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# Commercial Striped Bass Fishery to Open July 12, 2012 and Massachusetts Prohibits the Use of Yo-Yo Rig Gear

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The Massachusetts commercial striped bass fishery is set to open on Thursday, July 12, 2012. Commercial fishermen are authorized to take 30 striped bass per day that are 34 inches or larger on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Sundays, commercial fishermen may take 5 striped bass that are larger than 34 inches. The commercial daily trip limits apply to the vessel regardless of how many permit holders are aboard. The commercial fishery will remain open until *Marine Fisheries* projects the 1,057,783 pound quota is harvested.

An additional reminder, it is unlawful for both commercial and recreational hook and line fishermen to use a "Yo-Yo" rig where the embedded weights are not attached to the terminal tackle. This is not an outright prohibition on "Yo-Yo" rig gear. Hook and line fishermen may still rig natural baits with embedded weights, provided those weights are attached to your line or leader. This action was taken to prevent unnecessary discard mortality in our hook and line fisheries.

For more information please visit our website or contact Jared Silva (617-626-1534; [jared.silva@state.ma.us](mailto:jared.silva@state.ma.us)). Full text of Massachusetts' striped bass regulations can be found at 322 CMR 6.07, while full text of hook and line gear regulations are located at 322 CMR 6.42.



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