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## Recreational Saltwater Fishing-Finfish

**Recreational saltwater fishing in New Hampshire provides diverse opportunities.** Saltwater anglers can cast a line from boats, bridges, jetties or the beach. Many saltwater fish species are available along the coast and in our rivers and bays. Recreational saltwater fishing in NH now requires a <u>recreational saltwater license</u>.

Below are species that have rules or laws that apply to recreational anglers or spearfishers while fishing in state waters.

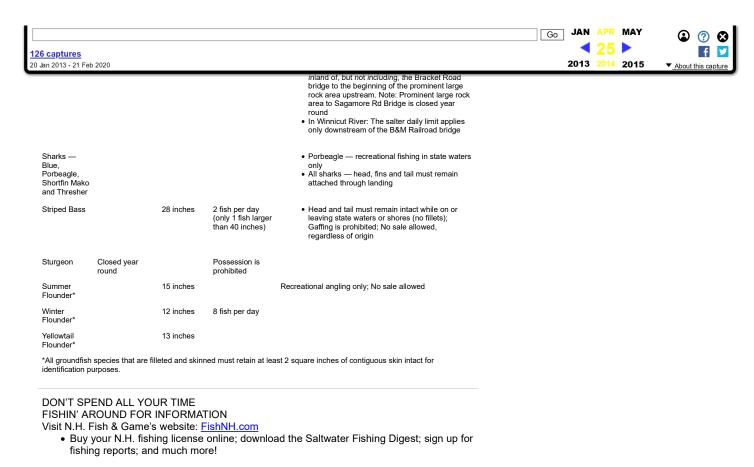
Additional regulations apply in federal waters for most of the below-listed species — contact NOAA Fisheries at (978) 281-9315 or <a href="nero.noaa.gov/sfd/recfishing">nero.noaa.gov/sfd/recfishing</a> directly if you have questions regarding fishing in federal waters.

## 2014 New Hampshire Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

SPECIES	Closed Season	Minimum Length	Daily Bag Limit	Special Rules
American Eel	No closed season (except surrounding fishways)	9 inches	25 fish per day	Fishway closures apply October 2 – June 14 (see <u>Coastal Harvest</u> )
American Plaice*		14 inches		
American Shad				All shad must be immediately released
Atlantic Cod*	Nov. 1 – April 15	19 inches	9 fish per day	Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 12 inches minimum
	Apr. 1 – June 30			Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area;
Atlantic Halibut		41 inches	1 fish per trip/vessel	Head and tail intact while on or leaving waters of the state
Atlantic Sea Herring				Federal regulations apply in federal waters
Atlantic Salmon (Sea- run )				All sea-run Atlantic salmon caught on coastal and estuarine waters must be immediately released
Atlantic Wolffish			Possession is prohibited	
Black Sea Bass		13 inches	10 fish per day	Length does not include filament/tail extension
Bluefin Tuna				Federally managed — follow federal regulations (call 1-888-USA-TUNA) or visit



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