/day                              | Unlimited (5/1)*                                     |   |                                   |                |   |                  | 2,000/day (11/1)* |     |
| <b>STRIPED BASS</b><br>General Category                                 | CLOSED   | CLOSED                            | CLOSED                                  | CLOSED                                  | CLOSED<br>5 fish/day (5/28)*<br>(closed Fri. & Sat.) |   |                                   |                | 5 fish/day (9/10)*<br>(closed Fri. & Sat.)        |                  |                   |     |
| <b>STRIPED BASS</b><br>Floating Fish Traps                              | CLOSED   | CLOSED                            | CLOSED                                  | Unlimited (4/1)*                        | Unlimited  |   |                                   |                |   |                  |                   |     |
| <b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b>  |  |                                   |   |   |  |   |                                   |                |   |                  |                   |     |
| Without a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate                      | 200/day (1/1)*   | 200/day                           | 200/day                                 | 200/day                                 | 50/day (5/1)*<br>(closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)     |   |                                   |                | 100/day (9/16)*                                   |                  |                   |     |
| With a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate                         | 200/day (1/1)*   | 200/day                           | 200/day                                 | 200/day                                 | 50/day (5/1)*<br>(closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)     |   |                                   |                | 100/day (9/16)*                                   |                  |                   |     |
| Weekly (aggregate) limit (permitted vessels only)                       | CLOSED   | CLOSED<br>1,300/bi-wk<br>(2/5)*** | 1,300/bi-wk                             | 1,300/bi-wk                             | CLOSED (5/1)*  | 200/wk (6/1)**<br>(closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly) |                                   |                | CLOSED (9/16)*                                    |                  |                   |     |
| <b>TAUTOG</b>   | CLOSED   | CLOSED                            | CLOSED                                  | CLOSED<br>10 fish (4/15)*               | 10 fish<br>CLOSED (5/19)                             | CLOSED (6/1)*                                     | CLOSED                            | 10 fish (8/1)* | CLOSED (9/16)*                                    | 10 fish (10/15)* |                   |     |

\* 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/reqs/reqs/fishwild/rimf3.pdf>