

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

3.1.4 Current Possession limit: If no current possession limit is noted in the table below, refer to RI Marine Fisheries Regulations (RIMFR) Part 7 for the sub-period starting possession limit for all species other than Striped bass, Menhaden, and Horseshoe crabs. For Striped bass, refer to RIMFR Part 12; for Horseshoe crabs, refer to RIMFR Part 15; for Menhaden, refer to RIMFR Part 16.

Species	Current possession limit	Effective dates
Atlantic Herring – Area 1A	Directed Fishery is CLOSED; 2,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day bycatch allowance. <u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u>	Effective 12:01AM on October 31, 2014, until January 1, 2015.
Black Sea Bass	CLOSED <u>OPEN at 750 lbs/vessel/calendar day.</u>	Effective 12:01AM on November 13, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the next sub-period begins on May 1, 2015 at 50 lbs/vessel/day.</u>
Coastal Sharks – Smoothhound Sharks Species Group	OPEN UNLIMITED	Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2014, until the fishing season ends on December 31, 2014, or <u>2015</u> until further notice.
Coastal Sharks - Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Shark Species Group	CLOSED <u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u>	Effective 12:01AM on July 29, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015,</u> until further notice.
Coastal Sharks - Blacknose Coastal Shark Species Group	CLOSED <u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u>	Effective 12:01AM on July 29, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015,</u> until further notice.
Coastal Sharks - Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks Species Group	CLOSED	Effective 12:01AM on December 4, 2014, until further notice <u>the next fishing season opens on July 1, 2015.</u>
Coastal Sharks - Hammerhead Sharks Species Group	CLOSED	Effective 12:01AM on December 4, 2014, until further notice <u>the next fishing season opens on July 1, 2015.</u>
Coastal Sharks - Pelagic Sharks Species Group <u>(excluding Porbeagle sharks)</u>	OPEN UNLIMITED	Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2014 until the fishing season ends on December 31, 2014, or <u>2015,</u> until further notice.
Coastal Sharks - Porbeagle Sharks of the Pelagic Shark Species Group	OPEN UNLIMITED <u>CLOSED</u>	Effective 12:01 AM on January 1 <u>December 19,</u> 2014, until the fishing season ends on <u>December 31, 2014, or extending through December 31, 2015</u> until further notice.

Horseshoe Crab – commercial bait fishery	CLOSED <u>OPEN</u>	Effective 12:01AM on May 17, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015</u> .
Menhaden – In State Waters outside the Menhaden Mgmt. Area	<u>OPEN UNLIMITED</u>	<u>Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2015, until further notice.</u>
Monkfish	<u>OPEN at 550 lbs tail weight or 1,826 lbs whole weight per vessel/calendar day.</u>	<u>Effective May 1, 2014, until further notice.</u>
Scup – General Category	OPEN at 18,000 <u>50,000</u> lbs/vessel/calendar day	Effective November 1, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the next sub-period opens on May 1, 2015 at 10,000 lbs/vessel/week.</u>
Scup – Floating Fish Traps	OPEN at 18,000 <u>50,000</u> lbs/vessel/calendar day	Effective November 1, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the next sub-period opens on May 1, 2015 (unlimited).</u>
Striped Bass – General Category	OPEN at 5 fish per vessel per day <u>CLOSED</u>	Effective 12:01AM on October 19, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the fishery opens on June 8, 2015 at 5 fish/vessel/day.</u>
Striped Bass – Floating Fish Traps	OPEN UNLIMITED <u>CLOSED</u>	Effective 12:01AM on January 1, 2014 <u>2015, until the fishery opens on April 1, 2015 (unlimited).</u>
Summer Flounder	OPEN at 300 <u>200</u> lbs/vessel/calendar day; the Aggregate Landing Program is CLOSED.	Effective 12:01AM on November 28, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the Winter sub-period of the Aggregate Landing Program opens at 2,000 lbs/vessel/week for permitted vessels.</u>
Tautog	CLOSED	Effective 12:01AM on November 11, 2014 <u>January 1, 2015, until the fishery opens on April 15, 2015 at ten (10) fish per vessel per day.</u>
Weakfish	OPEN at 100 lbs/vessel/day. <u>Directed fishery is CLOSED; 100 lbs/vessel/calendar day bycatch allowance.</u>	Effective 12:01AM on June 1, 2014 <u>November 9, 2014, until the directed fishery opens on June 1, 2015 at 100 lbs/vessel/calendar day.</u>