

# SPRING STRIPED BASS RECREATIONAL TROPHY-SIZE REPORT FORM

This report must be filled out and submitted to the VMRC no later than June 30 of current year

Each fisherman, captain, or boat operator is responsible for complying with all requirements contained in Chapter 4VAC 20-252-10 et seq. This chapter requires each person the age of sixteen or older, participating in the Bay or Coastal Spring Trophy-Size striped bass recreational fisheries to obtain a Spring Recreational Striped Bass Trophy Permit from the Commission, prior to any participation, except when fishing from a legally licensed headboat or charter boat. It also requires all striped bass kept during the trophy season to be reported.

**FISHING SEASONS:** Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries--May 1 (12:01 AM) - June 15(11:59 PM)

Coastal Virginia waters--May 1 (12:01 AM) - May 15 (11:59 PM)

**TROPHY POSSESSION MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT:** 36 inches total length

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 1 trophy-size fish per person. When fishing from a boat or vessel, where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit shall be for the boat or vessel and shall be equal to the number of persons on board, legally eligible to fish, multiplied by the applicable personal possession limit. The captain or operator of the boat or vessel shall be responsible for any boat or vessel possession limit.

**POTOMAC RIVER TRIBUTARIES:** Please refer to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission for trophy season, size, and possession limits for the Potomac River tributaries.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS:**

- NO SALE OF RECREATIONALLY CAUGHT STRIPED BASS
- Alteration of striped bass while aboard any boat or vessel or while fishing from shore or pier so that total length - cannot be determined is prohibited.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to gaff or attempt to gaff any striped bass at any time.
- Transfer of any striped bass to another person while on the water or while fishing from a pier or shore is prohibited.
- Striped bass fishing is prohibited in Federal waters (beyond the Virginia three-mile limit line).

NO POSSESSION of Trophy striped bass in the spawning reaches (defined below) May 1 through June 15:

- James River - from a line connecting Dancing Point and New Sunken Meadow Creek upstream to a line connecting City Point and Packs Point.
- Pamunkey River - from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to a line connecting Liberty Hall and the opposite shore.
- Mattaponi River - from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to the Route 360 Bridge at Aylett.
- Rappahannock River - from the Route 360 Bridge at Tappahannock upstream to the Route 1 Bridge at Falmouth.

## **REPORT FORM HELPFUL HINTS:**

- Your MRC ID can be found on your VMRC licenses and permits.
- Length is total lengths in inches (to nearest 1/4 inch) and is measured in a straight line from tip of nose to tip of tail.
- Lengths and weights (in pounds) are optional, but preferred.
- Your report must include the general water body where you fished, either Bay, Coastal, or Potomac River.

ONLINE REPORTING is available at [www.vasaltwaterjournal.com](http://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com)

RETURN REPORTING FORM TO:  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Newport News, VA 23607-0756

**2017 Recreational/Charter Reporting Form**  
**PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEETS FOR EACH PERMIT.**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VMRC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIES (Please select only one)**

Trophy Striped Bass     Charter (non-trophy) Striped Bass     Tilefish-Grouper     Cobia

If you checked either Striped Bass box, where did you fish?     Bay     Coastal     Potomac

**TYPE OF PERMIT (Please select only one)**

Private Vessel     Individual     Charter-Headboat

Other Permit Identification Number (if applicable\*\*): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This is only for instances where you are fishing with other individuals who also have a permit for the corresponding fishery. This will help VMRC staff link trips that occur on the same vessel.

**SPECIES KEY:** CO = Cobia | SB = Striped bass | BT = Blueline tilefish | GT = Golden tilefish | GG = Gag grouper | WR = Wreckfish | SG = Snowy grouper

Date of Trip	Species (see key above)	Number of Anglers	Number Kept	Number Released

- Report trips even when you did not catch any of your targeted fish. Likewise, please report trips when you caught one of these fish, even if you were not targeting them.
- “Length” refers to total length, measured in a straight line from tip of nose to end of tail.
- If you have a permit but did not fish the corresponding season, please submit a form noting “no activity” within 15 days of the season’s close.
- For further information, please see the appropriate VMRC regulations online ([mrc.virginia.gov](http://mrc.virginia.gov)) or call our office at (757) 247-2200 to obtain them.
- Reports should be sent to the following address: Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor  
 Newport News, Virginia 23607  
 Fax: (757)247-2002

