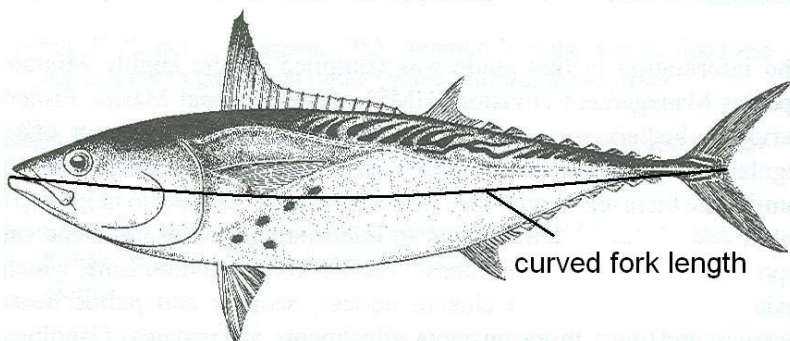
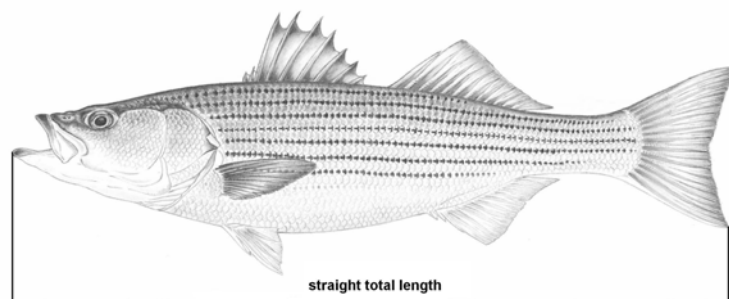


Eligible Species and Minimum Lengths For Catch and Release Awards

Atlantic cod	42 inches
Bluefish	35 inches
False albacore	26 inches
Fluke	24 inches
Striped Bass	45 inches
Winter Flounder	19 inches

Measured lengths are total length (straight line length tip of longest jaw to tip of tail on a flat surface), except for false albacore which is curved over the body, tip of longest jaw to the tail fork. Lengths should be measured to the nearest 1/2 inch.



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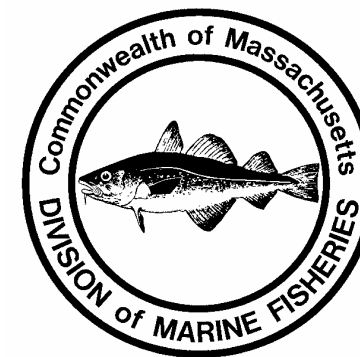
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**Derby affidavits are available at official weight stations,
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Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Saltwater Fishing Derby



Information and Rules January 2009

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Eligible Species and Minimum Weights For Weigh-in Awards (in pounds)

Albacore	30
Bigeye Tuna	100
Bluefish	12
Bluefin Tuna	500
Blue Shark	300
Bonito	5
Cod	30
Cusk	20
Dolphin	15
False Albacore	10
Fluke	7
Haddock	8
Halibut	50
King Mackerel	6
Mackerel	2
Mako Shark	150
Pollock	12
Porbeagle Shark	150
Scup	2
Sea Bass	4
Spanish Mackerel	4
Striped Bass	35
Swordfish	150
Tautog	8
Thresher Shark	200
Wahoo	30

Weakfish	8
Winterflounder	3
Wolfish	20
Yellowfin Tuna	50

Tournament Rules

The DMF Derby will run from January 1st – November 30th, annually. A change from existing rules (March 1).

Eligibility is for all saltwater anglers.

Captains or mates of for hire vessels, or shore guides, while under charter are not eligible.

Fishermen are not eligible while actively commercially fishing. Fish from any trip producing fish that is sold or bartered are ineligible for derby entry.

Persons convicted of violating fishery laws or regulations or who have had administrative permit sanctions for violations of fishery laws or regulations within 5 years are ineligible.

Only fish meeting eligible weights or lengths can receive awards.

To enter the weigh-in derby official affidavits must be filled and submitted at an official weigh station. Catch and Release Derby affidavits should be submitted directly by the angler.

All entries must be submitted on an official affidavit.

Mailed entries must be received within 30 days of catch and be postmarked no later than December 10th.

All fish must be caught on rod and reel or hand line, and in a sporting manner. Power reels or equipment may not be used.

Fish must be caught in Massachusetts waters or first landed in a Massachusetts port.

Mutilated, cut, scaled, harpooned, speared, shot or frozen fish are not eligible.

Only the first weigh-in specifications count – shopping of fish among weight stations is not allowed.

Protests by other anglers must be notarized and submitted in writing within two weeks of any alleged violation of the derby rules

The Derby Coordinator may require additional information at any time or for any reason.

Violations of any derby rules may result in exclusion from the derby.

Decisions of the Derby Coordinator or his/her superiors will be final.

All state record qualifying entries must be photographed, as in the catch and release awards, and the photo submitted with the affidavit at the time of submission.

Additional rules for Catch and Release Awards

Fish must be released alive - no use of gaffs or harpoons. Fish must be boated and measured for total length (closed jaw to tip of tail, tail may be squeezed together for measurement) except for false albacore which is measured to the fork of the tail.

Fish must be photographed and the photo submitted with the affidavit at time of submission. Exceptions in timing of submissions are acceptable for e-mail submitted photos. The photo must be a side view photo on a clearly discernable measuring device.

Anglers may submit multiple entries but may earn only one citation per species per year. Only one trophy will be given for the largest of each species per year. Catch and release of

any four eligible species by an angler within the year will qualify for a “Grand Slam” release award. Only one “Grand Slam” award will be given out per year to the greatest cumulative length. In the event of a tie for any catch and release award, the earliest entry will be used as the tiebreaker.