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Rockfish Season Opens on the Chesapeake Bay April 16

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 13, 2016 –The state’s spring rockfish season begins this Saturday, April 16, and anglers are encouraged to set out for the Chesapeake Bay. Calvert County is home to the bay’s largest charter boat fleet that is guided by experienced boat captains standing by to help fishing enthusiasts reel in “the big one.”

Just ask Garn Godwin V, of Aquasco, Maryland. Last year, during the height of the season, Godwin arrived at a Solomons Island check-in station with an award-winning rockfish that measured 52 inches and weighed 53 pounds. The fight earned him the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association Spring Tournament’s \$65,437 purse.

Also known as rock, striped bass and stripers, the rockfish is Maryland’s official state fish and is widely known for its size and fighting ability. The rock can grow as long as 6 feet and weigh as much as 125 pounds. The record for a striped bass stands at 67 pounds, 8 ounces for a fish caught off Bloody Point in 1995. Are you ready to break some records?

The 2016 trophy season runs through May 15. Anglers may catch one striped bass per day measuring 35 inches or larger. Learn more about Calvert County’s charter boat opportunities, or where to launch your own boat, by visiting www.choosecalvert.com/water. For more information, contact the Calvert County, Maryland, Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or via email at info@ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland’s smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.