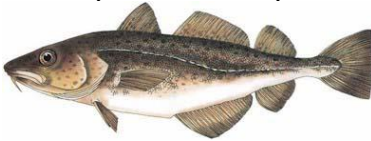


2016 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

If you are a recreational saltwater fisherman, a Maine law may require you to register with the **Maine Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry**. To learn more or to register visit: www.maine.gov/saltwater or call 207-633-9505.

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of May 7, 2016. **However, they are subject to change.** Please contact our office or your local Marine Patrol Officer with questions. All minimum lengths are total length, **NOT** fork length. The **sale of fish** by recreational anglers is prohibited.

ATLANTIC COD (*Gadus morhua*)



NEW 2016

Size: Minimum size 24 inches
Bag Limit: 1 fish per angler per day
Season: August 1 to September 30, 2016, inclusive.

HADDOCK (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



NEW 2016

Size: Minimum size 17 inches.
Bag limit: 15 fish per angler per day.
Season: Cannot retain haddock from March 1 to April 14, 2017 inclusive.

POLLOCK (*Pollachius virens*)



Size: Minimum size 19 inches.
No bag limit.
EXCEPTION: A creel limit of 12 pollock per person per day that are under 19 inches total length is allowed for recreational anglers in Maine territorial seas.

ACADIAN REDFISH (*Sebastes fasciatus*)



Size: Minimum size 9 inches.
No bag limits.

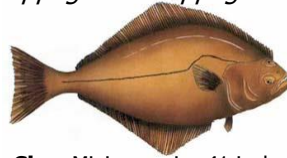
CUSK (*Brosme brosme*)



No size or bag limits.



ATLANTIC HALIBUT (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



Size: Minimum size 41 inches.
Bag limit: Vessels may land no more than 5 fish per year.
All retained fish shall immediately be tagged with an approved landings tag.
FMI: 207-624-6550

Season: Maine territorial seas, cannot retain halibut from July 1 to April 30, inclusive.
Method of take: Anglers must use 14/0, 15/0, or 16/0 circle hooks.
Federal waters: No season, no more than 1 fish per day.

For complete regulations see www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/

WINTER FLOUNDER (*Pleuronectes americanus*)



Size: Minimum size 12 inches.
Bag limit: 8 fish per angler per day.

BLACK SEA BASS (*Centropristes striatus*)



Size: Minimum size 13 inches.
Bag limit: 10 fish per angler per day.
Season: May 19 – September 21 and October 18 – December 31, inclusive.

ATLANTIC WOLFFISH (*Anarhichas lupus*)



Anglers are prohibited from retaining Atlantic wolffish.

BLUEFISH (*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



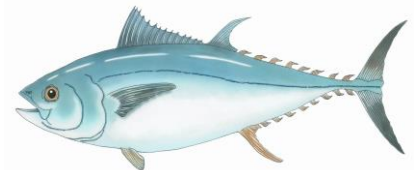
Size: No minimum size.
Bag limit: 3 fish per angler per day.
Method of take: No bait with treble hook. No more than two treble hooks per lure. It is unlawful to use any hook other than a circle hook when using bait.

ATLANTIC MACKEREL (*Scomber scombrus*)



No size or bag limits.

BLUEFIN TUNA (*Thunnus thynnus*)



To fish for bluefin tuna a Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit is required. For permits and current fishing regulations visit: hmspermits.noaa.gov or call 1-888-872-8862.

SHARKS



To fish for sharks (blue, porbeagle, shortfin mako and common thresher sharks) a Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit is required. The minimum size is 54 inches, straight fork length. For permits and current fishing regulations visit: hmspermits.noaa.gov or call 1-888-872-8862.

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