



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT



**RHODE ISLAND MARINE FISHERIES
REGULATIONS**

**Part 3
Finfish**

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Proposed/annotated regulations

Public Hearing
April 20, 2016

AUTHORITY: Title 20, Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-17.7, and in accordance with Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5), Administrative Procedures Act of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM # 1

Recreational Black Sea Bass Proposed Management Options

OPTION 1:

(A) Minimum size: ~~Fourteen inches (14")~~ **Fifteen inches (15")**. Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) ~~July 2~~ **June 15** through August 31: ~~One (1)~~ **Two (2)** fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

OPTION 2:

(A) Minimum size: ~~Fourteen inches (14")~~ **Fifteen inches (15")**. Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) ~~July 2~~ **June 24** through August 31: ~~One (1)~~ **Three (3)** fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

OPTION 3:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

~~(1) July 2 through August 31: One (1) fish per person per calendar day,~~

~~whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

~~(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

(1) July 11 through December 31: Three (3) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

OPTION 4:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

~~(1) July 2 through August 31: One (1) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

~~(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

(1) July 5 through December 31: Three (3) fish per person per day.

(C) Licensed Party and Charter vessel seasons and possession limits:

(1) August 1 through August 31: Two (2) fish per person per day.

(2) September 1 through December 31: Five (5) fish per person per day.