



Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association

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PENDING 2016 RECREATIONAL STRIPED BASS REGULATIONS

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association would like to announce some pending changes in the 2016 striped bass fishery. Please note that all decisions must be approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). These changes were voted on by the Maryland Sport Fish Advisory Commission (SFAC) and will be submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Trophy Season:

By a unanimous vote, the SFAC approved a change in the Trophy season to a 1 fish/person minimum 35" (season length remains the same; 3rd Saturday in April to May 15)

Summer/Fall Season:

The SFAC voted to approve two options for the summer/fall fishery for the Department to advance:

1.) Status Quo:

2 fish per person, minimum 20 inches (2 fish/person 20"-28"
OR 1 fish 20"-28" and 1 fish 28" or more)

2.) Captains Choice 2 fish or 1 fish per person:

2 fish per person, minimum 20 inches (2 fish/person 20"-28"
or 1 fish 20"-28" and 1 fish 28" or more) OR 1 fish/person minimum
18" (everyone on the boat will have to comply and agree on size
limit)

Coastal Fishery:

SFAC voted to change the current regulation of 1 fish/person 28" and over, to mirror the Delaware regulations of 2 fish/person 28-38" or 44" and above (all year)

****Please remember these are proposed changes and are pending approval from the ASMFC.**