

2011 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

NEW in 2011, the **MAINE SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING REGISTRY**. 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 or call 207-633-9505.

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of February 1, 2011. **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
Cannot retain winter flounder from
October 1 to June 30, inclusive

Shad

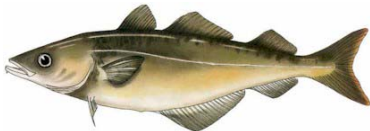
(*Alosa sapidissima*)



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.

Atlantic Cod

(*Gadus morhua*)



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



Bluefish

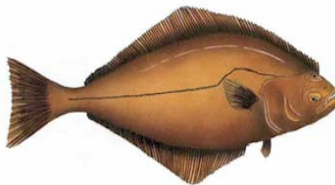
(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



No minimum size
3 fish per angler per day
No bait with treble hook
No more than two treble
hooks per lure

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

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.

Haddock

(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



Minimum size 18"
No bag limits

Atlantic Mackerel

(*Scomber scombrus*)



No size or bag limits

Brown Trout

(*Salmo trutta*)



Minimum size 14"
2 fish per angler per day

Redfish

(*Sebastes fasciatus*)



Minimum size 9"
No bag limits

Rainbow Smelt

(*Osmerus mordax*)



Method of take: hook and line,
dip net

Bag Limit:

July 1 – March 14: no limit,
personal use only unless harvester
holds commercial fishing license.

March 15 – June 30: 2 quart
limit regardless of method of take.

Atlantic wolffish

(*Anarhichas lupus*)



Anglers are prohibited from
landing Atlantic wolffish

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