



Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Division of Law Enforcement



FISHERIES ARRESTS IN JUNE

On June 5, while on routine patrol, Environmental Police Officers from DEM's Division of Law Enforcement, conducted a spot check of several fishermen that were returning to their vehicles at Hull Cove in Jamestown.

Officers discovered 29 tautog in their possession, 26 of which were undersized, as well as one undersized striped bass.



The poachers were charged with possession of tautog during the closed season, possession of undersized tautog, and possession of undersized striped bass.

The fish were seized and donated to Amos House in Providence.

Help protect the fish that is yours for future generations! Report violations to DEM's 24-hour dispatch center at 401-222-3070.

During the first week of June DEM's Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) teamed up with NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard and made several striped bass cases in Narragansett Bay and in federal waters off Southwest Ledge. They are as follows:

June 14:

DLE charged a poacher in Mt. Hope Bay with several striped bass violations and boating violations. The poacher is known to have commercial licenses in neighboring states.

June 16:

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June 16: DLE & NOAA OLE, charged three separate vessels with various state and federal striped bass violations in state and federal waters around Block Island.

June 17: On a joint patrol with our partner agency USCG, charged a NY charter boat with striped bass violations in federal waters.

Those charged with state violations were assigned a district court summons. Federal violators were referred to NOAA-OLE for investigation. Some of the seized fish were able to be released alive, while the remaining fish were donated to the Amos House.

How to launch boat off a trailer on a flat ramp

1. Clip a long dock line to the bow eye of the boat.
2. Thread the dock line through a 2-by-3/8-inch pulley.
3. Fix a short dock line to the pulley and girth-hitch to the trailer axle.
4. Tie a bowline knot on the end of the dock line, 2 feet above the pulley.
5. Pull off the winch line to reach the loop and clip it through.
6. Crank the winch to pull the boat backward, off the trailer.

