

REPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE SPRING RECREATIONAL STRIPED BASS TROPHY PERMIT



Who has to report?

All Spring Recreational Striped Bass Trophy Permit holders are required to report all trophy-size striped bass (36 inches total length or greater) caught or released, even when no trophy-size striped bass were caught during the spring trophy-size striped bass recreational season.

Why am I reporting this information?

Virginia is required to report data to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). The ASMFC coordinates the conservation and management of 25 near-shore fish species, including Atlantic Striped Bass, for Atlantic coastal states. The data you report helps to provide population information to scientists and fisheries managers who work to have quality and sustainable management practices.

What do I need to report?

Permit holders need to provide the permittee name, commission permit identification number, the date of harvest, the water body where the trophy-size striped bass was caught, number of trophy-size striped bass kept or released, and the length of each trophy-size striped bass kept or released. Any weight information may be provided voluntarily. All reports are due no later than 15 days after the close of the Bay and the Coastal Spring Trophy-size striped bass recreational seasons. For more information, [Virginia Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 ET SEQ. "Pertaining to the Taking of Striped Bass,"](#) provides recreational season information and all requirements for reporting your trophy fish.

How do I report?

You may meet your reporting requirements by utilizing the VA Saltwater Journal found at <https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com>. The VA Saltwater Journal has a dedicated section for reporting trophy season striped bass either captured or released. You must also report your non-participation if you did not fish during the trophy season. Alternatively, paper forms may be found on our website at [http://mrc.virginia.gov/forms/2016/2016 Striped Bass Recreational Trophy Report Form.pdf](http://mrc.virginia.gov/forms/2016/2016%20Striped%20Bass%20Recreational%20Trophy%20Report%20Form.pdf) that will allow you to mail in your reports. *We cannot accept any reports sent by email.*

What if I didn't catch any spring trophy-size striped bass?

All Spring Recreational Striped Bass Trophy Permit holders are required to report, so you will need to tell the VMRC that you did not participate in the Bay or Coastal Spring Trophy-size striped bass recreational seasons. You can do this by using the VA Saltwater Journal, sending in a paper form, or by calling the VMRC office at (757) 247-2200.

What if I can't log in to the VA Saltwater Journal to report?

If you have never used the VA Saltwater Journal before, you will need to register by clicking the "Register Here" button. If you have previously registered but cannot remember your password, please click the "Forgot Password" button. The VA Saltwater Journal only allows one user per email address. However, a registered VA Saltwater Journal user can report for another permit holder in the Journal by entering their VMRC ID. If you continue to have trouble, you may use the paper form to mail in the report.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the VMRC office at (757) 247-2200.