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Recreational Saltwater Fishing-Finfish

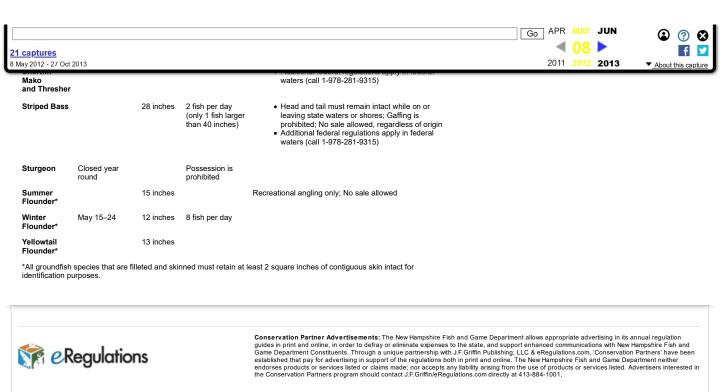
 $Recreational\ saltwater\ fishing\ in\ New\ Hampshire\ provides\ diverse\ opportunities.\ Saltwater$ anglers can cast a line from boats, bridges, jetties or the beach. Many saltwater fish species are available along the coast and in our rivers and bays. Recreational saltwater fishing in NH now requires a recreational saltwater license. See $\underline{\text{Recreational Licenses}}$ for details.

Below are species that have rules or laws that apply to recreational anglers or spearfishers.



SPECIES	Closed Season	Minimum Length	Daily Bag Limit	Special Rules
American Eel	No closed season (except surrounding fishways)	6 inches	50 fish per day	Fishway Closures apply October 2 – June 14 (see Coastal Harvest Section)
American Plaice*		14 inches		
American Shad			2 fish per day	Recreational angling only
Atlantic Cod*	Nov. 1 – April 15	24 inches	10 fish per day	Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 14 inches minimum; Additional federal regulations apply in federal waters
	Apr. 1 – June 30			Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area; see map.
Atlantic Halibut		41 inches	1 fish per trip/vessel	Head and tail intact while on or leaving waters of the state
Atlantic Sea Herring				Federal regulations apply in federal waters
Atlantic Salmon (Sea- run)		15 inches	2 fish per day	Recreational angling only; Snagging (foul-hooking) not allowed
Atlantic Wolffish			Possession is prohibited	
Bluefin Tuna				Federally managed — follow federal regulations (call 1-888-USA-TUNA) or visit www.hmspermits.gov
Bluefish			10 fish per day	
Dogfish, Spiny				Finning prohibited
Haddock*		18 inches		Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 12 inches minimum; Federal regulations apply beyond state waters
Monkfish		17 inches		
Pollock*				19 inches, if taken in federal waters
Rainbow Smelt (Saltwater)			10 liquid quarts	Head and tail must remain intact
Redfish*		9 inches		Additional federal regulations apply in federal waters
River Herring (Alewife/ Blueback Herring)	Closed every Wednesday		See Squamscott River in <u>Special</u> <u>River</u> <u>Restrictions</u> .	Fishing prohibited around fishway closure areas (see Special River Restrictions and Coastal Harvest Section)
Salters (Sea-Run Trout)	No closed season (except Berry Brook)		1 fish per day	 Recreational angling only In Berry Brook: Single-hook artificial lures and flie only; Open only August 16 – March 1, inland of, but not including, the Bracket Road bridge to the beginning of the prominent large rock area upstream. Note: Prominent large rock area to Sagamore Rd Bridge is closed year round In Winnicut River: The salter daily limit applies or downstream of the B&M Railroad bridge.
Sharks — Blue,				Porbeagle — recreational fishing in state waters only All sharks — head, fins and tail must remain

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This is not the full law. Consult the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities.

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