

## Delaware Sportfishing Tournament and the Live Release Awards Minimum Weights and Lengths

<b>FRESHWATER</b>				
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>ADULT</b>		<b>YOUTH (AGE 15 AND UNDER)</b>	
	<b>WEIGHT* (POUNDS)</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT* (INCHES)</b>	<b>WEIGHT* (POUNDS)</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT* (INCHES)</b>
Bass (Hybrid), Striped <sup>2</sup>	5	22	3.5	19
Bass, Largemouth	5	20	3.5	17
Bass, Smallmouth	2 <sup>1</sup>	17	2 <sup>1</sup>	17
Bass, Striped	30	40	22	36
Bluegill	1	10	0.75 (12 ozs.)	8
Carp	15	29	11	27
Catfish	6	25	4.5	23
Crappie	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Muskie	10	30	7.5	26
Perch, White	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Perch, Yellow	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Pickerel, Chain	4	24	3	20
Shad, American	5	23	3.5	18
Snakehead	Any	None	Any	None
Sunfish, Redear	1	10	0.75 (12 ozs.)	8
Trout	2	16	1.5	15
<b>SALTWATER</b>				
Albacore, False	12	26	9	24
Albacore, True	30	32	22.5	29
Bass, Striped	30	40	20	30
Bass, Black Sea	3	17	2	15
Bluefish	14	33	10.5	31
Cobia	45	48	33.5	42
Croaker, Atlantic	3	19	2	16
Dolphinfish	15	41	11	38
Drum, Black	50	45	37.5	39
Drum, Red	None	45	None	35
Flounder	7	25	5	23
Kingfish	1	13	0.75 (12 ozs.)	11
Mackerel, Atlantic	2	17	1.5	15
Mackerel, King	10	26	7.5	22
Mackerel, Spanish	5	22	3.5	20
Marlin, Blue	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>

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<b>SALTWATER (continued)</b>				
Marlin, White	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>
Scup (porgy)	2	14	1.5	12
Shark (excl. Mako)	100	66 <sup>3</sup>	75	56 <sup>3</sup>
Shark, Mako	100	66 <sup>3</sup>	75	56 <sup>3</sup>
Sheepshead	8	22	6	20
Swordfish	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>	Any	Any <sup>3</sup>
Tautog	7	25	5.5	20
Tilefish, Blueline	10	28	7.5	25
Tilefish, Golden	35	40	26.5	35
Triggerfish, Gray	5	20	3.5	18
Tuna, Bluefin	100	60 <sup>3</sup>	75	48 <sup>3</sup>
Tuna, Yellowfin or Bigeye	70	48 <sup>3</sup>	52.5	45 <sup>3</sup>
Wahoo	20	50	15	41
Weakfish (Sea trout)	3	20	2	18

\* Lengths apply only to live release citations; weights apply only to fish officially weighed at a weigh station.

**1** – Must be 17 inches or longer

**2** – Must be taken from non-tidal waters

**3** – According to the Code of Federal Regulations (50 C.F.R. §635.21), these species, if not retained, must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, without removing the fish from the water.