



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife



**New Jersey's Striped Bass Bonus Program
PARTY AND CHARTER BOAT INSTRUCTIONS: 2020**



**Only the Blue Bonus Permits are valid for 2020.
Permits are issued by owner and vessel and are only valid on the vessel which they are issued.**

The Division is required to submit weekly harvest reports to ASMFC to ensure the quota is not exceeded.
Any party/charter boat failing to submit Trip Reports weekly to the Division may not be considered for the 2021 Striped Bass Bonus Program.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:

Complete both sides of a Trip Report for each directed striped bass fishing trip, even if no fish were caught.

- Submit prior week's Trip Reports every Monday.
- If no trips were taken in a week, must submit a report stating you "**Did Not Fish**" or leave a message at 609-748-2074.
- Trip Reports must be completed even if all bonus permits have been used and reported for the year.
- **The two sides of the Trip Report are as follows:**






1) Trip Log:

- Record lengths of **all** striped bass kept and released, not including harvested Bonus fish.
- Report harvested Bonus fish on following side.


2) Bonus Harvest Report Form:

- Record date of trip.
- Record **length and weight** of **ALL Harvested Bonus fish** of trip.
- Weights are **mandatory** and should be to the nearest half –pound.
- If no Bonus fish were harvested during trip, check box for "No Bonus Harvest"

PERMIT PROCEDURES:

-  Securely attach permit to fish immediately upon capture and prior to transportation.
-  Participants are allowed one striped bass from 24" to less than 28" in total length. One Bonus permit per person.
-  Fish do not have to be harvested in a particular order. The Bonus fish can be the 1st or 2nd fish.
-  Bonus permits are only valid from May 15 through December 31, 2020.
-  All employees should be instructed on proper Bonus Program techniques and regulations.

SUBMITTING TRIP REPORTS:

-  **All reports should be submitted by either mail (address below), email (sbbp@dep.nj.gov), or fax (609-748-2032). Smartphone pictures of Trip Reports are accepted and can be emailed directly to sbbp@dep.nj.gov. Pictures must be legible.**

A limited number of permits will be issued in 2020 based on the Division's discretion. If the cumulative harvest weight reaches the quota (215,912 pounds), the program will be terminated for the remainder of the calendar year. The Division requires that participants mail all Bonus permits, Trip Reports, and other Bonus Program materials to our Nacote Creek Office (address below) by January 15, 2021. Should a 2021 Bonus Program exist, those who failed to return 2020 materials may not be eligible for the 2021 Bonus Program. Please call 609-748-2020 or email sbbp@dep.nj.gov if you have any questions or comments concerning this program or any other striped bass issue.



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