

# 2010 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of April 10, 2010. **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*)



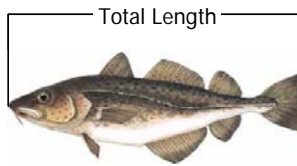
Minimum size 24"

10 fish per angler per day

Cannot retain cod from November 1 to April 15, inclusive.

When fishing for **groundfish**, recreational anglers will be limited to **two hooks per line** and **one line per angler**.

## HOW TO MEASURE YOUR FISH

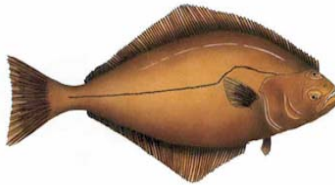


Total Length

from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail

## 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

## Bluefish

(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



No minimum size  
3 fish per angler per day

## 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, no license required to sell smelts taken thru ice.

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

## Atlantic wolffish

(*Anarhichas lupus*)



Vessels fishing in Federal waters are prohibited from landing Atlantic wolffish



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