

GEAR LICENSES & OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

All gear used to take fish in the Hudson River from the Federal Dam at Troy south to the George Washington Bridge requires a Commercial Inland Fishing License.

◆Operation of all licensed gear must be in accordance with the Fish & Wildlife and Marine Resources laws, rules and regulations, as well as the terms of the license itself.

◆Licenses are NOT transferable.

◆All nets/devices must be clearly identified with the licensee's tag number. Duplicates for lost tags may be obtained upon application to the Department.

◆No net shall be staked, anchored or fixed in position within 1500 feet upriver or downriver of any other licensee's net. No net shall exceed 1200 feet in length.

◆Nets that are licensed may be operated in the Hudson between sunset and sunrise.

◆Any person operating a boat used in taking fish shall permit employees of the Department to board it and inspect its contents.

◆All licenses expire on December 31 unless it is specified earlier in the license. **Reports of catch are required** at the expiration of the issued license.

ESCAPEMENT PERIOD: From **March 15 through June 15 (both dates inclusive)** no nets shall be allowed to remain in the Hudson River below the Troy Dam between 6 AM prevailing time Friday and 6 PM prevailing time the following Saturday.

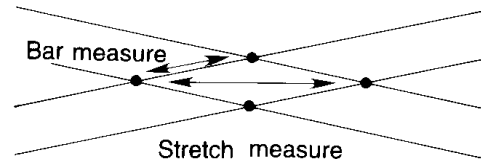
Exceptions: The following licensed nets may be operated at any time: fyke nets and scap nets; minnow stop stake nets to take bait fish; and seines and stake stop nets may be operated from the Troy Dam south to the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse, except in the channel.

RESTRICTED AREAS: From March 15 through June 15 (both dates inclusive) no nets shall be in use on the shoals of the Hudson River known as the "FLATS" beginning at the red buoy north of Kingston Point north to the red buoy opposite the village of Barrytown.

GILL NETS: There are two types of gill nets licenses available: 1) the special shad license (valid for the period March 15 through June 15) and 2) a regular gill net license (valid from March 15 through November 30). No gill nets are allowed in the Hudson River from December 1 through March 14.

No gill nets are allowed in the Hudson River between the Federal Dam at Troy and the Castleton-On-Hudson Bridge. Gill nets less than 2 1/4 in stretch are not allowed at any time except to take Atlantic tomcod (see pg1).

BAR mesh = distance between two knots
STRETCH mesh = OVERALL distance between three knots



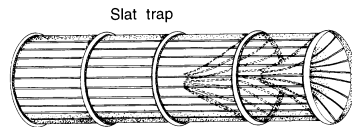
with mesh completely stretched out

For the period March 15 through June 15:
- No gill nets greater than 3.5 inches and less than 5 inches stretch mesh are allowed in the river from the Federal Dam in Troy south to the George Washington Bridge.

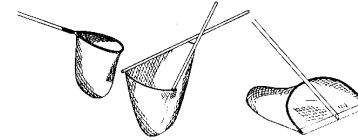
- Only DRIFT gill nets (No fixed gill nets - staked or anchored) are allowed to be fished in the area between the Bear Mountain Bridge and the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

- Only DRIFT gill nets are allowed to be possessed while on the water or shores bordering the area between the Bear Mountain Bridge and the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

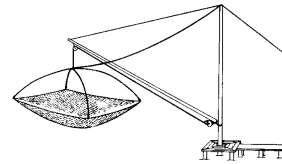
EEL POTS: Pots may not be more than 6 feet long by 12 inches round (or square). The mouth of the pot shall not be more than 2 inches at its greatest diameter. No fixture or wings may be attached.



SCOOP & DIP NETS: All long-handled nets exceeding 14 inches in diameter (or 13x13 inches square) require a commercial scoop or dip net license. Scoop and dip nets may be used in the Hudson River and its tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier.



SCAP NETS: Scap nets greater than 36 square feet must be licensed. Scap nets may be used in the Hudson River and its tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier.

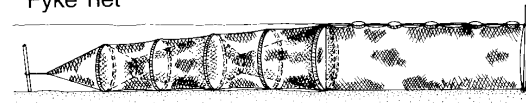


FYKE and TRAP NETS: Fykes nets are not allowed in the Hudson River

between the Federal Dam at Troy and the Castleton-On-Hudson Bridge.

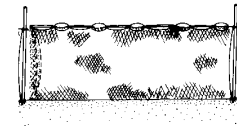
SEINES: All seines greater than 36 square feet must be

Fyke net



licensed. No seine greater than 100 feet in length can be set in the Hudson River between the Federal Dam at Troy and the Castleton-On-Hudson Bridge.

EEL WEIRS : Weir length and location must be approved by the Regional Fisheries Manager. Weir shall not exceed two wings or leaders, one eel trap per weir, openings not less than 3/8 of an inch apart. All other fish caught must be released.



The most commonly fished-for species include smelt and herring. Nets used to take smelt must be greater than 1 inch stretch mesh. When fishing for all other species, nets must be greater than 2 1/4 inch stretch mesh, except to take minnows as bait.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the take of fish for PERSONAL USE: see the New York Fishing Regulations Guide, available at DEC regional offices and wherever licenses are sold. A Herring & Bait Take Guide is available from the Hudson River Fisheries Unit office (phone number on back).

FOOD FISH LICENSE

Individuals who "take and land food fish for commercial purposes (taking of fish for subsequent sale, trade)" from the Hudson River below the Tappan Zee Bridge require a food fish license. This license covers all persons employed by the licensee while engaged in such employment as commercial fishing. This license is issued by the Marine Permit Office (E. Setauket). Call for the latest information (see number on back).

SPECIAL NOTES

Tagging studies on shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon, American shad, river herring, and striped bass occur in the Hudson River. If you catch a tagged fish please report the tag to the number printed on the tag or notify the Hudson River Fisheries Unit Office (845-256-3071).

Sturgeons Shortnose sturgeon are listed as a rare and endangered species. It is illegal to take or possess a shortnose or any part of one. Atlantic sturgeon are illegal to possess.

Regulated gamefish may not be taken. An example: largemouth and smallmouth bass.

It is illegal to "fish commercially for" (defined as either to take, possess, sale, offering for sale OR maintaining, setting of nets for taking fish for which a license is required) for:

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| striped bass | *EXCEPTIONS |
| pumpkinseed | goldfish* (ornamentals) |
| black crappie | white perch* (bait) |
| white catfish | carp* (cut bait) |
| brown bullhead | |

If any of the above mentioned fish are inadvertently taken they must be returned to the water immediately without unnecessary injury, except those taken by gill nets, which

should be returned as soon as possible. These fish are not to be landed, bought, sold or otherwise trafficked in.

BAIT FISH & LICENSES

A license is required to 1) sell OR 2) to take and sell bait fish taken in the Hudson River above the Tappan Zee Bridge. Gears are limited to minnow traps, seine and cast nets. All other gears require the purchase of a Commercial Inland Fishing License.

The following species may be taken for bait: minnows (except carp and goldfish), topminnows, killifish, mudminnows, darters, sticklebacks, tadpole stone cats, alewives / sawbellies / blueback herrin. **CARP, GOLDFISH OR LAMPREY LARVAE MUST BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY.** **Smelt** may be taken for bait in the Hudson River below the Federal dam at Troy only by angling. **American eel** FOR BAIT ONLY: Size Limits: Greater than 6 and less than 14 inches

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: see Bait Regulations guide available at regional DEC offices. A Herring & Bait Take Guide is available from the Hudson River Fisheries Unit office (phone number on back).

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BLUE CRAB:

A permit is required to take and/or sell blue crab for "commercial purposes", defined as taking or landing more than FIFTY crabs per day. Permits are available from the Marine Permit Office (E. Setauket). Please call for the latest information.

Female blue crabs with eggs visible, called sponge crabs, or any female from which the egg pouch has been removed, are not allowed to be taken.

Size limits: 4.5 inch hard, 3.5 inch soft, 3 inch peeler. Gear: Pots must be marked with permit number; pots must have an escape panel on side.

LIVE FISH- DISEASE PREVENTION

Live fish shall not be placed into waters of the State, possessed, transported within or imported into the State for purposes of placing them into waters of the State unless

such fish are accompanied by a fish health inspection report issued within the previous twelve (12) months. The fish health inspection report shall certify that the fish are free of diseases, pathogens, or parasites as specified in DEC regulations (per Title 6 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Part 188 Fish Health Inspection Requirements). Failure to comply with the above conditions is cause for revocation of ANY license or permit.

FEE SCHEDULE AND LICENSING LOCATIONS

DIVISION OF FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES

	RESIDENT	NON RES.
SHAD/HERRING GILL NET		
Mar 15-Jun 15	\$10.00	\$100.00
<u>2000 Ft. or less</u>		
GILL NET		
Mar 15-Nov 30		
Per linear foot	\$0.05/ft	\$0.15/ft
SEINE		
Per linear foot	\$0.05/ft	\$0.15/ft
FYKE NET		
1 to 3 foot hoop	\$1.00	\$3.00
Over 3 foot hoop	\$2.00	\$6.00
EEL POTS		
	\$0.50	\$1.50
SCAP NET		
10 ft. square or under	\$1.00	\$3.00
greater than 10 ft. square	\$2.00	\$6.00
DIP or SCOOP NET		
	\$1.00	\$3.00
BAIT LICENSE		
To sell bait fish	\$2.00	\$6.00

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE AVAILABLE FROM:

NYSDEC Hudson River Fisheries Unit
please call: 845-256-3073, 845-256-3171, or 845-256-3071.

Regional offices sell Bait licenses.
(Regions:3,5,6,7,8,9, and Albany)



FEE SCHEDULE AND LICENSING LOCATIONS

BUREAU OF MARINE RESOURCES

BLUE CRAB: call Permit Office

FOOD FISH LICENSE: call Permit Office

NOTE: If a food fish license is required, the fees for Hudson River gear licenses (required above the G. Washington Br.) will be waived up to the cost of the food fish license.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

NYSDEC
MARINE PERMIT OFFICE
205 BELLE MEAD RD.
E. SETAUKET, NY 11733
TELEPHONE: 631-444-0471

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Please call the Hudson River Fisheries Unit at : 845-256-3073, 845-256-3071, or 845-256-3009.

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS (Marine Permit) for the HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY

This pamphlet summarizes the marine permit regulations of the Hudson River. Management and regulation of the Hudson River is the responsibility of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources. This summary is intended for convenience only, for the complete reference consult Articles 11 and 13 of the Fish & Wildlife Law and Title 6 of the NYS Rules & Regulations, and official DEC orders.

These summarized regulations apply to the tidal portion of the Hudson River below the Troy Dam south to the George Washington Bridge, unless otherwise stated. Additional limited information included covers the take of bait fish .

FINFISH

Listed below are the more commonly fished for species taken in the Hudson River Estuary.

AMERICAN SHAD:

Size limit: none
Season: March 15 through June 15, both dates inclusive.

RIVER HERRING: includes both blueback herring and alewife

Size limit: none
Season: March 15 through June 15, both dates inclusive.

ATLANTIC TOMCOD:

Size limit: None
Season: November 1 through March 1 by trap or fyke net, Nov 1 to Nov 30 by gill net.
Restrictions: Can be taken by a net not less than 1 3/4 inch stretch mesh