

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

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.

(b) Recreational Fishing.

1. Cod and haddock: 23 inches.
2. Yellowtail flounder: 13 inches.

(3) Method of Measurement. 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.

(4) Recreational Fishery Limit. It is unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess more than ten cod per person; per day from April 1 through November 30 and more than five cod per person, per day from December 1 through March 31.

Exception: Fishermen on for-hire vessels which are permitted pursuant to 322 CMR 7.01(4)(e), and fishing in federal waters may possess cod in compliance with federal regulations.

(5) Commercial Fishery Cod Limit.

(a) North of Cape Cod. It is unlawful for any vessel fishing within waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth north of 42° 00' and in all waters of Cape Cod Bay to land or possess more than 500 lbs. of cod during a 24-hour day, except that vessels with federal permits allowing the taking of cod from federal waters may possess and land more than 500 lbs. provided said cod were lawfully taken from federal waters.

(b) East and South of Cape Cod. It is unlawful for any vessel fishing within waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth south of 42° 00' excluding waters of Cape Cod Bay to land or possess more than 2,000 lbs. of cod during a 24-hour day except that vessels with federal permits allowing the taking of cod from federal waters may possess and land more than 2,000 lbs. provided said cod were lawfully taken from federal waters.

(6) Gonad Restrictions.

(a) Possession Limit. It is unlawful for fishermen to possess any quantity of gonads that in aggregate weighs in excess of 10% of the weight of Atlantic cod aboard the vessel.

(b) Prohibition. It is unlawful for fishermen to remove gonads from any fish that measures below the minimum size or from any legal-sized fish released due to state or federal possession limits.