



DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Saltwater Recreational Fishing

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2005 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATION

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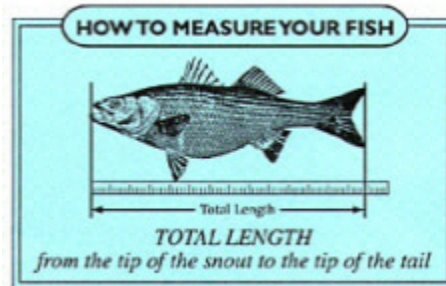
The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of March 15, 2005. **However, they are subject to change.** Please contact our office or your local Marine Patrol Officer with questions. All minimum lengths are total length, **NOT** fork length. The **sale of fish** by recreational anglers is prohibited.

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Winter Flounder
(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



Minimum size 12"
No bag limits



Atlantic Mackerel
(*Scomber scombrus*)



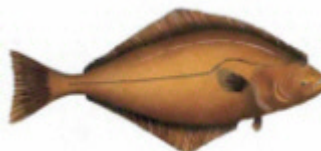
No size or bag limits

Shad
(*Alosa sapidissima*)



No minimum size
Using only hook and line, a person may fish for or possess

Atlantic Halibut
(*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



Minimum size 36"

Bluefish
(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



No minimum size
3 fish per angler per day

only two fish per day

1 fish per boat 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 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.

Brown Trout

(Salmo trutta)



Minimum size 14"
2 fish per angler per day

Atlantic Cod

(Gadus morhua)



Minimum size 22"
10 fish per angler per day

Haddock

(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)



Minimum size 19"
No bag limits

Redfish

(Sebastes fasciatus)



Minimum size 9"
No bag limits

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



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