

2024 Tautog State Commercial Regulations

No reported changes for 2025. For the most up-to-date information, refer to the specific state

STATE	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS	QUOTA*	GEAR RESTRICTIONS
		(number of fish)		(pounds)	
Massachusetts	16"	40	Sept 1 – 100% of Quota	64,753	Mandatory pot requirements. Area/time closures for specific gear types.
Rhode Island	16"	10	Apr 1 – May 31 (42.5%) Aug 1 – Sep 15 (15%) Oct 15 – Dec 31 (42.5%)	51,348	Mandatory pot requirements.
Connecticut	16"	3 (restricted licenses) 10 (all other)	Apr 1 – Apr 30 Jul 1 – Aug 31 Oct 8 – Dec 24	-	Mandatory pot requirements.
New York	15"	25 (10 fish w/ lobster gear and when 6 lobsters are in possession)	LIS: May 7 – July 31; Sept 1- Nov 23 NY Bight: Apr 16 – Jan 25	-	Mandatory pot requirements. Gill or trammel net is prohibited.
New Jersey	15"	> 100 lb requires directed fishery permit; <= 100 lb requires either directed or non-directed fishery permit	Jan 1 – May 1 Sept 19-Dec 31	103,000	Mandatory pot requirements.
Delaware	16"	4	Jan 1 – May 15 July 1 – Dec 31	-	Mandatory pot requirements.
Maryland	16"	4 2 4	Jan 1-May 15 July 1 – Oct 31 Nov 1- Dec 31	-	Mandatory pot requirements.
Virginia	15"	-	Jan 1 – Jan 21 Mar 1 – May 15 Nov 1 – Dec 31	-	Mandatory pot requirements. Pots prohibited in tidal waters.

*Quotas do not account for any overages from the previous fishing year