

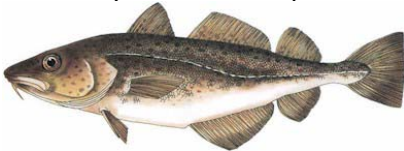
2014 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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 May 1, 2014. **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.

Atlantic Cod

(*Gadus morhua*)



NEW 2014 Minimum size 21"
9 fish per angler per day.
Cannot retain cod from September 1 to April 14, inclusive.

Haddock

(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)



NEW 2014 Minimum size 21"
3 fish per angler per day
Cannot retain haddock from September 1 to November 30 and March 1 to April 30, inclusive.

Pollock

(*Pollachius virens*)

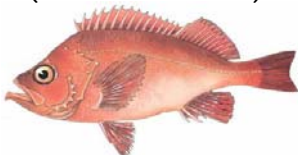


Minimum size 19"
No bag limit

EXCEPTION: A creel limit of 12 pollock per person per day that are under 19" total length is allowed for recreational anglers in Maine territorial seas.

Redfish

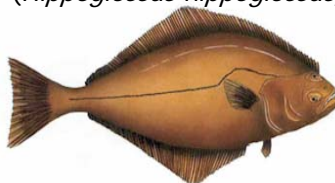
(*Sebastes fasciatus*)



Minimum size 9"
No bag limits

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

Maine territorial seas, cannot retain halibut from July 1 to April 30, inclusive and must use 14/0, 15/0, or 16/0 circle hooks. Anglers fishing Federal waters- no season, no more than 1 fish per day.

For complete regulations see www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/

Winter Flounder

(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



Minimum size 12"
8 fish per angler per day

Cusk

(*Brosme brosme*)



No size or bag limits.

Atlantic wolffish

(*Anarhichas lupus*)



Anglers are prohibited from landing Atlantic wolffish.

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
It is unlawful to use any hook other than a circle hook when using bait

Atlantic Mackerel

(*Scomber scombrus*)



No size or bag limits

Bluefin Tuna

(*Thunnus thynnus*)



To fish for bluefin tuna a Federal Highly Migratory Species permit is required. For permits and current fishing regulations visit: hmspermits.noaa.gov or call 1-888-872-8862.

Sharks



To fish for sharks (blue, porbeagle, shortfin mako and common thresher sharks) a Federal Highly Migratory Species permit is required. The minimum size is 54 inches, straight fork length. For permits and current fishing regulations visit: hmspermits.noaa.gov or call 1-888-872-8862.



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