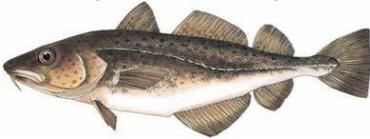


# 2016 MAINE MARINE RECREATIONAL SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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](http://www.maine.gov/saltwater) or call 207-633-9505.

The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of May 7, 2016. **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 2016

**Size:** Minimum size 24 inches  
**Bag Limit:** 1 fish per angler per day  
**Season:** August 1 to September 30, 2016, inclusive.

## HADDOCK

(*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)

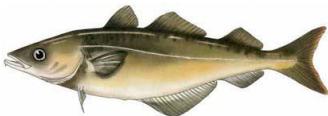


### NEW 2016

**Size:** Minimum size 17 inches.  
**Bag limit:** 15 fish per angler per day.  
**Season:** Cannot retain haddock from March 1 to April 14, 2017 inclusive.

## POLLOCK

(*Pollachius virens*)



**Size:** Minimum size 19 inches.  
No bag limit.

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

## ACADIAN REDFISH

(*Sebastes fasciatus*)



**Size:** Minimum size 9 inches.  
No bag limits.

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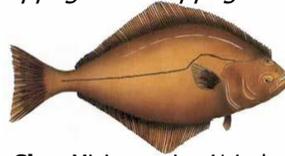
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No size or bag limits.

## ATLANTIC HALIBUT

(*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



**Size:** Minimum size 41 inches.  
**Bag limit:** 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

**Season:** Maine territorial seas, cannot retain halibut from July 1 to April 30, inclusive.  
**Method of take:** Anglers must use 14/0, 15/0, or 16/0 circle hooks.

**Federal waters:** No season, no more than 1 fish per day.

For complete regulations see [www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/halibut/)

## WINTER FLOUNDER

(*Pleuronectes americanus*)



**Size:** Minimum size 12 inches.  
**Bag limit:** 8 fish per angler per day.

## BLACK SEA BASS

(*Centropristes striatus*)



**Size:** Minimum size 13 inches.  
**Bag limit:** 10 fish per angler per day.  
**Season:** Cannot retain black sea bass from September 19 to May 18, inclusive.

## ATLANTIC WOLFFISH

(*Anarhichas lupus*)



Anglers are prohibited from retaining Atlantic wolffish.

## BLUEFISH

(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)



**Size:** No minimum size.  
**Bag limit:** 3 fish per angler per day.  
**Method of take:** 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

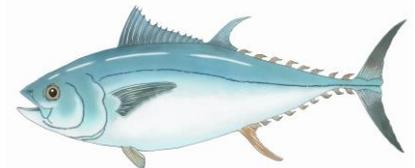
(*Scomber scombrus*)



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](http://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](http://hmspermits.noaa.gov) or call 1-888-872-8862.



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