













Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Size & Bag Limits for For-Hire Vessels in MA Waters*
2017

<p>BLACK SEA BASS</p>  <p>Season: May 20– Aug 29 Minimum Size: 15" Possession Limit: 5 fish</p>	<p>BLUEFISH</p>  <p>Season: all year Minimum Size: none Possession Limit: 10 fish</p>												
<p>ATLANTIC COD**</p>  <p>Note: Separate rules apply to anglers not on charter or headboat trips</p> <table><tr><td></td><td><u>N of Cape Cod</u></td><td><u>S & E of Cape Cod</u></td></tr><tr><td>Season:</td><td>all year</td><td>all year</td></tr><tr><td>Minimum Size:</td><td>22"</td><td>22"</td></tr><tr><td>Possession Limit:</td><td>Prohibited</td><td>10 fish</td></tr></table>		<u>N of Cape Cod</u>	<u>S & E of Cape Cod</u>	Season:	all year	all year	Minimum Size:	22"	22"	Possession Limit:	Prohibited	10 fish	<p>SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)</p>  <p>Season: May 22 – Sep 23 Minimum Size: 17" Possession Limit: 4 fish</p>
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<p>HADDOCK</p>  <p>Season: <u>N of Cape Cod</u> Apr 15 – Dec 31 Minimum Size: 17" Possession Limit: 15 fish</p> <p><u>S & E of Cape Cod</u> all year 18" Unlimited</p>	<p>SCUP</p>  <p>Season: May 1 – Dec 31 Minimum Size: 10" Possession Limit: 45 fish, May 1 – Jun 30; 30 fish July 1 – Dec 31</p> <p>Note: Separate rules apply to anglers not on charter or headboat trips</p>												
<p>STRIPED BASS</p> <p>NO HIGH-GRADING HOOK & LINE ONLY</p>  <p>Season: all year Minimum Size: 28" Possession Limit: 1 fish</p>	<p>TAUTOG</p>  <p>Season: all year Minimum Size: 16" Possession Limit: 3 fish</p>												
<p>WINTER FLOUNDER</p>  <p>Season: <u>N of Cape Cod</u> all year Minimum Size: 12" Possession Limit: 8 fish</p> <p><u>S & E of Cape Cod</u> Mar 1 – Dec 31 12" 2 fish</p>	<p>WEAKFISH</p>  <p>Season: all year Minimum Size: 16" Possession Limit: 1 fish</p>												

* Other rules apply for many species. Visit our Website at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries or call 617-626-1520

** Federal and state rules for cod may differ North of Cape Cod; check with National Marine Fisheries Service for federal rules.