

4VAC15-320-25. Creel and length limits. (net 0 mandates) [Non-reg reform action]

[From creel table for blue catfish]

20/day; No statewide length limit

Exceptions:

- James River and its tributaries below the fall line, ~~Rappahannock River and its tributaries below the fall line, and York River and its tributaries (including the Pamunkey River and Mattaponi River) below the fall line~~ downstream to a line connecting Hog Point on Hog Island (Surry County) and the downstream point of the mouth of College Creek (James City County) – No daily limit, except only 1 blue catfish per day longer than 32 inches

Rationale: The DWR limits on blue catfish in the tidal rivers of the Chesapeake Bay are considered a barrier to reducing their abundance. The regulation presented removes any limits on the tidal Rappahannock and York Rivers as well as the portions of the James below the freshwater/saltwater demarcation line.