

Reporting Requirements

- Open season - May 7 - July 31 & September 1 - November 23.
 - **Location: Long Island Sound Management Region:** includes all marine and coastal district waters lying east of the Throgs Neck Bridge and west of a line that runs from Orient Point, NY to Watch Hill, RI.
 - Minimal length: 15" total length.
 - Trip limit: 25 per vessel except 10 per vessel when fishing lobster pot gear and more than six lobsters are in possession. Review NYS Commercial Harvest Limits online for changes.
- Open season - April 16 - January 25.
 - **Location: NY Bight Management Region:** includes all marine and coastal waters lying outside of the Long Island Sound Management Region.
 - Minimal length: 15" total length.
 - Trip limit: 25 per vessel except 10 per vessel when fishing lobster pot gear and more than six lobsters are in possession. Review NYS Commercial Harvest Limits online for changes.
- Tags must be applied to commercially harvested tautog prior to any commercially harvested species from that trip being offloaded or transferred to shore, to another vessel, to an in-water storage unit, or to any pier, wharf, dock, or similar structure. Tags should be applied to one of the tautog's gill plates with the tag information visible on the outside of the fish.
- Report tautog in pounds and count.
- Report damaged or lost tags.
- Fish used for consumption and personal use receive tags.
- Report and submit your own landings using eTrips or paper vessel trip reports.
- If you go on another persons boat, complete your own VTR with your own landings. Include the vessel name and vessel registration number. If the boat is federally permitted, obtain the federal VTR number from the captain and include it with your landings.
- Tags are \$0.30 per tag. They must be ordered in groups of 25, with a minimum order size of 25. Checks or money orders get made out to NYSDEC. Include payment with the order form. Cash is accepted in person. Credit cards are accepted after your initial order for the season. There are no reimbursements at the end of the season for unused tags.
- When 80% of your order is accounted for you may apply for more tags.
- **All unused tags and trip reports are due February 15, of the following year.**

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Online, via app or website: eTrips Mobile 2 or SAFIS website – To fulfill reporting requirements, you must create an account by contacting NYSDEC Fisheries Data Management Unit by email or phone. Include your email address, desired username, vessel name and documentation number. You will be set up with an account and emailed reporting instructions. Email or call: VTR@dec.ny.gov | 631-444-0857.

Paper – Paper forms will be provided by NYSDEC Fisheries Data Management Unit upon request. They are carbon-copied in triplicate with a white, yellow, and pink page. The white copy is to be submitted to NYSDEC, and the yellow and pink copies are for your records. Each paper VTR has a unique six-digit serial number, and the forms cannot be photocopied or downloaded and printed.

Request paper forms online using the form located here: <http://on.ny.gov/requestvtrs> or contact the Fisheries Data Management Unit to ask for a set amount. Reports must be submitted monthly, no later than the 15th of the month following the trip date. Once the report is filled out, email, fax, or mail them to the Fisheries Data Management Unit at:

NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources
Attn: Trip Reports
123 Kings Park Blvd.
Kings Park, NY 11754

or emailed to VTR@dec.ny.gov or faxed to 631-444-5628.

Federal Permits and Vessel Requirements

- Federal permit holders when landing tautog, must submit a copy of their federal reports to NYSDEC. Federal reports with landings other than striped bass or tautog DO NOT get submitted to NYSDEC. To share reports with NYSDEC, send a copy of your federally reported trip to the mailing address or email address below. Or fill out this online form: <https://on.ny.gov/evtrtagtracker>. The following information must be included:
 - Vessel name and registration number
 - Food Fish License #
 - Trip date
 - Federal eVTR number
 - Pounds and count
 - Tag serial numbers
- If you fish on another individual's federally permitted vessel, report your tautog landings to NYSDEC. Include vessel name and registration number. Mail or email a signed statement with the following information. Or fill out this online form: <https://on.ny.gov/evtrtagtracker>. The following information must be included:
 - Vessel name and registration number
 - Food Fish License #
 - Trip date
 - Federal eVTR number
 - Pounds and count
 - Tag serial numbers
 - Dealer name, cash sale, future sale, used as consumption

If you have any questions about anything on this page please contact:

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