



RI Department of Environmental Management



# Division of Law Enforcement

## Recent Arrests For Illegal Striped Bass Possession

On August 14, Environmental Police Officers arrested a Rhode Island male, aged 25, at the Fort Adams boat ramp in possession of **sixteen striped bass** over 34" in length. None of the bass had the right pectoral removed as required by law.

Although the suspect would not say where the fish was caught officers believed they were caught within the EEZ at the Southwest Ledge.

The offender has both a RI and MA commercial license. He was charged with 16 counts of fin clipping and over possession.

The fish were donated to the Warm Shelter in Westerly after being photographed for evidence purposes. If convicted, the fines could be in excess of \$3,200.

*(Offender names are not released until after formal court arraignment)*

On August 21, 2017, RI Environmental Police Officers working the Newport area for illegal striped bass fishing, arrested a 40 year old male from Rhode Island, for possession of **five striped bass** over 34". All five fish did not have the right pectoral fin clipped as required by law.

The offender was charged with possession of over limit of striped bass and failure to fin clip. The offender has both a RI and MA commercial fishing license.

All five fish were seized and donated to the Galilee Fisherman's Mission. The offender was given a September court date.

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Note that the commercial season for striped bass in R.I. closed on July 16 and doesn't re-open until Sept. 10. Any striped bass caught during this time is a recreational catch and subject to rec regulations. Any striped bass 34" or larger, harvested recreationally, must have the entire right pectoral fin removed at time of catch.



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