

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*Changes for the Atlantic Coast Recreational and Charter Boat Striped Bass Fishery —*  
*Effective 1/1/2021*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces changes to the recreational striped bass size and catch limits for the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and their tributaries. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2021:

- Anglers may keep one striped bass per person per day from the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays, and their tributaries.
- The striped bass must be at least 28 inches and less than 35 inches in length.

**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.

[http://asmfc.org/uploads/file/5dc071b0pr35AtlStripedBassAddVI\\_Approval.pdf](http://asmfc.org/uploads/file/5dc071b0pr35AtlStripedBassAddVI_Approval.pdf)

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch striped bass recreationally in the Atlantic Ocean, its coastal bays and the coastal bay tributaries. It does not apply to individuals fishing in the Chesapeake Bay or the Chesapeake Bay tidal tributaries.

**AUTHORITY**

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