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## Marine Regulations

Fishing rules and regulations seem to change with the tide these days, and they vary greatly from state to state. That's why *The Fisherman* posts the current size and bag limits, seasons and licensing information covering all your favorite local species. Before heading out, check here for a state-by-state breakdown of current restrictions to ensure you'll be in compliance no matter how, when or where you fish.

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**Atlantic Menhaden (Bunker):** Minimum length: None, \*Daily creel limit: 50 fish per angler or 5 gallons (whichever is the greater amount), Open Season: Open Year Round

**Black Sea Bass:** 13-inch minimum - June 21 - August 31 3 fish per angler, September 1 - December 31, 8 fish per angler, \*\*Excluding Tail Fin Filament (Tendril)

**Bluefish:** No minimum size, 10/angler (including "snappers,") no closed season

**Cod:** 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

*NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.*

**Haddock:** 18" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

**Hickory Shad & American Shad:** No size limit, 6/angler (both species aggregate,) no closed season

\*\*\*American Shad: all state waters closed except the Connecticut River

**Pollock:** 19" minimum size, no daily creel limit, no closed season

**Scup / Porgy:** Private Vessel: 10.5-inch minimum, May 1 - December 31, 20 fish per person

For-Hire: 11-inch minimum, May 1 - August 31 and November 1 - December 31, 20 fish per person. Bonus For-Hire Season: September 1 - October 31, 45 fish per angler

**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season; bonus voucher program through CT DEEP

**Summer Flounder/Fluke:** 18-inch minimum, May 17 - September 21, 5 fish per person

**Tautog / Blackfish:** Minimum length: 16 inches

Open Season: April 1 - April 30, 2 fish per angler

Open Season: July 1 - August 31, 2 fish per angler

Open Season: October 10 - Dec. 6 4 fish per angler

**Weakfish:** 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

**White Perch:** 7" minimum size, 30/angler, no closed season

**Winter Flounder:** 12" minimum size, 2/angler, April 1 - December 31

**DELAWARE**

**Black Sea Bass:** May 19 to Sept. 18 and from Oct. 18 to Dec. 31; 12.5 inches; and 15-fish

**Bluefish:** No size limit, 10/angler, no closed season

**Croaker:** 8" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Porgy:** 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season

**Red Drum:** 20-27" slot size, 5/angler, no closed season

**Scup (Porgy):** 8" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season

**Spanish Mackerel:** 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Spotted Seatrout:** 12" minimum size, No creel limit, no closed season

**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler by hook and line only, no closed season. Slot of 20" - 26" in Delaware River/Delaware Bay and tributaries with season of July 1 - Aug 30 Delaware River from Trenton to Salem River open March 1 to March 31 and June 1 to December 31.

**Summer Flounder:** 16" minimum size, 4/angler, No Closed Season


**Tautog:** 15-inch minimum size for all open seasons; 5/angler Jan. 1 - March 31 and Sept. 29 - Dec. 31; 3/angler April 1 - May 11 and July 17 - Aug. 31. Season closed Sept. 1 - Sept. 28 and May 12 - July 16.


**Weakfish:** 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season


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**Bluefish:** 8" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Croaker:** 9" minimum size, limit 25/angler, no closed season

**Flounder:** 3 fish at 16 inches per person/day from April 14 to Dec. 16 in Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Waters

**Herring:** Moratorium

**Red Drum:** 18" - 27" slot limit, 1/angler, no closed season

**Spanish Mackerel:** 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

**Striped Bass:** Spring Trophy Season, April 21 - May 15, 28" min., 1 per person per day; May 16 - December 15, two fish per angler, 18" minimum size (only one of the two daily fish may exceed 28 inches)

**Tautog:** 16" minimum size, 2/angler, 4/angler from January 1 - May 15 and from November 1 thru November 14; 2/angler from May 16 thru Oct 31

**Weakfish:** 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

**White Perch:** No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Yellow Perch:** 9" minimum size, 10 per day per person, no closed season

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**Black Sea Bass:** Private Angler:

May 17 – September 15

8 fish, 14 inch minimum

For-Hire:

May 17 – September 15

8 fish, 14 inch minimum

For-Hire Special Access Program (LOA required\*):

May 17 – May 31

8 fish, 14 inch minimum

September 1 – September 30

20 fish, 14 inch minimum

\* To participate in the For-Hire Special Access Black Sea Bass Fishery, permit holders must apply for a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from Marine Fisheries by no later than May 1, 2014. Click [Mass.gov](http://Mass.gov) to see the conditions that will apply and to request an LOA.

**Bluefish:** No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Cod:** COD: NORTH OF CAPE COD Private & For-Hire – April 16 – September 1, 21-inch minimum, 9 fish per person.

SOUTH OF CAPE COD – no closed season, 22-inch minimum, 10 fish per person.

**Fluke (Summer Flounder):** Private Angler

May 22 – September 30

5 fish, 16 inch minimum

For-Hire

May 22 – September 30

5 fish, 16 inch minimum

**Haddock:** Closed season September 1 to November 30 AND March 1 to April 30, 21-inch minimum, 3 fish per person.

**Halibut:** 41" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season**Pollock:** No minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season**Scup / Porgy:** Private Angler:

May 1 – December 31

30 fish (150 fish vessel maximum), 10 inch minimum

For-Hire Bonus:

May 1 – June 30

45 fish, 10 inch minimum

For-Hire Regular:

July 1 – December 31

30 fish, 10 inch minimum

**Shad:** No minimum size, 6/angler, no closed season**Smelt:** No minimum size, 50/angler, June 16 - March 14**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season**Tautog / Blackfish:** 16" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season**Weakfish:** 16" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season**White Perch:** 8" minimum size, 25/angler, no closed season**Winter Flounder:** North of Cape Cod: 12" minimum size, 8/angler,

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apply October 2 - June 14

**American Shad:** No minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season

**Atlantic Salmon:** 15" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season, snagging not allowed

**Bluefish:** No minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Cod:** 24" minimum size, 10/angler, November 1 - April 15; April 1 - June 30, Gulf of Maine Spawning Protection Area closed.

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**Haddock:** 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Halibut:** 41" minimum size, 1/angler/vessel, no closed season

**Pollock:** 19" minimum size if taken in federal waters, no creel limit, no closed season

**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler (only 1 fish may be greater than 40"), no closed season

**Summer Flounder/Fluke:** 15" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Winter Flounder:** 12" minimum size, 8/angler, season closed May 15 - May 24

**Yellowtail Flounder:** 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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**Black Drum:** 16" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season\*\*Proposed size limit of 32 inches pending hearings\*\*

**Black Sea Bass:** 15 fish, 12-1/2 inches May 19-June 30, 3 fish July 1-Aug. 31. 15 fish Sept. 1-Sept 6. 15 fish Oct. 18-Dec. 31

**Blue Crab:** 3" minimum size for peeler/shedder 3-1/2" for soft shell 4-1/2" hard shell Limit one bushell

**Bluefish:** No minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

**Cobia:** 37" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season

**Cod & Haddock:** 21" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

*NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.*

**King Mackerel:** 23" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

**Pollock:** 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Porgy :** 9" minimum size, 50/angler, Jan 1- Feb 28 and July 1-Dec 31

**Red Drum:** 18"-27" slot size, 1/angler, no closed season

**Spanish Mackerel:** 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler, no closed season out to 3 miles

**Summer Flounder:** 18." minimum size, 5/angler, May 23 - Sept 27

**Tautog:** 15" minimum size, January 1 - February 28 (4 fish), April 1 - April 30 (4 fish), July 17 - Nov. 15 (1 fish) and November 16- December 31-(6 fish)

**Weakfish:** 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

**Winter Flounder:** 12" minimum size, 2/angler, Mar. 1- Dec 31

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**Atlantic Sturgeon:** Moritorium

**Black Sea Bass:** 13" minimum size, 8/angler, July 15 - December 31.

**Blue Crab:** Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip) 4.5"" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, 3" peeler/shedder, 50 creel limit, no closed season; All other crab species: no minimum size, 50 creel limit, no closed season

**Bluefish:** No minimum size for first ten fish, 12 inch minimum for additional fish, 15/angler total , no closed season

**Cod:** Cod: 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season;

*NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.*

**Fluke (Summer Flounder):** 18 " minimum size, 5/angler, May 17 - September 21

**Haddock:** 18" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Hickory Shad:** No minimum size, 5/angler, no closed season

**Monkfish (goosefish):** 17" minimum size(11" tail length,) no creel limit, no closed season

**Oyster Toadfish:** 10" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

**Pollock:** 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Porgy (Scup):** 10" minimum size, 30/angler, May 1 - December 31; charter and open boat creel limit expands to 45/angler from September 1 - October 31.

**Red Drum:** No minimum size, 27" maximum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Spanish Mackerel:** 14" minimum size, 15/angler, no closed season

**Striped Bass:** 18" minimum size, 1/angler for Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge, March 16 - November 30; 28" minimum size, 2/angler, April 15 - December 15 for party/charters anglers in marine waters; 28" to 40" slot, 1/angler limit, plus one fish >40" for all other marine anglers

**Tautog (Blackfish):** 16" minimum size, 4/angler, October 5 - December 14

**Weakfish:** 16" minimum size (10" filleted/12" dressed,) 1/angler, no closed season

**Winter Flounder:** 12" minimum size, 2/angler, April 1 - May 30

**Yellowtail Flounder:** 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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**Black Sea Bass:** June 29 – August 31, 13-inch minimum, 3 fish per person.

September 1 – December 31, 13-inch minimum, 7 fish per person.

**Blue Crab :** Minimum shell width (spike to spike tip,) 5" hard shell, 3-1/2" soft shell, no creel limit, May 1 - November 30

**Cod:** 22" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

**Haddock:** 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Pollock:** 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

**Scup / Porgy:** SHORE & PRIVATE BOAT – May 1 – December 31, 10-inch minimum, 30 fish per angler. PARTY & CHARTER BOAT: 10-inch minimum, May 1 – August 31 & November 1 – December 31, 30 fish per person. September 1 – October 31, 45 fish per person.

**Striped Bass:** 28" minimum size, 2/angler

**Summer Flounder/Fluke:** May 1 – December 31, 18-inch minimum, 8 fish per person

**Tautog / Blackfish:** April 15 – May 31, August 1 – October 17, 16-inch minimum, 3 fish per person. October 18 – December 16, 16-inch minimum, 6 fish per person. Maximum of 10 fish per private vessel during all periods.

**Weakfish:** March 1 – December 31, 16-inch minimum, 1 fish per person.

**Winter Flounder (Blackback):** No closed season, 12-inch minimum, 2 fish per person. See website for restricted waters.

**Yellowtail Flounder:** 13" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

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