http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/mfsizes.php

28 captures
18 Jun 2016 - 9 Nov 2018

About this capture



### **Marine Fisheries Minimum Sizes & Possession Limits**

Minimum sizes are measured for Total Length (TL) [TL is from tip of snout to tip of tail]

### 2016 COMMERCIAL

### **2016 RECREATIONAL**

### LOBSTERS, BLUE CRABS & HORSESHOE CRABS

### **SHELLFISH**

#### **2016 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**

"Restricted finfish" indicated in Red

Possession limits and open fisheries are subject to change. To participate in commercial fisheries a Rhode Island commercial fishing license and appropriate endorsements are required.

For current COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS call 423-1920

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	SEASON	CURRENT COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMIT
American Eel	9"	Closed 9/1 - 12/31	No limit
American Plaice (dab)	12"	1/1 - 12/31	No limit
American Shad	NA	1/1 - 12/31	Prohibited in state waters
Atlantic Salmon	NA	1/1 - 12/31	Prohibited in state waters

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	Black Sea Bass	11"	Sub-Periods 1/1 - 4/30 5/1 - 6/30 7/1 - 7/31 CLOSED 8/1 - 9/14 9/15 - 10/31 11/1 - 12/31	CLOSED	,
	Bluefish	18"	1/1 - 4/30 5/1 - 11/15 11/16 - 12/31	4,000 lbs/vsl/wk	
	Cod	19"	5/1 - 4/30	= 1,000 lbs/vsl/day	
	Coastal Sharks- Smoothhound			Unlimited	
	Coastal Sharks- Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	No Minimum	1/1 - 12/31	Unlimited	
	Coastal Sharks- Blacknose  Coastal Sharks- Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks  Coastal Sharks- Hammerhead  Coastal Sharks- Pelagic	No minimum	1/1 - 12/31	Unlimited	
		No minimum	1/1 - 12/31	3 sharks/vsl/day	
		No minimum	1/1 - 12/31	3 sharks/vsl/day	
		No minimum	1/1 - 12/31	Unlimited	
	Spiny Dogfish	No Minimum	5/1 - 4/30	5,000 lbs/vsl/day	
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	With Exemption Certificate 14"	Sub-Periods 1/1 - 4/30 5/1 - 9/15 9/16 -12/31	50 lbs/vsl/day CLOSED Fri and Sat thru-out  Aggregate Open 250 lbs/vsl/wk CLOSED Fri and Sat thru-out	

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## 2016 RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES 2015 2016 2017

Species	Minimum size	Season	Possession Limit
American eel	9"	1/1 - 12/31	25 eels/person/day  50 eels/vsl/day for licensed party/charter vessels
American plaice (dab)	14"	1/1 - 12/31	No limit
Black Sea Bass	15"	6/24 - 8/31 9/1 - 12/31	3 fish/person/day 7 fish/person/day
Bluefish	No minimum	1/1 - 12/31	15 fish/person/day
Cod	22"	1/1 - 12/31	10 fish/person/day
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	18"	5/1 - 12/31	8 fish/person/day
Monkfish (Goosefish)	17" whole 11" tail	1/1 - 12/31	50 lbs tails/day or 166 lbs whole/day
Haddock	18"	1/1 - 12/31	No limit
Pollock	19"	1/1 - 12/31	No limit
Scup (Shore and Private)	10"	5/1 - 12/31	30 fish/person/day

**Special Area Provisions:** While fishing from shore at India Point Park in Providence; Conimicut Park in Warwick; Rocky Point, Warwick; Stone Bridge in Tiverton; East and West Walls (Harbor of Refuge), Narragansett; Fort Wetherill, Jamestown; and Fort Adams, Newport; anglers may possess up to 30 scup 9 inches or greater in length from May 1, through December 31

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LOBSTERS, BLUE CRABS, and HORSESHOE CRABS
Minimum Sizes and Possession Limits

1/1 - 12/31

No limit

13"

Yellowtail Flounder

For more detailed lobster, blue crab, or horseshoe crab regulations click here

Lobsters

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measuring less than the legal minimum size of 3-3/8" carapace length must be returned immediately to the water from which taken.

Measuring: The carapace length is measured from the rear of the eye socket along a line parallel to the centerline of the body shell to the rear end of the body shell.

### Blue Crabs:

### THE POSSESSION OF EGG-BEARING BLUE CRABS IS PROHIBITED.

Harvesting by residents only, by crab net, dip net, scoop net, handline and trot line only. It is illegal to harvest crabs from sunset to sunrise. All blue crabs measuring less than the legal minimum size of five inches (5") from spike-end to spike-end must be returned immediately to the water from which taken. No person shall possess, take, or attempt to take more than twentyfive (25) blue crabs from any of the waters of Rhode Island except when taken by a scoop or crab net, trot, or hand line.

Measuring: A direct line measured from the end of one spike across the body shell to the end of the opposite spike must be no less than five inches (5").

### **Horseshoe Crabs:**

No person shall harvest horseshoe crabs from waters or shoreline of the state during the 48hour period preceding and the 48-hour period following the new and full moons during the months of May, June, and July annually. No person shall harvest horseshoe crabs for commercial or recreational purposes on or within 100 feet seaward of Patience and Prudence Islands in Narragansett Bay.

Commercial: It is illegal for any person to harvest horseshoe crabs in Rhode Island for commercial purposes without a Multi-Purpose Commercial Marine license and a Horseshoe Crab Harvest Permit. There is an annual commercial harvest quota allocated to the State of Rhode Island by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

Recreational: It is illegal for any person to harvest horseshoe crabs in Rhode Island for recreational purposes without a Horseshoe Crab Harvest Permit. Any resident with a Horseshoe Crab Harvest Permit may possess not more than five (5) horseshoe crabs in any calendar day. Horseshoe Crab Harvest Permits are obtainable at the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Section.

> **SHELLFISH Minimum Sizes**

Shellfishing is prohibited statewide between sunset and sunrise

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Shellfish Recreational Minimum Sizes and Possessic Go mits JUN JUL 18 Jun 2016 - 9 Nov 2018 2015 2016 2017 ▼ About this capture Non-Management wanagement Areas **Areas Species** Minimum size Non-Non-Resident Resident Resident Resident Limit Limit Limit Limit 1/2 3" diameter Channeled and 1/2 Residents Bushel Residents **Knobbed Whelk** and/or Bushel Only Max 1 Only 5-3/8" length (Conch) bushel/vsl Busycon sp. 1/2 **Bay Quahaug** 1" hinge width 1 Peck 1Peck 1/2 Peck Bushel Mercenaria mercenaria 1/2 2" longest axis 1 Peck 1 Peck 1/2 Peck Soft-shelled clam Bushel Mya arenaria 1/2 **Oyster** 3" longest axis 1 Peck 1 Peck 1/2 Peck Bushel Crassostrea virginica No seed Residents Residents Scallop 1 Bushel 1 Bushel Only Only possession Argopecten irradians 1/2 5" longest axis 1 Peck 1 Peck 1/2 Peck **Surf Clam** Bushel Spisula solidissima

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