

Guide to 2014 Commercial Striped Bass Changes

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In 2014 the Striped Bass fishery will undergo many changes. Based on your current Striped Bass permit(s), you likely fit into one of the three listed categories below; refer to your section of this letter for details of relevant changes. If you have any questions please call our Commercial Reporting Hotline at **800-893-2722** (refer to Janelle Mueller, Matt Lawrence or Mike Luisi). Thank you for your patience; it may take a couple of days for one of us to return your call.

1. Atlantic Permit(s) Holder
2. Chesapeake Bay: Single Permit Holder (Pound Net/Haul Seine/Hook & Line/Gill Net)
3. Chesapeake Bay: Multiple Permit Holder (Pound Net/Gill Net)

1: Atlantic Permit Holders (no change)

- Everything is operating as it has in the past. Each Atlantic permit will be given a similar allocation. Changes to this process only apply to the Chesapeake Bay fishery.

2: Chesapeake Bay- Single Permit Holder (PN/HS/HL/GN) IMPORTANT CHANGES!

- Permit Renewal (August 2013): In order to participate in the 2014 fishery, you need to renew your permit as you have in the past.
- CP/ITQ Fishery Selection:
 - PN and HS → Opted into the ITQ Fishery (historically equal allocation distribution)
 - GN/HL → Choose to fish the Common Pool or ITQ (see *Fishery Cheat Sheet*)
- Transfer Process:
 - Each fishery has unique pre-season (August through September) and in-season transfer options. Please refer to the *Transfer Options* handout for more information.

3: Chesapeake Bay- Multiple Permit Holder (PN/GN) IMPORTANT CHANGES!

- Permit Renewal (August 2013): In order to participate in the 2014 fishery, **you only need to renew one of your permits**. However, if you intend to lease or transfer additional permits, those will also need to be renewed.
- CP/ITQ Fishery Selection:
 - PN → Opted into the ITQ Fishery (historical equal allocation distribution)
 - GN → Choose to fish the Common Pool or ITQ (see *Fishery Cheat Sheet*)
 - Own PN *and* GN permits? → You are opted into the ITQ Fishery.
- Transfer Process:
 - If you intend to renew more than one permit and have questions about your options, please call our Commercial Reporting Hotline at **800-893-2722** (refer to Janelle Mueller, Matt Lawrence or Mike Luisi). Refer to the enclosed *Transfer Options* handout for single permit transfer options.