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Striped bass over 34 inches?



You must remove the right pectoral fin
It's the law in Massachusetts & Rhode Island





Any person recreationally harvesting a striped bass thirty-four (34) inches or larger shall at the time of harvest have the right pectoral fin removed at a point as close to the body of the fish as possible.

WHY?

The fin-clipping regulation helps to prevent the "stockpiling" of striped bass. Stockpiling occurs when fish are harvested on a closed commercial day and then offered for sale on an open day. It also prevents RI caught fish from being illegally transported and sold in other states. Licensed fish dealers in MA and RI are not allowed to purchase a fish with its fin removed.

THE WATCH (from page 3)

Federally permitted vessels are now required to report catch and effort electronically and sixty percent of Rhode Island license holders have federal permits, however, as much as eighty percent of 'active vessels' hold federal permits."

The aim of mandatory electronic reporting would be capture better effort data from the for-hire sector resulting from using actual trips instead of estimates. Long-term benefits would be more flexible management programs specifically for the for-hire sector.

Noncompliance with the electronic reporting requirement would result in denial of next year's license. The proposed program would take effect no sooner than 2019. Public input is being sought to present to the RIMFC at the June 26 meeting.

Visit www.dem.ri.gov for the May 23 workshop presentation that outlines all proposed commercial and for-hire license changes.

Important RIMFC dates include: June 29, deadline for public proposals; early August, division completes Sector Management Plans and provides recommendations regarding exit/entry ratios, restricted endorsements on restricted finfish, Bay quahogs, soft-shelled clam, whelk; mid-August, IAC meeting to provide recommendations to Council on public hearing items; September 10 to 18, public hearing; October 1, Council meeting.



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