

# 2013 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](http://www.maine.gov/saltwater) or call 207-633-9505.

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of May 1, 2013. **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

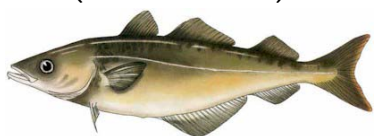
(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



**NEW 2013** Minimum size 21"  
No bag limit

## Pollock

(*Pollachius virens*)



Minimum size 19"

No bag limit

EXCEPTION: A creel limit of 12 pollock per person per day that are under 19" total length is allowed for recreational anglers in Maine territorial seas.

## Redfish

(*Sebastes fasciatus*)

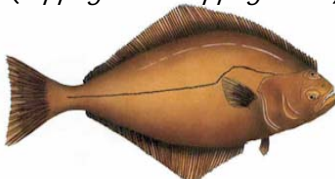


Minimum size 9"  
No bag limits



## 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

Maine territorial seas, cannot retain halibut from July 1 to April 30, inclusive and must use 14/0, 15/0, or 16/0 circle hooks.  
Anglers fishing Federal waters- no season, no more than 1 fish per day.

For complete regulations see  
[www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/)

## Winter Flounder

(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



**NEW 2013** Minimum size 12"  
8 fish per angler per day

## 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

**NEW 2013 It is unlawful to use any hook other than a circle hook when using bait**

## 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](http://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:

[hmspermits.noaa.gov](http://hmspermits.noaa.gov) or call 1-888-872-8862.

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