

Year	Regulation
1972-1973	No person shall use a trawl or drag in any form for the taking of cod, haddock, pollack, hake, flounders, stripe bass, coho salmon or crustaceans in the Piscataqua river or its tributaries north of the Portsmouth memorial bridge. No person shall use a purse seine or beam trawl or otter trawl towed from the side or the stern of any vessel for the taking of cod, haddock, pollack, hake, flounders, stripe bass, coho salmon or crustaceans from the Atlantic ocean within two miles of the shore between the Maine line and the Massachusetts line
1988	minimum mesh size for gillnets & mobile gear is 5 1/2" to take, transport or possess cod, haddock, or yellowtail flounder. No mobile gear may be used to take finfish or crustaceans in Piscataqua River or its tributaries north of the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth. Mobile gear may be used in state ocean waters from Dec. 15 - Apr 15. (see restrictions page 28) minimum length: 17", except 15" when taken by angling. Note: An increase in minimum size for cod, haddock & yellowtail flounder, & a minimum size for pollock, is proposed. Restriction for landing groundfish with head & tail intact also is proposed. Contact this department for possible regulation changes.
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2003	minimum mesh size for gillnets & mobile gear is 6.5" to take, transport or possess groundfish. No mobile gear may be used to take finfish or crustaceans in state waters. For positive identification all fillets must have skin intact while on or leaving state waters. These species may be transported or possessed on board a vessel with mobile gear which has a mesh size smaller than 6.5 inches if the fish were taken outside of the jurisdiction of the state. minimum length 22 inches commercial; 23 inches recreational . Must have head and tail intact or at least 14" fillets with skin intact while on or leaving state waters. For recreationally caught Atlantic cod and haddock , there is a daily aggregate bag limit of 10 cod and/or haddock from April 1 through November 30 and 5 cod and/or haddock from December 1 through March 31. From April 1 through June 30, cod and haddock may only be taken recreationally.
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2010	Recreational Saltwater fishing: Closed season Nov 1 - March 31. Minimum length 24 inches. Daily bag limit of 10 fish per day . If filleted at sea: 14 inch fillet with skin intact required; Additional federal regulations apply in federal waters.
2012	Recreational Saltwater fishing: Closed season April 1st - June 30th. Minimum length 22 inches . 500 poun dlimit when taken by gillnet. 300 pound limit when taken by hook gear. Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 14 inches minimum. If feaderally permitted, current federal trip limits apply. All ground fish species that are filleted and skinned must retain at least 2 square inches of cantiguous skin intact for identification purposes.
2013	Closed season November 1 - April 15. Apr. 1 - June 30 closed in Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area. minimum size 19 inches. 9 fish per day. Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 12 inches minimum. All ground fish species that are filleted and skinned must retain at least 2 square inches of cantiguous skin intact for identification purposes.
2014	Closed season November 1 - April 15 and Apr. 1 - June 30. Closed in Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area. minimum size 19 inches. 9 fish per day. Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 12 inches minimum. All ground fish species that are filleted and skinned must retain at least 2 square inches of contiguous skin intact for identifiacion purposes.
2015	<u>Closed season Sept. 1 - April 14 and April 1 - June 30 closed in Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area. Minimum length 21 inches. Daily bag limit 9 fish per day.</u>
2016	Daily limit 0. Effective May 1, 2015, all cod caught in New Hampshire waters must be immediately released.
2017	Closed season Oct. 1 - July 31. Minimum length 24 inches. Daily bag limit 1. Fillets no less than 14 inches.
2018	Limit 0; Possession prohibited year round.
2019	Limit 0; Possession prohibited year round.