




NEW JERSEY'S STRIPED BASS BONUS PROGRAM

READ IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT



Anyone failing to submit log and/or report Bonus harvest to NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife (NJFW) may **NOT** be considered for the Striped Bass Bonus Program (SBBP) the following year.

SBBP INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS:



1) If you harvest a Bonus Fish, it is MANDATORY to report it within 24 hours.

-  Securely attach permit/tag to fish through mouth and gills immediately upon capture and prior to transportation.
-  **To report a Bonus fish:**
 - **Online** Harvest report form: dep.nj.gov/sbbp-harvest-report
 - Or
 - **Call:** Leave a message at 609-748-2074. This line is *only* used to report harvest of a Bonus fish.
- **Reporting Bonus Harvest on the Fishing Log at the end of the season will NOT satisfy this requirement****
-  Mandatory reporting information includes name, permit #, phone number, date of harvest, and fish length.





2) Submit Fishing Log at end of season even if you did not fish.

-  Complete trip log and mail to NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife or submit online at dep.nj.gov/sbbp-logbook by January 15th, even if you did not fish, to remain eligible for the following year.
-  **Instructions:**
 - Fill out the log for **yourself only** and list fishing days individually, not grouped together.
 - Record all striped bass fishing trips even if no stripers were caught.
 - Please measure **all** fish caught and list **all** lengths on log. ***NO SIZE RANGES!***
 - Make as many copies of the log as necessary.
 - If you harvest a Bonus fish, record the permit number used under the corresponding column.

New Jersey's Striped Bass Regulations:

-  1 fish 28" to 31" in all New Jersey waters.
-  Visit our website dep.nj.gov/marine-regulations to check current Federal and State possession, season, and gear regulations for striped bass fishing in your area.

Striped Bass Bonus Program:

-  Participants are allowed **one** striped bass from 24" to less than 28" per Bonus permit.
-  One Bonus permit will be issued initially per person. After NJFW receives a harvest report, participants may be issued additional permits up to the discretion of NJFW. The quickest way to receive your next permit is by reporting Bonus harvest online.
-  If the cumulative harvest weight reaches the annual quota, the program will close for the remainder of the calendar year.
-  Bonus permits are non-transferable and **only valid from May 15 through December 31** for the calendar year issued.

If you require additional information concerning this program or any other striped bass issue, please contact the Nacote Creek office (609-748-2020) or sbbp@dep.nj.gov. NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife developed a voluntary e-mail list for special notices, regulation updates, emergency closures, etc. Go to dep.nj.gov/njfw-email-lists to subscribe to the "Marine Fisheries" list.