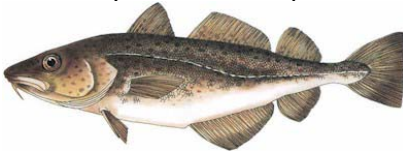


2012 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

If you are a recreational saltwater fisherman, a new 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 1, 2012. **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*)



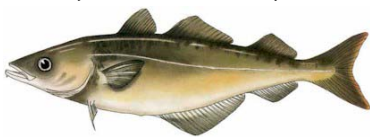
Minimum size 19"
9 fish per angler per day.
Cannot retain cod from November 1 to
April 15, inclusive.

Haddock
(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



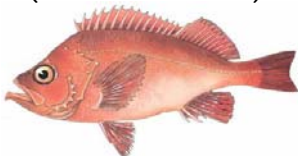
Minimum size 18"
no bag limit

Pollock
(*Pollachius virens*)



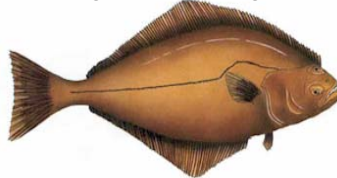
Minimum size 19"
EXCEPTION: A creel limit of 6 pollock
per person per day that are under 19"
total length is allowed for recreational
anglers in Maine territorial seas.

Redfish
(*Sebastes fasciatus*)



Minimum size 9"
No bag limits

Atlantic Halibut
(*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



Minimum size 41"
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

Winter Flounder
(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



Minimum size 12"
8 fish per angler per day
Cannot retain winter flounder from
October 1 to June 30, inclusive.

Cusk
(*Brosme brosme*)



No size or bag limits.

Atlantic wolffish
(*Anarhichas lupus*)



Anglers are prohibited from landing Atlantic wolffish.

Bluefish
(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



No minimum size
3 fish per angler per day
No bait with treble hook
No more than two treble hooks per lure

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.

Coastal Sharks



To fish for coastal 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:
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