

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Commercial Striped Bass Chesapeake Bay Individual Transferrable Quota Season Modification —
Effective 12/1/2020

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces modifications to the 2020 commercial striped bass Chesapeake Bay Individual Transferrable Quota (ITQ) fishery seasons for hook and line, haul seines, and drift gill nets. This notice does not affect the rules for the 2021 commercial striped bass Chesapeake Bay Individual Transferrable Quota fishery.

SEASON MODIFICATIONS

- The hook and line season is modified to allow for striped bass harvest using hook and line through and including December 31, 2020. The season is also modified to allow harvest Monday through Friday.
- The haul seine season is modified to allow for striped bass harvest using haul seines through and including December 31, 2020. Open harvest days remain Monday through Friday.
- The drift gill net season is modified to allow for striped bass harvest with drift gill nets on Saturdays and Sundays through and including December 31, 2020.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This action applies to all commercial striped bass permittees registered in the ITQ fishery.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.15.12H

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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