



Notice to Recreational Fishermen

NEW STRIPED BASS AND BLUEFISH RECREATIONAL FISHING MEASURES FOR 2020

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) have taken action to reduce harvest of striped bass and bluefish in 2020, in response to a determination that both stocks are in an overfished condition. As a result, Connecticut has adopted more conservative recreational regulations for both species in 2020.

The 2020 striped bass measures for Connecticut are:

28-35 inch slot limit (change from previous 28 inch minimum length limit)
1 fish bag limit
Open season year-round

Note: the 28-35 inch slot limit allows harvest of striped bass greater than or equal to 28 inches and less than 35 inches. Any striped bass less than 28 inches, or 35 inches or greater must be released.

The 2020 bluefish measures for Connecticut are:

3 fish bag limit for private anglers (change from 10 fish bag limit)
5 fish bag limit for party/charter boat anglers (change from 10 fish bag limit)
No size limit
Open season year-round

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043.

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