



RI Department of Environmental Management
**Division of
 Law Enforcement**



Enforcement Division doing it's job

The public can help by reporting violators

Two Tautog Poachers Nabbed Last Month

On September 17, while on patrol near Sakonnet Point, Environmental Police Officers from DEM's Division of Law Enforcement conducted two boardings that resulted in the arrest of tautog poachers.

The first poacher was found in possession of 41 tautog - 31 of which were undersized.

The second was in possession of 15 tautog - 14 of which were undersized.

Both men were charged with possession over the limit and possession of undersized tautog.

Most of the seized fish were returned to the water. The rest were donated to The Amos House in Providence.

Adhering to the rules is not only good for the health of our fisheries, it's the law.



Striped Bass Poacher Arrested

On the evening of September 23, Environmental Police Officers from DEM's Division of Law Enforcement responded to a complaint of a poacher taking undersized striped bass from an area near the Providence River bike path.

Undercover Officers identified the poacher and charged him with possession of undersized and possession over the limit of striped bass. The legal limit for striped bass is currently 1 fish/person/day with a size no less than 28 inches.

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

**Help DEM protect what is yours for the next generation.
 Report violations to our dispatch center (401) 222-3070.**

