

(12) Within the area of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries north of a line drawn from Abbey Point to Worton Point; specifically, that area within and bounded by the shoreline and lines connecting Worton Point to Abbey Point in the Chesapeake Bay, Carpenter Point to Red Point, Scotland Point to Old Frenchtown Wharf in the Elk River, the Maryland-Delaware State line in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town Point to Ford Landing at the mouth of the Bohemia River, Grove Point to Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, Meeks Point to Rocky Point at the mouth of Still Pond Creek.

C. Catching, Taking, Possessing, and Selling Striped Bass. Except as prohibited in paragraphs D., E., and F. of this special enacting Section, striped bass may be taken for commercial and noncommercial use.

D. Prohibition and Limitations on Methods.

(1) Gill nets, including drift nets, stake nets, or anchor nets having a stretched mesh size greater than 6 inches, may not be set or fished in the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.

(a) A drift net is a gill net that is designed to move with water currents. A drift net is not secured to anchors or stakes set firmly in the bottom.

(b) A stake net is a gill net that is hung from or supported by stakes driven firmly into the water's bottom.

(c) An anchor net is a gill net that is stationary in the water and secured to the bottom by means of conventional anchors or heavy weights.

(2) Drift and stake gill nets having a stretched mesh less than 3-1/2 inches may not be set or fished within the area of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries north of the William Preston Lane Memorial Bridge, or in spawning rivers or areas established in paragraph A. of this special enacting Section, from March 1 to May 31, inclusive. As provided in paragraph E.(5) of this special enacting Section, anchor gill nets may not be set or fished during this time in these areas. On November 1, 1984, the minimum net mesh size will be 4 inches for gill nets set or fished in these areas.

(3) Within 1,200 feet of any pier that supports either span of the William Preston Lane Memorial Bridge, a person may not:

(a) Fish with a hook and line if the person holds a commercial license to fish with hook and line; or

(b) Fish with a treble hook that is not an intrinsic part of floating fishing lure.