

Red drum:

We adopted regulations (max size) in 2003 and they have not changed since, see below.

26-159a-23. Red drum

No person shall possess any red drum taken by any sport fishing or commercial fishing gear or for commercial purposes greater than 27 inches measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail and no person shall buy, sell, offer for sale or possess in a place where fish are offered for sale, any red drum greater than said length. Any red drum greater than said legal length shall, without avoidable injury, be returned immediately to the water from which taken.

Adopted March 31, 2003

Atlantic cod:

How far back in time do you need regulations?

Based on looking at old regulations we had 23" in 2003 and then in 2005 we amended the regulations to match federal measure for both minimum length and possession limit.

26-159a-4. Minimum lengths

(a) No person, while on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state shall possess or land any fish of the following species taken by sport fishing methods, regardless of where taken, if it is less than the identified length as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail:

- (1) Scup (porgy) (*Stenotomus chrysops*): 10.5 inches, except that no person on a vessel operating under the authority of a party/charter vessel registration issued under section 26-142a of the Connecticut General Statutes shall possess or land fish less than 11 inches;
- (2) Winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*): 12 inches;
- (3) Summer flounder (fluke) (*Paralichthys dentatus*): 19.5 inches;
- (4) Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*): the length specified in 50 CFR 648.89;
- (5) Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*): the length specified in 50 CFR 648.89;
- (6) Yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*): 13 inches;
- (7) Tautog (blackfish) (*Tautoga onitis*): 14 inches;
- (8) Pollock (*Pollachius virens*): the length specified in 50 CFR 648.89;

(9) Weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*): 16 inches;

(10) Black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*): 12 inches;

Effective May 19, 1995. Amended October 23, 1997, October 30, 1998, December 27, 2000. Adopted as Emergency Regulation 06/19/2002 to implement 10" minimum length for scup and 11 ½" minimum length for black sea bass; 1/28/2002. Amended 03/31/2003 Atlantic cod and haddock 23", black sea bass 11.5" add white perch 7". Amended 4/26/2005 scup 10.5", cod, haddock and pollock = CFR. Amended 12/27/2006 summer flounder 17.5", authorized tagging programs. Amended 01/25/2007 summer flounder 18", culling prohibition. Amended 09/27/2007 technical change – added Connecticut to RCSA reference. Amended 12/22/2008 scup 11" on party/charter, summer flounder 19.5", capitalized "States" in (b).