

Final annotations
Public Hearing - February 13, 2017
RIMFR Part XII – Striped Bass

12.2 Commercial – General Category:

- (A) January 1 – May ~~28~~ 27: Closed.

- (B) May ~~29~~ 28 – August 31:
 - (1) Allocation: Seventy percent (70%) of the general category quota will be available in this sub-period.

 - (2) Possession limit: Five (5) fish per person per calendar day, or if fishing from a vessel, five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day.

 - (3) The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub-period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of Striped bass on these days for general category commercial fishermen.

 - (4) The sub-period will close once seventy percent (70%) of the general category quota is projected to be harvested if prior to August 31.

- (C) September ~~8~~ 10 – December 31:
 - (1) Allocation: Thirty percent (30%) of the general category quota will be available in this sub-period.

 - (2) Possession limit: Five (5) fish per person per calendar day, or if fishing from a vessel, five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day.

 - (3) The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of Striped bass on these days for general category commercial fishermen.

 - (4) The sub-period will close when 30% of the general category quota is projected to be harvested.

 - (5) If DFW determines that the quota will be exceeded or will not be met before the end of the fall season, DFW may adjust that catch rate accordingly on or after September 15 annually.

12.4 Commercial - Floating Fish Trap:

12.4.1 Floating fish trap operators must be permitted pursuant to RIGL §20-5-1, and abide by all conditions as specified in RIGL Chapter 20-5 and RIMFR Part XIV. Application shall be made to the DFW on forms prescribed by the Director.

12.4.2 Allocation: During a single calendar year, the floating fish trap quota shall not be more than thirty-nine percent (39%) of the annual Rhode Island commercial quota.

12.4.3 Minimum size: Twenty-six inches (26") in total length.

12.4.4 Season: April 1 through December 31.

12.4.5 Possession limit: Unlimited. Once seventy percent (70%) of the seasonal allocation is projected to be harvested the possession limit shall be 200 pounds per floating fish trap licensee per calendar day.