

R.I. Marine Fisheries Regulations  
**PART III - MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL**

**3.2.1-4 – Current Possession limit:** If no current possession limit is noted in the table below, refer to Part 7 of the RI Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations for the sub-period starting possession limit for all species other than striped bass, menhaden, and horseshoe crabs. For striped bass, if no current possession limit is noted in the table below, refer to Part 12 of the RI Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations for the sub period starting possession limit. For horseshoe crabs, refer to Part 15 of the RI Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations. For menhaden, refer to Part 16 of the RI Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Current possession limit</b>	<b>Effective dates</b>
Atlantic Herring – Area 1A	<del>Directed Fishery is CLOSED; 2,000 lbs/ vessel/calendar day.</del>	<del>Effective 12:01AM on October 18, 2013, until the next fishing season begins on January 1, 2014.</del>
Atlantic Herring – Area 1B	<b><u>Directed Fishery CLOSED; 2,000 lbs/ vessel/calendar day bycatch allowance</u></b>	Effective 12:01AM on <del>October 29, 2013</del> <b><u>May 28, 2014</u></b> , until <del>further notice</del> <b><u>the next fishing season begins on May 1, 2015.</u></b>
Atlantic Herring – Area 2	OPEN UNLIMITED	Effective 12:01AM on October 29, 2013, until further notice.
Atlantic Herring – Area 3	<del>Directed Fishery is CLOSED; vessels issued Federal Atlantic Herring permits may NOT fish for more than 2,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day.</del> <b><u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u></b>	Effective 12:01AM on <del>October 24, 2013,</del> until the next fishing season begins on January 1, 2014.
Scup – General Category	<del>25,000 pounds per vessel per week</del> <b><u>OPEN at 10,000 lbs/vessel/week.</u></b>	Effective 12:01AM on <del>October 24, 2013,</del> until the next sub-period begins at <del>12:01AM on November 1, 2013,</del> at <del>8,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day</del> <b><u>May 1, 2014.</u></b>
Scup – Floating Fish Trap	<b><u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u></b>	<b><u>Effective January 1, 2014.</u></b>
Striped Bass – General Category	<del>OPEN FOR FIVE (5) DAYS at five (5) fish/vessel/calendar day</del> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Effective 12:01AM on <del>November 24, 2013,</del> closing <del>12:01AM November 29, 2013,</del> <b><u>January 1, 2014</u></b> until the next sub-period begins June <del>58,</del> 2014, at 5 fish/person/day.
Striped Bass – Floating Fish Traps	<b><u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u></b>	<b><u>Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2014.</u></b>
Summer Flounder	OPEN at 100 lbs/vessel/day; <del>or 1,000 lbs/vessel/week if permitted in the Aggregate Landing Program</del> <b><u>is CLOSED.</u></b>	Effective 12:01AM <del>on April 20, 2014,</del> until the next sub-period begins on May 1, 2014, <del>at 100 lbs/vessel/calendar day.</del>

Spiny Dogfish	OPEN at 4,000 lbs/vessel/day.	Effective 12:01AM on <del>March 28, 2013,</del> <del>3,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day,</del> and then commencing 12:01AM on May 1, 201 <del>3</del> <u>4</u> , will increase to 4,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day.
Weakfish	<u>OPEN at 100 lbs/vessel/day as bycatch w/ equivalent poundage of other species</u>	<u>Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2014, until the next sub-period begins on June 1, 2014 at 100 lbs/vessel/day..</u>