



# RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS



	Rhode Island	Connecticut	Massachusetts	New York
<b>AMERICAN EEL</b>	9" min • 25 fish no closed season	9" min • 25 fish no closed season	9" min • 25 fish no closed season	9" min • 25 fish no closed season
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b>	15" min Jun 24 - Aug 31 - 3 fish Sep 1 - Dec 31 - 7 fish	15" min 5 fish May 19 - Dec 31	15" min 5 fish May 18 - Sept 8	15" min Jun 23-Aug 31 • 3 fish Sep 1 - Dec 31 • 7 fish
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	no min size • 3 fish no closed season (5 fish party/charter)	no min size • 3 fish (incl snappers) no closed season	no min size • 3 fish no closed season (5 fish party/charter)	no min size • 3 fish no closed season
<b>COD</b>	21" min • 10 fish no closed season	21" min • 10 fish no closed season	South & east of Cape Cod 21" min • 10 fish no closed season *North of Cape see MADMF regs	22" min • 10 fish no closed season
<b>HADDOCK</b>	18" min • no limit no closed season	18" min • no limit no closed season	South of Cape Cod 18" min • no limit no closed season	18" min • no limit no closed season
<b>POLLOCK</b>	19" min • no limit no closed season	19" min • no limit no closed season	no min size • no limit no closed season	19" min • no limit no closed season
<b>SCUP</b> Porgy	9" min • 30 fish no closed season *See Special Shore below	9" min • 30 fish no closed season 8" certain shore sites (charter rules differ)	9" min • 30 fish* April 13 to Dec 31 *max 150 fish per boat (charter rules differ)	9" min • 30 fish no closed season (charter rules differ)
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> # Special note below	1 fish • 28" - <35" slot no closed season 34" must have right pectoral fin removed	1 fish • 28" - <35" slot no closed season	1 fish • 28" - <35" slot no closed season	1 fish • 28" - <35" slot April 15 - Dec 15 *special regs Hudson River, north of GW Bridge
<b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> Fluke	May 3 - Dec 31 19" min • 6 fish **See Special Shore below	19" min • 4 fish May 4 - Sept 30 17" certain shore sites	17" min • 5 fish May 23 - Oct 9	19" min • 4 fish May 4 - Sept 30
<b>TAUTOG</b>	16" min Apr 1 to May 31 • 3 fish Jun 1 to Jul 31 • closed Aug 1 to Oct 14 • 3 fish Oct 15 to Dec 31 • 5 fish max 10 fish per boat	16" min Open seasons: Apr 1 - Apr 30 • 2 fish May/June • closed Jul 1 - Aug 31 • 2 fish Oct 10 - Nov 28 • 3 fish	16" min Open seasons: Apr 1 - May 31 • 3 fish Jun 1-Jul 31 • 1 fish Aug 1 - Oct 14 • 3 fish Oct 15 - Dec 31 • 5 fish	16" min Apr 1-Apr 30 • 2 fish L.I. Sound Fall Oct 11-Dec 9 • 3 fish NY Bight Fall Oct 15-Dec 22 • 4 fish
<b>WEAKFISH</b> Squeteague	16" min • 1 fish no closed season	16" min • 1 fish no closed season	16" min • 1 fish no closed season	16" min • 1 fish no closed season
<b>WINTER FLOUNDER</b>	12" min • 2 fish March 1 to Dec 31 *All of Narragansett Bay, Potter Pond, Point Judith Pond and the Harbor of Refuge is closed to winter flounder fishing	12" min • 2 fish April 1 to Dec 31	<u>North of Cape Cod</u> 12" min • 8 fish no closed season <u>South of Cape Cod</u> 12" min • 2 fish March 1 - Dec 31	12" min • 2 fish April 1 to May 30

# Striped Bass: All states. Mandatory use of circle hooks when fishing with bait.

**RI Special Shore Angling Sites** (fluke and scup): India Point Park, Providence; Conimicut Park, Warwick; Rocky Point, Warwick; Stone Bridge, Tiverton; East and West Walls (Harbor of Refuge), Narragansett; Fort Wetherill, Jamestown; and Fort Adams, Newport

\*Scup at Special Shore Angling Sites: Min. size 8". Total possession 30 fish/day.

\*\*Summer Flounder at Special Shore Angling Sites: Min. size 17" (2 fish only). Total possession 6 fish: 2 may be 17", rest must be 19" and larger

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