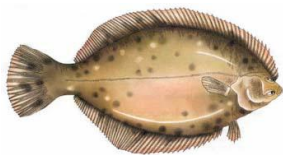


2009 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of May 1, 2009. **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.

Winter Flounder

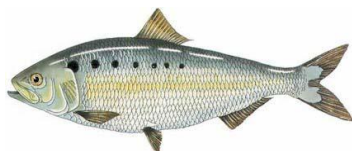
(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



Minimum size 12"
8 fish per angler per day

Shad

(*Alosa sapidissima*)



No minimum size
Using only hook and line, a person may fish for or possess only 2 fish per day

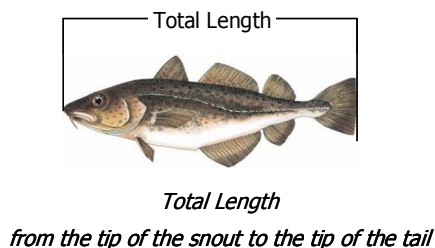
Pollock

(*Pollachius virens*)



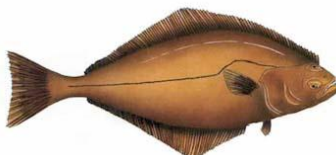
Minimum size 19"
EXCEPTION: A creel limit of 6 pollock per person per day that are under 19" total length is allowed for recreational anglers in Maine territorial seas.

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR FISH



Atlantic Halibut

(*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



Minimum size 38"
1 fish per boat per day
All retained fish shall immediately be tagged with an approved landings tag

Atlantic Salmon

(*Salmo salar*)



It is unlawful to angle, take or possess any Atlantic salmon from all Maine waters (including coastal waters). Any salmon incidentally caught, must be released immediately, alive and uninjured. At no time should the Atlantic salmon be removed from the water.

Atlantic Mackerel

(*Scomber scombrus*)



No size or bag limits

Bluefish

(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



No minimum size
3 fish per angler per day

Brown Trout

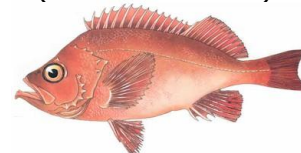
(*Salmo trutta*)



Minimum size 14"
2 fish per angler per day

Redfish

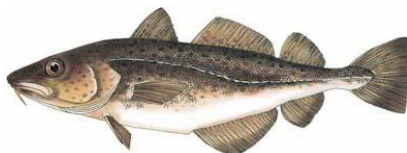
(*Sebastes fasciatus*)



Minimum size 9"
No bag limits

Atlantic Cod

(*Gadus morhua*)



Minimum size 24"
10 fish per angler per day
Cannot retain cod from November 1 to April 15, inclusive.

Haddock

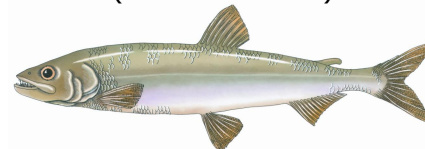
(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



Minimum size 18"
No bag limits

Rainbow Smelt

(*Osmerus mordax*)



Method of take: hook and line, dip net

Bag Limit:

June 16 – March 14: no limit, personal use only unless harvester holds commercial fishing license, no license required to sell smelts taken thru ice.

March 15 – June 15: 2 quart limit regardless of method of take.

When fishing for **groundfish**, recreational anglers will be limited to **two hooks per line** and **one line per angler**.



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