

2025 State/Regional Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures

STATE	Size Limit	Possession Limit	Open Season
MAINE	13”	10 fish	May 19-September 21; October 18-December 31
NEW HAMPSHIRE	16.5”	4 fish	January 1-December 31
MASSACHUSETTS	16.5”	4 fish	May 17-September 1
RHODE ISLAND Private & Shore	16.5”	2 fish	May 22-August 26
		3 fish	August 27-December 31
RI For-Hire	16”	2 fish	June 18-August 31
		6 fish	September 1-December 31
CONNECTICUT Private & Shore	16”	5 fish	May 17-June 23; July 8-November 25
CT (Authorized For-Hire Monitoring Program vessels)		5 fish	May 17-August 31
		7 fish	September 1-December 31
NEW YORK	16.5”	3 fish	June 23-August 31
		6 fish	September 1-December 31
NEW JERSEY	12.5”	10 fish	May 17-June 19
		1 fish	July 1-August 31
		10 fish	October 1-October 31
		15 fish	November 1-December 31
DELAWARE	13”	15 fish	May 15-September 30; October 10-December 31
MARYLAND			
VIRGINIA ¹			May 15-July 15; July 27-December 31
NORTH CAROLINA North of Cape Hatteras (N of 35° 15’N)			May 15-September 30; October 10-December 31

¹ Virginia will be reducing their season by 9 days to account for catch during their Wave 1 February recreational fishery. However, the exact new season has not been finalized at this time.