

Recreational Finfish Regulations <small>as of Mar 11, 2005</small>			
Species	Season Open - Close	Size Limit	Possession Limit
American Eel (1)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	6 in	50 fish
Black Sea Bass (2)	May 10 - Sep 07	12 in	20 fish
	Sep 22 - Nov 30	12 in	20 fish
Blue Marlin (7)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	86 in	1 fish
Bluefish	Jan 01 - Dec 31	none	10 fish
Cod	Jan 01 - Dec 31	22 in	10 fish
Dab (Plaice)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	14 in	none
Dogfish	Jan 01 - Dec 31	none	none
Fluke	Jan 01 - Dec 31	16.5 in	7 fish
Gray Sole (Witch)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	14 in	none
Haddock (8)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	19 in	none
Monkfish	Jan 01 - Dec 31	17 in	none
Pollock	Jan 01 - Dec 31	none	none
Redfish	Jan 01 - Dec 31	9 in	none
River Herring (6)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	none	25 fish
Sailfish (7)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	57 in	1 fish
Scup (3)	Jan 01 - Oct 06	10 in	40 fish
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Shad	Jan 01 - Dec 31	none	6 fish
Sharks	<i>Federal rules apply. Consult NOAA Fisheries</i>		
Smelt	Mar 15 - Jun 15	none	none
Striped Bass (4)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	28 in	2 fish
Tautog	Jan 01 - Dec 31	16 in	3 fish
Tunas	<i>Federal rules apply. Consult NOAA Fisheries</i>		
Weakfish	Jan 01 - Dec 31	16 in	10 fish
White Marlin (7)	Jan 01 - Dec 31	62 in	1 fish
White Perch	Jan 01 - Dec 31	8 in	25 fish
Windowpane	Jan 01 - Dec 31	12 in	none
Winter Flounder (5)	Mar 01 - Apr 30	12 in	3 fish
	May 01 - Feb 28	12 in	8 fish
Yellowtail Flounder	Jan 01 - Dec 31	13 in	none

Notes:

- 1) Subject to regulation by the Division and local community. Consult local regulations
- 2) Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament
- 3) Scup has a recreational limit of 40 fish per angler with a maximum of 80 fish per private vessel with 2 or more fishermen on board. Anglers on board party/charter boats are allowed 40 fish per angler.
- 4) Bass must be kept whole, with head, tail and body intact - no mutilation permitted (other than evisceration). The discard of dead, legal size striped bass is prohibited. To prohibit the practice of high-grading, recreational fishermen may not retain legal-sized striped bass and release said fish in favor of another larger legal-sized striped bass captured subsequently. It shall be unlawful to keep striped bass alive in the water by attaching a line or chain to the fish or placing the fish in a live well or holding car. Striped bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth

closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail.

- 5) Winter flounder may not be taken from Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries except recreational fishermen may take 4 fish between Apr 13 and May 19 and between Sep 28 and Oct 28
- 6) River herring may not be taken on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Sundays. It is prohibited to catch river herring with any net other than hand-held dip nets. River herring are also subject to regulation by the local community. Consult local regulations.
- 7) Billfish are measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the tail fork