

## Interactive Map Tools

NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's **Office of Fish and Wildlife Information Systems** develops and maintains geographic information systems (GIS) data, produces web mapping applications and provides GIS/IT assistance to support fish and wildlife management throughout New Jersey. Below is a listing of the online interactive mapping tools that allow access to spatial information, and in some cases, the ability to submit data or observations directly to NJDEP Fish & Wildlife.

### Saltwater Fishing Explorer Application

Provides interactive maps and more information on artificial reef sites and other saltwater fishing opportunities in New Jersey.

[njfishandwildlife.com/saltwaterfishing](http://njfishandwildlife.com/saltwaterfishing)



### Artificial Reef Deployments Application

Allows users to identify artificial reefs and individual deployments present on reef sites providing excellent fishing and diving opportunities. This application includes nearly 4,000 publicly accessible artificial reef deployments ranging from ships, barges and military vehicles to concrete habitats and dredge rock. These deployments provide areas for the public to engage in reef fishing and diving. Information includes type of deployment, the material it was made from, who sponsored the deployment, the date it was deployed, along with the location and volume of the deployment.



[NJFishandWildlife.com/reefdeployments](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/reefdeployments)

### Reef Deployment Feedback Form

Allows users to submit single or multiple corrections to deployments. Each advised correction will be reviewed by staff and included in the next revision.

Reef Deployment Feedback Form [NJFishandWildlife.com/reeffeedback](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/reeffeedback)



### Saltwater Fishing Opportunities Application



Provides the public with key information of areas to fish throughout New Jersey for saltwater species like striped bass, bluefish, and summer flounder. Includes both ocean prime fishing grounds and shore-based fishing access sites.

[NJFishandWildlife.com/primesaltwaterfishing](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/primesaltwaterfishing)

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**Don't take a chance on losing your license because you heard the wrong information!** If you have any questions regarding hunting or fishing regulations, please call your regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office before going in the field.

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# Skillful Angler Program

## RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### New Jersey Skillful Angler Program

The Skillful Angler Program is designed both to supplement the New Jersey Record Fish Program and to acknowledge that many anglers catch freshwater and marine fish that are not record size but are still worthy of recognition because the size and weight of the fish sufficiently tested the angler's skill. Open to resident and non-resident anglers. All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters using a hook and line during legally open seasons.

Saltwater species taken from a boat must have been caught from a boat that left from, and returned to, a New Jersey port during the same trip. Anglers can now submit their application and photo(s) electronically! Program rules and steps to enter are found here [dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-program/](http://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-program/). Anglers qualifying for a Skillful Angler award receive a certificate along with a **Skillful Angler patch** as a testament to their achievement.

The Program has three main divisions: **Adult** (for anglers age 16 and older), **Junior** (under age 16) and **Catch and Release** (based on length). **A clear, side-view photo that allows accurate species identification must be included with each application.** Additional good quality (and high resolution) photos with the angler are welcome and appreciated.

The Skillful Angler Program recognizes different levels of fishing expertise. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying size for the same species will receive a Specialist Certificate. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying fish of different species will receive a Master Certificate. Catch 10 or more qualifying fish within the year, and the angler will earn an Elite Angler Certificate.

For new anglers, the Program also recognizes your first fish caught no matter the age of the angler.

### Minimum Entry Requirements:

Species	Adult Weight (lbs., oz.)	Junior Weight (lbs., oz.)	Catch & Release (inches)
Black Sea Bass	4	3	20
Striped Bass	40	36	42
Black Drum	70	63	46
Bluefish	18	16	33
Cod	30	27	42
Dolphin	30	27	n/a
Winter Flounder	2	1 lb., 8 oz.	16
Fluke	8	7	27
Kingfish	1	8 oz.	13
Mako Shark	250	225	n/a
Blue Marlin	400	360	n/a
White Marlin	60	54	n/a
Pollock	25	22 lbs., 8 oz.	41
Tautog	8	7	22
Albacore Tuna	50	45	n/a
Big Eye Tuna	200	180	n/a
Bluefin Tuna	500	450	n/a
Yellowfin Tuna	120	108	n/a
Tuna (other)	250	225	n/a
Weakfish	10	9	30

The New Jersey State Record Fish Program (see page 28) requires a different application and is based on weight alone. Scale certification documentation and a weighmaster's signature are required for State Record Fish entries. Other rules apply. Visit Fish and Wildlife's website at [dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/new-jersey-state-record-fish-program/](http://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/new-jersey-state-record-fish-program/) for a complete list of current state records.

Qualified anglers will receive a First Fish certificate. Four additional categories may bring out your competitive nature. Personalized certificates are also awarded for the Slam Series which includes:


- **Inshore Slam I** — catch one each qualifying Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke
- **Inshore Slam II** — catch one each qualifying Black Sea Bass, Tautog and Weakfish
- **Offshore Pelagic Slam** — catch one each qualifying Bluefin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Dolphin
- **Marlin Slam** — catch one each qualifying White and Blue Marlin

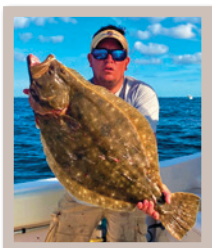
Each month, the leaders of each category and species will be posted on our Skillful Angler Leader Board webpage — [dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-leaderboards/](http://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-leaderboards/). At the end of the year, special recognition is given to anglers who catch the largest fish in each species category. The winner of each category is sent a special certificate recognizing his/her accomplishment along with a **winner's patch** as the best of New Jersey's Skillful Anglers.

Fish must be measured from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. For catch

and release categories, the fish must be measured and photographed alongside a ruler. For Adult/Junior Division, fish must be weighed and measured by a fishing license agent, tackle shop or authorized Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologist.

**Anglers must submit a photograph of the fish caught, alongside a ruler, for clear identification and measurement verification. Be sure the ruler markings are legible.** Please also include an attractive, well-composed, high-resolution (large file size) photo to be considered for printing in this Digest. *Smile!* All photos become the property of NJDEP Fish & Wildlife and may be used for promotional purposes.

To apply, go to: [dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-program/](http://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/skillful-angler-program/) 



**Skillful angler**  
Ed Braunsdorf hooked this 10 lbs., 14 oz. fluke measuring 29 inches with a 25-inch girth. He was using a Spro jig with Gulp and Spearing as bait while fishing the Sea Girt Reef.

Trevor Sherwood

### Did You Know?

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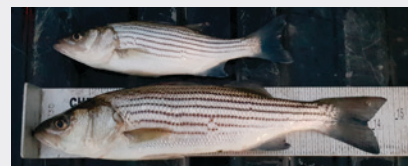
## Operation Game Thief — Over the Limit & Undersized Striped Bass

**On the evening of April 2, 2023, Conservation Police Officers assigned to the Marine Region responded to an Operation Game Thief complaint in South Amboy, Middlesex County.**

The complaint stated two fishermen were keeping undersized and over limit striped bass and putting them into trash bags, which they were then hiding in the brush. Upon inspection, the fishermen were found in possession of

several undersized striped bass. The two men were issued summonses for over limit and undersized striped bass.

Calls to (855) OGT-TIPS can be about any violation of NJ's laws protecting wildlife. Through the Operation Game Thief program, you can help NJ's Conservation Police Officers defend our living natural resources, and if the information you provide results in a conviction, you may earn a reward too.



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# State Record Marine Sport Fish

## RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



Dominic Vricella was fishing east of the Manasquan Inlet where he landed the new state record King Mackerel on July 30, 2023. The fish weighed 67-pounds, 7.2-ounces, replacing the previous record of 54-pound, 0-ounce from 1998. Dominic was trolling in his boat using a trolling rod and conventional reel with 20-pound braided line and a spoon for the lure when the new record King Mackerel hit.

NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's Record Fish Program honors anglers who catch the largest of select species of freshwater and saltwater fish. Record size is based on weight alone; there are no line classes. Currently there are 75 marine species eligible for entry into the program, which includes a new spearfishing category with 16 additional species.


Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found on or off the coast of New Jersey.

Fourteen species are now retired from the list of program-eligible fish, but remain on a separate list posted on NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's website. One historical catch is also retired and posted on the list.

Anglers should be aware of the procedure in effect for entering the Record Fish Program. First, separate applications are required for freshwater and saltwater species. Second, for saltwater entries, it is now mandatory that a marine biologist inspect any

potential record fish, as identification solely by photo is not always accurate. Anglers must call NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's Nacote Creek Research Station at (609) 748-2020 to make arrangements for inspection. In most instances, the fish must be transported to this office in Port Republic. However, in the case of extremely large fish (i.e., shark and tuna), a biologist should be available to travel for dockside inspection. Note that all scale certification requirements still apply, including a valid Certificate of Inspection/Test Report and current Registration Certificate issued by the County Office of Weights and Measures.

The entry deadline is now no later than one month after the date of catch. Please include an attractive, well-composed, high-resolution (large file size) photo to be considered for printing in this *Digest*. **Smile!**

For a complete list of state record fish, including retired species, or to print an application with complete program rules, visit NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's website at [dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/new-jersey-state-record-fish-program/](http://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/new-jersey-state-record-fish-program/) 

## New Jersey State Record Marine Fish

New records shown in red. \* Fish was certified by the IGFA as a world record.

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Amberjack, greater	85	0	1993	Edwin Metzner	Off Cape May
Bass, black sea	9	0	2015	Steve Singler	Atlantic Ocean
Bass, striped	See retired species list: <a href="http://NJFishandWildlife.com/recfish-salt.htm">NJFishandWildlife.com/recfish-salt.htm</a>				
Bluefish	27	1	1997	Roger Kastorsky	5 Fathom Bank
Bonito, Atlantic	13	8	1945	Frank Lykes, Jr.	Off Sandy Hook
Cobia	90	6	2019	Len Andalis	McCries Shoal
Cod	81	0	1967	Joseph Chesla	Off Brielle
Crab, blue	8¾" pt. to pt.		2008	Raymond Ponik	Bayonne
Croaker, Atlantic	5	8	1981	Frederick Brown	Delaware Bay
*Cunner	3	8.8	2019	John Zema	Atlantic Ocean
Dogfish, smooth	22	0	2020	Ed DiMarcantonio	Strathmere (Beach)
Dogfish, spiny	15	12	1990	Jeff Pennick	Off Cape May
Dolphin	63	3	1974	Scott Smith, Jr.	Baltimore Canyon
Drum, black	109	0	2008	Nick Henry	Delaware Bay
Drum, red	55	0	1985	Daniel Yanino	Great Bay
Eel, American	9	13	1988	Warren Campbell	Atlantic City
Fluke	19	12	1953	Walter Lubin	Off Cape May
Flounder, winter	5	11	1993	Jimmy Swanson	Off Barnegat Light
Hake, red (Ling)	12	13	2010	Billy Watson	Off Manasquan
Hake, white	41	7	1989	Wayne Eble	Off Barnegat Light
Kingfish, Northern	2	8	2004	Chester Urbanski	Barnegat Bay
Mackerel, Atlantic	4	1	1983	Abe Elkin	Manasquan Ridge
<b>Mackerel, king</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Dominic Vricella</b>	<b>Manasquan Inlet</b>
*Mackerel, Spanish	9	12	1990	Donald Kohler	Off Cape May
Marlin, blue	1,046	0	1986	Phil Infantolino	Hudson Canyon
Marlin, white	137	8	1980	Mike Marchell	Hudson Canyon
Perch, white	2	12	1998	Michael King	Little Beach Creek
*Pollock	46	7	1975	John Holton	Off Brielle
Porgy	5	14	1976	Victor Rone	Delaware Bay
Sailfish	43	4	2006	Dr. John Tallia	Linden Kohl Canyon
Seatrout, spotted	11	2	1974	Bert Harper	Holgate Surf

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Shad, American	7	0	1967	Rodger West	Great Bay
Shad, hickory	2	13	2011	Robert Macejka	Mantoloking
Shark, blue	366	0	1996	William Young, Jr.	Mud Hole
Shark, bull	Vacant (Minimum Weight 150 lbs.)				
Shark, dusky	530	0	1987	Brian Dunlevy	Off Great Egg Inlet
Shark, hammerhead	365	0	1985	Walter Thackara	Mud Hole
Shark, porbeagle	Vacant (Minimum Weight 100 lbs.)				
Shark, shortfin mako	856	0	1994	Christopher Palmer	Wilmington Canyon
Shark, thresher	683	0	2009	Bennett Fogelberg	Fingers
Shark, tiger	880	0	1988	Billy DeJohn	Off Cape May
Sheepshead	19	3	2014	William Catino	Longport
Spadefish	11	6	1998	Cliff Low	Delaware Bay
Spearfish, longbill	42	0	1989	George Algard	Poor Man's Canyon
	42	0	1997	Joseph Natoli	Hudson Canyon
Spot	0	13	2003	Robert Belsky, Jr.	Little Sheepshead Creek
Swordfish	530	0	1964	Edmund Levitt	Wilmington Canyon
Tautog	25	13	2020	Chris Sullivan	Atlantic Ocean
Tilefish, golden	63	8	2009	Dennis Muhlenforth	Linden Kohl Canyon
Tilefish, blueline (gray)	23	8	2021	George Hanakis	Wilmington Canyon
Triggerfish, gray	6	11	2016	James Massimino	Sea Girt Reef
Tuna, albacore	78	2.4	2022	Matthew Florio	Hudson Canyon
Tuna, big-eye	364	14	1984	George Krenick	Hudson Canyon
Tuna, bluefin	1,030	6	1981	Royal Parsons	Off Pt. Pleasant
Tuna, skipjack	13	4	1999	Craig Eberbach	Wilmington Canyon
Tuna, yellowfin	290	0	1980	Wayne Brinkerhoff	Hudson Canyon
Tunny, little	24	15	1977	Mark Niemczyk	Off Sea Bright
Wahoo	123	12	1992	Robert Carr	28-Mile Wreck
Weakfish	18	8	1986	Karl Jones	Delaware Bay
Whiting (silver hake)	Vacant (Minimum Weight 2.5 lbs.)				

For information concerning the New Jersey State Record Fish or Skillful Angler programs, visit NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's website at [NJFishandWildlife.com](http://NJFishandWildlife.com).



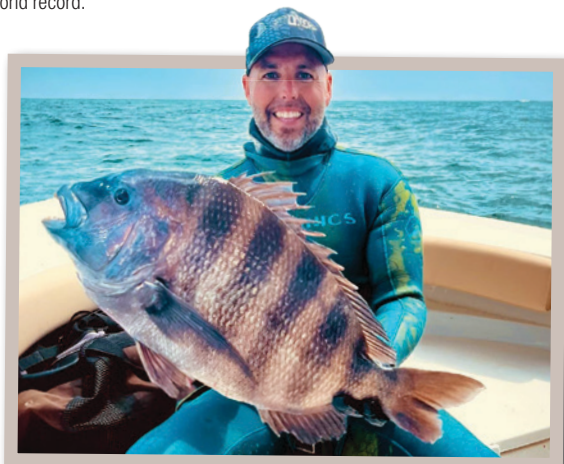
## New Jersey State Record Marine Fish — Spearfishing Category

In 2014, the NJ Record Fish Program expanded with the addition of a Spearfishing category for saltwater. Sixteen species commonly sought after by spearfishers are part of the Program. Spearfishers now have a unique opportunity to be recognized in New Jersey's Record Fish Program. Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase the awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found in or off the coast of New Jersey.

New records shown in **red**.

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Amberjack, greater	Min. Wt. 60 pounds			VACANT	
Bass, black sea	Min. Wt. 5 pounds			VACANT	
Bluefish	22	2	2017	Igor Kotov	Shark River Reef, USS Algot
Cobia	74	5	2019	Joe Cunningham	Off Sea Isle City
Cod	Min. Wt. 50 pounds			VACANT	
Dolphin	Min. Wt. 40 pounds			VACANT	
*Fluke	15	5	2014	Robert A. Davis	Off Barnegat Lighthouse
Flounder, winter	3 pounds	7	2018	Jim Oriscak	Shark River "back bay"
Hake, red (ling)	Min. Wt. 9 pounds			VACANT	
Pollock	Min. Wt. 30 pounds			VACANT	
Porgy	Min. Wt. 4 pounds			VACANT	
Sheepshead	13 pounds	3 oz.	2022	Dan Street	Atlantic Ocean
Spadefish	Min. Wt. 9 pounds			VACANT	
*Tautog	23	14	2007	Luke Dylan Hickey	Off Cape May
Triggerfish, gray	5	5	2019	Kevin Cavanagh	Off Monmouth Beach
Weakfish	11.8	n/a	2009	Tai Menz	Off Cape May

\* Fish was recognized by the International Underwater Spearfishing Association as a world record.



Dan Street of Hainesport made his way to the top of the state spearfishing record list by landing a new state record Sheepshead on July 15, 2022 while free diving in the Atlantic Ocean. The fish weighed 13 pounds, 3 ounces, beating the old record by 11 ounces. It measured 26 inches in length and had a girth of 23 7/8 inches.




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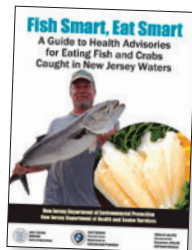
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To reduce exposure to harmful chemical contaminants when preparing and eating the fish species taken from the identified waters, it is essential to follow the guidelines provided. The DEP encourages you to consult the Fish Smart-Eat Smart Fish Advisory Guide or, for a complete list of state and federal marine fish consumption advisories visit [FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org](http://FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org) for making decisions about eating recreationally caught fish and crabs. 



### Try the Interactive Map!

One click on the waterbody where you fish takes you to any current health advisories.

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### Attention Boaters

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### Sheet Pan Dinner: Baked Cod with Vegetables

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound thin asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 four-ounce skinless cod fillets, rinsed and patted dry
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- salt and pepper, to taste

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly coat a 15x10-inch rimmed baking sheet with nonstick spray.
2. Toss asparagus and cherry tomatoes with the olive oil; spread on the baking sheet. Place cod fillets on top.
3. Brush the fish with the lemon juice; sprinkle with the lemon zest. Sprinkle everything with Parmesan, onion powder, and a little salt and pepper.
4. Place in the oven and cook until fish flakes easily with a fork, about 12-15 minutes.
5. Serve the fish with the roasted vegetables and lemon wedges on the side, if desired.

#### Variations

- Substitute any white fish or other thin green vegetables, like green beans.
- Add a couple pinches of red pepper flakes for a hint of spice.



## 2024 Sedge Island Summer Programs

Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center is offering a variety of programs in the summer of 2024 for students, adults and families. Come connect with the beauty of Barnegat Bay while learning about salt marsh ecology through fishing, clamming, and discovering what's edible in the bay!

Visit [dep.nj.gov/njfw/education/sedge-island-natural-resource-education-center](https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/education/sedge-island-natural-resource-education-center) for details, date and cost or contact Karen Byrne at [Karen.Byrne@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Karen.Byrne@dep.nj.gov).



## Conservation Police and Regulation Information



Contact a NJDEP Fish & Wildlife Conservation Police office that serves the county where you hunt or fish.

- **Northern Region — (908) 735-8240**  
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- **Central Region — (609) 259-2120**  
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- **Southern Region — (856) 629-0555**  
(Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties)
- **Marine Region — (609) 748-2050**  
(coastal and bay areas)
- **To report violations anonymously call Operation Game Thief — (855) OGT-TIPS**

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