

| Updated October 4, 2017 | 2017 COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS FOR COMMONLY HARVESTED SPECIES (pounds/vessel) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|-----|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| BLACK SEA BASS | 750/wk (1/1)* 500/wk (1/22) | 500/wk | 500/wk | 500/wk 600/wk (4/2) 700/wk (4/16) | 50/day (5/1)* (closed Fridays) | 50/day CLOSED (6/10) 50/day (6/28) (closed Fridays) | 50/day (7/1)* (closed Fridays) CLOSED (7/20) | CLOSED (8/1)* | CLOSED 50/day (9/15)* (closed Fridays) | 50/day (closed Fridays) | 100/day (11/1)* | |
| BLUEFISH | 500/wk (1/1)* | 500/wk | 500/wk 250/wk (3/5) 500/wk (3/26) | 500/wk 750/wk (4/16) | 6,000/wk (5/1)* 10,000/wk (5/28) | 10,000/wk | 10,000/wk 15,000/wk (7/30) | 15,000/wk | 15,000/wk | 15,000/wk | 500/wk (11/16)* | |
| MENHADEN In the Menhaden Management Area | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED 120,000/day (5/21) | 120,000/day | 120,000/day CLOSED (7/13) | CLOSED (7/13) 120,000/day (8/10) | 120,000/day (8/10) CLOSED (9/8) [25,000/day for designated fall season area (9/1)* CLOSED (9/1)**] | CLOSED | | |
| MENHADEN In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited CLOSED (5/14) 120,000/day (5/21) | 120,000/day | 120,000/day CLOSED (7/6) | CLOSED | CLOSED | 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 (9/17)* 7,500/wk (9/17) | 7,500/wk 6,000/wk (10/8) | 2,000/day (11/1)* 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 | 2,000/day (11/1)* 18,000/day (11/1) | |
| STRIPED BASS General Category | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED 5 fish/day (5/28)* (closed Fri. & Sat.) | 5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (7/3) | 5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (7/3) 5 fish/day (7/10) CLOSED (7/16) | CLOSED | CLOSED 5 fish/day (9/10)* (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (9/19) 5 fish/day (10/1) (closed Fri. & Sat.) | 5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) | | |
| STRIPED BASS Floating Fish Traps | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | Unlimited (4/1)* | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | | |
| SUMMER FLOUNDER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Without a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate | 200/day (1/1)* | 200/day | 200/day | 200/day | 50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (8/17) | CLOSED 100/day (9/16)* 50/day (9/16) | 50/day | |
| With a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate | 200/day (1/1)* | 200/day | 200/day | 200/day | 50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (8/17) | 50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (8/17) | CLOSED 100/day (9/16)* 50/day (9/16) | 50/day | |
| Weekly (aggregate) limit (permitted vessels only) | CLOSED | CLOSED 1,300/bi-wk (2/5)** | 1,300/bi-wk | 1,300/bi-wk | CLOSED (5/1)* | 200/wk (6/1)** (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) | 200/wk (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (7/30) | CLOSED | CLOSED (9/16)* | CLOSED | | |
| TAUTOG | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED 10 fish (4/15)* | 10 fish CLOSED (5/19) | CLOSED (6/1)* | CLOSED | 10 fish (8/1)* CLOSED (8/31) | CLOSED (9/16)* | CLOSED | 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/regs/regs/fishwild/rimf3.pdf>

*** Designated Fall season area for menhaden will NOT OPEN on Sept. 1 due to lack of quota available and closure of the 2017 Episodic Event Set Aside Program