

Table A.4. Commercial and recreational fishery minimum retention size limits for Gulf of Maine haddock, from 1977 to 2013. Prior to 1977 there were no federal minimum size limits for either fishery. *Note that minimum sizes were changed throughout the year or corresponding to the start of the groundfish fishing year (May 1 – April 30), thus the year/length relationships are approximate.*

Year	Commercial minimum size limit (total length, inches)	Recreational minimum size limit (total length, inches)	Management action
1977	16	15	Groundfish Fishery Management Plan
1978	16	15	
1979	16	15	
1980	16	15	
1981	16	15	
1982	16	15	
1983	17	15	Interim Groundfish Fishery Management Plan
1984	17	15	
1985	17	15	
1986	17	15	
1987	19	17	Amendment 1
1988	19	17	
1989	19	19	
1990	19	19	
1991	19	19	
1992	19	19	
1993	19	19	
1994	19	19	Amendment 5
1995	19	19	
1996	19	19	
1997	19	19	
1998	19	19	
1999	19	19	
2000	19	19	
2001	19	19	
2002	19	23	Framework 33
2003	19	21	Framework 22
2004	19	19	Amendment 13
2005	19	19	
2006	19	19	
2007	18	19	Emergency action (August 10, 2007 through August 10, 2008)
2008	18	19	
2009	18	18	Amendment 16
2010	18	18	
2011	18	18	
2012	18	18	January 6, 2012-April 20, 2012 recreational set at 19 inches as part of AM
2013	16	21	Framework 48, implemented on July 1, 2013