

6.02: continued

(c) Mutilated V-notch. For purposes of complying with 322 CMR 6.02(3)(b) and (c), it is unlawful for any person to possess a female lobster that is mutilated in a manner that could hide, obscure or obliterate such a mark. The flipper right of the center flipper will be examined when the underside of the lobster is down and its tail is toward the person making the determination.

(4) Non-commercial Lobster Daily Possession and Landing Limit. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest more than 15 lobsters per calendar day for personal use, or possess more than 15 lobsters while lobster fishing in waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

(5) Seasonal Closures. Fishing for lobster with pots is prohibited in the Outer Cape LCMA from January 15th through March 15th. Fishermen are required to remove all lobster traps from waters of the Outer Cape LCMA as defined in 322 CMR 6.33 during this closed period. It is unlawful for any fisherman authorized to fish traps in the Outer Cape LCMA to fish, set, or abandon any lobster traps in the OCC LCMA during this seasonal closure.

6.03: Cod, Haddock, Pollock, Yellowtail Flounder, and Halibut

(1) Definitions. For the purpose of 322 CMR 6.00 only, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Cod means that species of fish known as *Gadus morhua*.

Fish means to harvest, catch, take, have on board, possess or land or attempt to harvest, catch, take, have on board, possess or land any cod, haddock, pollock or yellowtail flounder.

Gonads means sex glands commonly known as ovaries or testes or any portions thereof removed from fish and retained for purposes of sale.

Haddock means that species of fish known as *Melanogrammus aeglefinus*.

Halibut means that species of fish known as *Hippoglossus hippoglossus*.

Land means to transfer or offload any cod, haddock, pollock or yellowtail flounder onto any vessel, boat, watercraft, land, dock, pier, wharf or other artificial structure used for the purpose of receiving fish.

Recreational Fishing means fishing for cod, haddock, pollock or yellowtail flounder with hand-held gear other than nets for a purpose or use other than sale, exchange or barter.

Pollock means that species of fish known as *Pollachius virens*.

Yellowtail Flounder means that species of fish known as *Limanda ferruginea*.

Total Length means the greatest straight line length in inches as measured on a fish with its mouth closed from the anterior most tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extremity of the tail. For fish with forked tails, the upper and lower fork may be squeezed together to measure the tail extremity.

(2) Minimum Size. It is unlawful to fish for cod, haddock, pollock or yellowtail flounder of a size less than the following:

(a) Commercial Fishing.

1. Cod: 22 inches
2. Haddock and Pollock: 19 inches.
3. Yellowtail flounder: 13 inches.
4. Halibut: 36 inches.

(b) Recreational Fishing.

1. Cod: 22 inches.
2. Haddock: 19 inches.
3. Yellowtail flounder: 13 inches.
4. Halibut: 36 inches.

(3) Method of Measurement.

(a) Minimum Size. The minimum sizes established in 322 CMR 6.03(2) shall be determined by the greatest straight line length in inches as measured on a fish with its mouth closed from the anterior most tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extremity of the tail. For fish with forked tails, the upper and lower fork may be squeezed together to measure the tail extremity.