



## **MARINE FISHERIES REGULATION SUMMARIES as of January 1, 2017**

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The information in this document outlines the general laws and regulations governing recreational and commercial fishing in the territorial waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is not comprehensive. Although every attempt has been made to keep this document accurate and up to date, this is not an official copy of the Commonwealth's marine fishery laws and regulations, and should not be consulted as such. The closure maps depicted in this document demonstrate certain specific closures but are not inclusive of all closures that may affect a certain fishing activity.

Please review official copies of M.G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR for full and accurate descriptions of marine fisheries laws and regulations. For comprehensive regulations contact the Secretary of State Division of Publications and Regulations and for the statutory text to M.G.L Ch. 130 visit the Massachusetts Legislature's website (<http://www.malegislature.gov>).

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**The following regulatory changes occurred during June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016**

*(Note: This is not a comprehensive list of all regulatory changes enacted during this period. It may not include regulations changed by emergency actions, regulations that have been superseded by more recent changes or the Director's declaration of annual fishery specifications.)* Please contact the author for more information or suggestions.

**Reorganization and Recodification (322 CMR 3.00, 4.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 14.00)**

1. Regulations have been clarified, updated, re-organized, merged and rescinded to improve the organization and readability DMF's regulatory code consistent with Executive Order 562.

**Sink Gillnets (322 CMR 4.04)**

1. Requires all gillnet fishermen to mark the top, middle and bottom of their endlines with a 12" green mark. If the endline is green rope, then the mark may be white. This complements recent changes to the federal Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.

**Aquaculture Reared Non-Conforming Shellfish (322 CMR 6.08, 6.20 and 14.03)**

1. Establishes a 2 ½" minimum size for aquaculture reared oysters and allows the in-state sale of aquaculture raised oysters between the 2 ½" aquaculture reared minimum size and the 3" wild caught minimum size. All aquaculture reared oysters in this size range must have the terms "Aquaculture Reared" or "Farm Raised" on the shellfish identification tag.
2. Establishes a 1 ½" minimum size for aquaculture raised surf clams and allows the in-state sale of aquaculture raised oysters between the 1 ½" aquaculture reared minimum size and the 5" wild caught minimum size. All aquaculture reared oysters in this size range must have the terms "Aquaculture Reared" or "Farm Raised" on the shellfish identification tag.
3. Establishes a 7/8" minimum size for aquaculture reared quahogs and continues to allow the primary sale (harvester to dealer) of aquaculture reared quahogs between the 7/8" aquaculture reared minimum size and the 1" wild caught minimum size. All secondary sales of quahogs in this size range shall be to entities outside the Commonwealth. All aquaculture reared quahogs in this size range must have the terms "Aquaculture Reared" or "Farm Raised" on the shellfish identification tag.

**Surf Clam Management (322 CMR 6.08)**

1. Establishes a state-wide 48" maximum surf clam dredge width.
2. Allows the in-state possession and sale of surf clams that were lawfully harvested outside of the Commonwealth that do not conform to the state's 5" minimum size.

**Whelk Management (322 CMR 6.21)**

1. Implements a mixed whelk trip limit of two level filled fish totes for hand harvesters.
2. Establishes a 15 mixed whelk recreational possession limit.
3. Refines the method of measurement language to enhance enforcement and compliance. New method requires whelks be measured with their operculum laying as flat on the gauge as possible in an orientation where a straight line drawn the shell's apex to its siphonal canal is parallel to the sides on the gauge.

**Commercial Scup Limits (322 CMR 6.28)**

1. Increases the commercial scup limits to 1,500 pounds and eliminates closed fishing days for all gear types beginning on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

**American Eels (322 CMR 6.30)**

1. Adopts a commercial quota management system, consistent with the ASMFC management plan.
2. Clarifies that the recreational eel limit applies to the harvest of eels and not the possession of eels that were

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lawfully purchased or harvested for bat or personal use.

**Trap Tags (322 CMR 6.31)**

1. Increases the initial allocation of conch pot trap tags from 220 to 240 to account for routine gear loss. Additional trap tag replacements will require an entire new set of trap tags be ordered and affixed to the gear.

**Mobile Gear Vessel Replacement (322 CMR 7.05)**

1. Eliminates the tonnage and horsepower baselines for vessel upgrades, but maintains the restriction of vessel length that limits upgrades to 10% of the total length of the baseline vessel.
2. Extends the small boat exemption and allows the Director to approve vessel upgrades that exceed the vessel length restriction if the new upgraded vessel length is 50 feet or less.

**MA/NH Sea Herring Spawning Closure (322 CMR 9.03)**

1. Adjusted the methodology and procedure for closing the MA/NH sea herring spawning closure.

**Aquaculture Reared Finfish (322 CMR 14.02)**

1. Authorizes the in-state harvest, possession and sale of aquaculture reared finfish at sizes that do not conform to the state's wild harvest minimum size. All non-conforming aquaculture reared product must be labeled as "Aquaculture Reared" or "Farm Raised" with a bill of lading documenting the product originated from a lawful aquaculture operation.

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>RECREATIONAL FISHING</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>	
	(1)	For-hire vessels	.....			
		Head boat issued to vessels carrying seven or more paying customers.		\$130		\$260
		Charter boat issued to vessels carrying up to six paying customers.		\$65		\$130
	(2)	Recreational Fishermen*		\$10		\$10
	* Fee is waived for recreational fishermen that are 60 years of age or older. Persons who are disabled under M.G.L. c. 19C sec. 1 do not need to hold a recreational fishing permit. Massachusetts will accept recreational fishing permits from Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire.					

<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations permitted for both for-hire vessels and commercial fishing activity may not engage in commercial fishing activity while engaged in for-hire fishing activities <a href="#">[CMR 7.01 and 7.10]</a>, but may sell any striped bass caught during a for-hire trip that adheres to the commercial striped fishing regulations <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Winter Cod Conservation Zone	November 15. 1 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Spring Cod Conservation Zone	April 16 – July 21	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , wolfish, ocean pout and windowpane flounder <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>HOOK AND LINE (includes Rod and Reel)</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>		<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen		
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260	\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195	\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130	\$260
	Rod & Reel .....	\$35	\$100
If certain species are being taken or landed:			
(2)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement, including groundfish (if vessel has no federal groundfish or monkfish permit) .....	\$30	\$60

<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 6, 2008 control date for all hook and line fisheries excluding striped bass. <a href="#">[322 CMR 7.04]</a>.</li> <li>September 8, 2013 control date for striped bass. <a href="#">[322 CMR 7.04]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hook size is restricted when longlining for cod inside the winter flounder spawning closure area from Feb 1 – May 31. Hooks must exceed 11/16” gape or circle hooks must measure at least ½” inside <a href="#">[CMR 8.04]</a>.</li> <li>Rod &amp; Reel permit holders may not use handlines or longlines.</li> <li>Maximum vessel size: 90 feet <a href="#">[CMR 8.03]</a>.</li> </ul>
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	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Groundfish Closure I: Upper Cape Cod Bay and Mass. Bay (South of Marblehead)	Oct. 1 – January 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure II: Boston to NH	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure III: East of Cape Cod	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure IV: Marblehead to NH	June 1 – June 30	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>

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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES (cont'd)	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	Winter flounder near-shore spawning closure from Provincetown to N.H. (exception for line trawling of cod with gear restrictions above).	Feb. 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.04</a>
	Winter Cod Conservation Zone	Nov. 15 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Spring Cod Conservation Zone	April 16 – July 21	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Harwich Restricted Area	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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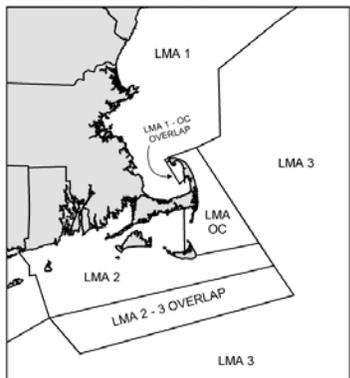
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>LOBSTERING commercially with TRAPS.</b> <i>Not including lobstering with a student permit. See other appropriate summaries for details.</i>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Coastal Lobster	\$310	\$570
	If certain species are being taken or landed:			
(2)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement		\$30	\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new permits are being issued to lobster commercially with traps in state waters or federal waters in LMA1 or LMA2 <a href="#">[CMR 7.03 and 7.08]</a>; existing lobster permits are renewable and transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.03 and 7.08]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fishermen must declare which Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) they intend to fish <a href="#">[CMR 6.31 and 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>Multiple LCMA endorsements are prohibited, except by persons with valid federal authorization for LCMA 3 who may additionally receive authorization for either LCMA 1, 2 or Outer Cape Cod. Those fishing in more than one area as designated on their permits shall observe the most restrictive of different regulations for the areas declared <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>All coastal lobster permits must be owner-operated <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>Transfers of coastal permits are prohibited between areas except when transferring to an area under management of an effort control plan. <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>Transfers of permits only allowed between Commonwealth-only permit holders. <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.39]</a>.</li> <li>Area-specific regulations, including actively fished criteria, govern the transfer of coastal permits <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a></li> <li>Night fishing for lobsters is prohibited <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.39]</a>.</li> <li>No unloading of lobster Feb 1 – April 30 from 8:00 PM through 6:00 AM <a href="#">[CMR 6.25]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The volume of any trap must not exceed 22,950 cubic inches <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a></li> <li>LCMA 2 and OCCLMA trap limit based on individual’s initial trap allocation <a href="#">[CMR 6.13]</a> and trap allocation transfers <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>, not to exceed limit of 800 traps <a href="#">[CMR 6.13]</a></li> <li>LCMA 1: trap limit of 800 <a href="#">[CMR 6.13]</a></li> <li>LCMA 3: trap limit based on individual’s history as approved by NMFS <a href="#">[CMR 6.13]</a>.</li> <li>Year-specific trap tags required on all traps <a href="#">[CMR 6.31]</a></li> <li>Unlawful to abandon any gear or for any person to fish, store or abandon fixed fishing gear with <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lines floating at the water’s surface;</li> <li>Positively buoyant groundline; and</li> <li>Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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**GEAR  
RESTRICTIONS  
(cont'd):**

- Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet [\[CMR 4.13\]](#).
- Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length [\[CMR 8.03\]](#).
- Use of multiple trap strings (trawls) is prohibited in the waters of Gosnold [\[Ch.130 sec.37\]](#).
- Use of buoyed lobster cars is prohibited except in Inshore Restricted Waters [\[CMR 6.14\]](#).
- Unlawful to mark fixed gear as required in [\[CMR 4.13\]](#) if traps are not properly rigged with features required in [\[CMR 12.05\]](#).
- Buoy Marking:  
All traps, buoys and lobster cars must bear fisherman's license number not less than ½" in height nor less than 1/8" in thickness or width of line (for purposes of complying with this requirement, wire traps tagged with trap tags in accordance with 322 CMR 6.31 will be considered sufficient) [\[Ch. 130 sec.38\]](#) and [\[CMR 4.13\]](#)  
Fisherman's buoy colors must be displayed on vessel [\[Ch.130 sec.38A\]](#).  
Single Traps require a single 7"x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional [\[CMR 4.13\]](#).  
Trawls: East end (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks.  
West end (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag. [\[CMR 4.13\]](#)  
Note Boston Harbor exemption. [\[CMR 4.13\]](#)
- Buoy Line Marking [\[322 CMR 4.13\]](#)  
Trawl Marking  
LCMA 1, LCMA 2 & OCC LCMA must be marked with a 12" red mark at the top, middle and bottom of the boy line  
LCMA 3 must be marked with 12" black mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line.  
Single Trap Marking  
LCMA 1 must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of white.  
LCMA 2 must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of black.  
OCC LCMA must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of yellow.
- Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 [\[322 CMR 12.06\]](#).
- Degradable 'ghost' panels required [\[CMR 6.02\]](#):
  1. rectangular opening covered by panel at least 3 ¾ x 3 ¾ inches located in outer parlor allowing unobstructed exit of lobsters from trap;
  2. panel to be fastened to trap by either wood lath; cotton, hemp, sisal, or jute twine not greater than 3/16" in diameter; or non-stainless, uncoated ferrous metal not greater than 3/32" in diameter;
  3. door of trap may serve as ghost panel if fastened to trap with material specified above;
  4. escape vent may serve as ghost panel if incorporated into a panel constructed of, or attached to the trap with a material specified above, and upon breakdown of the degradable materials, will create an opening at least 3 3/4" square.
  5. traps constructed entirely or partially of wood shall be considered to be in compliance if constructed of wood lath to the extent that deterioration of wooden component(s) will result in unobstructed opening at least 3 3/4" square.

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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont'd):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Escape vent minimum sizes <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>:           <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>LCMA</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>RECTANGULAR</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>TWO CIRCULAR</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1 15/16" x 5 3/4"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 7/16"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2, 3, &amp; OCC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2" x 5 3/4"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 5/8"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>600-lb. breakaway link on buoy line required <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>Trawls of two or three traps may only be buoyed on one end <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>Single traps must utilize an endline not to exceed 3/8" diameter <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> </ul>	<u>LCMA</u>	<u>RECTANGULAR</u>	<u>TWO CIRCULAR</u>	1	1 15/16" x 5 3/4"	2 7/16"	2, 3, & OCC	2" x 5 3/4"	2 5/8"
	<u>LCMA</u>	<u>RECTANGULAR</u>	<u>TWO CIRCULAR</u>							
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	2, 3, & OCC	2" x 5 3/4"	2 5/8"							

<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	Large Whale Seasonal Trap Gear Closure	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Single Trap Area	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Greater New Bedford Harbor north of a line from Ricketson's Point (Dartmouth) to Wilbur Point (Fairhaven)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.29</a>
	Outer Cape Trap Haul-Out Period	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 6.02</a>
	Upper Cape Cod Bay Whiting Area/Fixed Gear Free Zone	Sep 1 – Oct 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.06</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

<b>MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>:</b>		
<u>LCMA</u>	<u>MINIMUM SIZE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM SIZE</u>
1	3 1/4"	5"
2	3 3/8"	5 1/4"
3	3 17/32"	6 3/4"
OCC	3 3/8"	N/A

<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS</b>		
<u>LCMA</u>	<u>REQUIREMENT TO V-NOTCH FEMALE LOBSTER</u>	<u>RULES PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTER</u>
1	Commercial fishermen fishing in LCMA 1 are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any egg-bearing female lobster at least 1/4" and not greater than a 1/2" in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	"ZERO TOLERANCE" applies. Fishermen may not possess a female lobster with a "v-shaped notch" of any size with or without setal hairs on the flipper right of the center flipper.

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<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS (CONT'D)</b>		
<b><u>LCMA</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIREMENT TO V-NOTCH FEMALE LOBSTER</u></b>	<b><u>RULES PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF A V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTER</u></b>
2	Commercial lobster permit holders fishing in LCMA 2 are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any legal sized egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than ½” in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	Fishermen may not possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8”, with or without setal hairs.
3	Commercial fishermen fishing in LCMA 3 above 42°30’ are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than a ½” in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	Fishermen may not possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8”, with or without setal hairs.
Outer Cape Cod	No requirement to v-notch.	Fishermen and dealers may not possess a female lobster if it possesses a “v-shaped notch” defined as a straight-sided triangular cut, without setal hairs, at least ¼” in depth and tapering to a point.
<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from Jan 1 - April 30 [ <a href="#">Ch. 130 sec.40</a> ], egg-bearing lobsters [ <a href="#">Ch.130 sec.41A</a> ], V-notched female lobsters [ <a href="#">CMR 6.02</a> ], river herring [ <a href="#">CMR 6.17</a> ]. The catch of finfish and conch must not exceed the catch of lobster by weight, else a regulated fish pot fishery permit is required [ <a href="#">CMR 6.12</a> ].	

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>LOBSTERING commercially with TRAPS – using STUDENT lobster permit</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1) Student Lobster	.....	\$80		\$145

**PERMIT LIMIT:** Permits are granted **only** to full-time students over the age of 12.

**PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:**

- Fishermen must declare which Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) they intend to fish. [\[CMR 6.31 and 7.03\]](#)
- Multiple LCMA endorsements are prohibited [\[CMR 7.03\]](#)
- Permit holder not allowed to tend traps authorized under recreational permit (e.g. another family member’s traps).
- Night fishing for lobsters is prohibited [\[Ch. 130 sec.39\]](#).
- Permit valid from June 15<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup> only [\[Ch.130 sec. 38\]](#).

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Trip level reporting [\[Ch. 130 sec 21\]](#) for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.

**GEAR RESTRICTIONS:**

- The volume of any trap must not exceed 22,950 cubic inches [\[CMR 6.02\]](#)
- No more than 25 traps may be set [\[Ch. 130 sec.38\]](#).
- Year-specific trap tags required on all traps [\[CMR 6.31\]](#)
- Unlawful to abandon any gear or for any person to fish, store or abandon fixed fishing gear with [\[CMR 12.03\]](#):
  1. Lines floating at the water’s surface;
  2. Positively buoyant groundline; and
  3. Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line.
- Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet [\[CMR 4.13\]](#).
- Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length [\[CMR 8.03\]](#).
- Use of multiple trap strings (trawls) is prohibited in the waters of Gosnold [\[Ch.130 sec.37\]](#).
- Use of buoyed lobster cars is prohibited except in Inshore Restricted Waters [\[CMR 6.14\]](#).
- Escape vent minimum sizes [\[CMR 6.02\]](#):
 

<u>LCMA</u>	<u>RECTANGULAR</u>	<u>TWO CIRCULAR</u>
1	1 15/16” x 5 3/4”	2 7/16”
2 & OCC	2” x 5 3/4”	2 5/8”
- 600 lb. breakaway link on bouy line required [\[CMR 12.06\]](#).
- Single traps must utilize an endline not to exceed 3/8” diameter [\[CMR 12.06\]](#).

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<p><b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont'd):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buoy Marking: <u>All traps, buoys and lobster cars</u> must bear fisherman's license number not less than 1/2" in height nor less than 1/8" in thickness or width of line (for purposes of complying with this requirement, wire traps tagged with trap tags in accordance with 322 CMR 6.31 will be considered sufficient) [Ch. 130 sec.38 and CMR 3.07].<u>Fisherman's buoy colors</u> must be displayed on vessel [Ch.130 sec.38A]. <u>Traps</u> require a single 7"x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional [CMR 4.13]. <u>Trawls: East end</u> (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks. <u>West end</u> (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag. Note Boston Harbor exemption. [CMR 4.13].</li><li>• Buoy Line Marking [CMR 4.13] <u>Trawl Marking</u> <u>LCMA 1, LCMA 2 &amp; OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" red mark at the top, middle and bottom of the boy line <u>LCMA 3</u> must be marked with 12" black mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line. <u>Single Pot Marking</u> <u>LCMA 1</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of white. <u>LCMA 2</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of black. <u>OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of yellow.</li><li>• Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 [CMR 12.06].</li><li>• Trawls of two or three traps may not be buoyed on both ends [CMR 12.06].</li><li>• Degradable 'ghost' panels required [CMR 6.02]:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. rectangular opening covered by panel at least 3 3/4 x 3 3/4 inches located in outer parlor allowing unobstructed exit of lobsters from trap;</li><li>2. panel to be fastened to trap by either wood lath; cotton, hemp, sisal, or jute twine not greater than 3/16" in diameter; or non-stainless, uncoated ferrous metal not greater than 3/32" in diameter;</li><li>3. door of trap may serve as ghost panel if fastened to trap with material specified above;</li><li>4. escape vent may serve as ghost panel if incorporated into a panel constructed of, or attached to the trap with a material specified above, and upon breakdown of the degradable materials, will create an opening at least 3 3/4" square.</li><li>5. traps constructed entirely or partially of wood shall be considered to be in compliance if constructed of wood lath to the extent that deterioration of wooden component(s) will result in unobstructed opening at least 3 3/4" square.</li></ol></li></ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Large Whale Seasonal Trap Gear Closure	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Single Trap Area	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>
	Greater New Bedford Harbor north of a line from Ricketson’s Point (Dartmouth) to Wilbur Point (Fairhaven)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.29</a>
	All waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth	Sep. 16 – Jun. 14	<a href="#">MGL c.130 sec.38</a>
	Upper Cape Cod Bay Whiting Area/Fixed Gear Free Zone	Sep. 1 – Sep. 15	<a href="#">322 CMR 8.06</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Egg-bearing lobsters <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.41A]</a> , v-notched female lobsters <a href="#">[CMR 6.02(3)]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , and windowpane flounder, wolffish and ocean pout <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> . Also it is prohibited to possess a female lobster that is mutilated in a manner that could hide, obscure or obliterate a v-shaped notch. The catch of finfish and conch must not exceed the catch of lobster by weight, else a regulated fish pot fishery permit is required <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a> .
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<b>MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS <a href="#">[CMR 6.01]</a>:</b>		
<u>LCMA</u>	<u>MINIMUM SIZE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM SIZE</u>
1	3 ¼”	5”
2	3 ¾”	5 ¼”
OCC	3 ¾”	N/A

<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS</b>		
<u>LCMA</u>	<u>REQUIREMENT TO V-NOTCH FEMALE LOBSTER</u>	<u>RULES PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF A V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTER</u>
1	Fishermen are required to carve v-shaped notch in any egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than a ½” in depth and tapering to sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	“ZERO TOLERANCE” applies. Fishermen may not possess a female lobster with a “v-shaped notch” of any size with or without setal hairs on the flipper right of the center flipper.
2	Fishermen are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any legal sized egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than ½” in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	Fishermen may not possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8”, with or without setal hairs.

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<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS (CONT'D)</b>		
Outer Cape Cod	No requirement to v-notch.	Fishermen and dealers may not possess female lobster if it possesses a "v-shaped notch" defined as straight-sided triangular cut, without setal hairs, at least 1/4" in depth and tapering to point.

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>LOBSTERING commercially with SCUBA in state waters.</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Coastal Lobster	.....	\$310		\$570

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new permits are being issued to lobster commercially in state or federal waters with traps <a href="#">[CMR 7.03 and 7.08]</a>; existing permits are renewable and transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishermen must declare which Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) they intend to fish <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Multiple LCMA endorsements are prohibited, except by persons with valid federal authorization for LCMA 3 who may additionally receive authorization for either LCMA 1, 2 or Outer Cape Cod. Those fishing in more than one area as designated on their permits shall observe the most restrictive of different regulations for the areas declared <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Transfers of coastal permits are prohibited between areas except when transferring to an area under management of an effort control plan.</li> <li>• Area-specific regulations, including actively fished criteria, govern the transfer of coastal permits <a href="#">[CMR 7.03]</a></li> <li>• Night fishing for lobsters is prohibited <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.39]</a>.</li> <li>• No unloading of lobster Feb 1 - April 30 from 8:00 PM through 6:00 AM (<a href="#">[CMR 6.25]</a>)</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Scuba tank and floating marker must display permit numbers. Permit numbers shall be not less than 3 inches in height nor less than ½ inch in thickness or width of line <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38A and CMR 4.11]</a> .
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Greater New Bedford Harbor north of a line from Ricketson’s Point (Dartmouth) to Wilbur Point (Fairhaven)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.29</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from Jan 1 - April 30 <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.40]</a> , egg-bearing lobsters <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.41A]</a> , v-notched female lobsters <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a> .
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<b>MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>:</b>		
<u>LCMA</u>	<u>MINIMUM SIZE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM SIZE</u>
1	3 ¼”	5”
2	3 ⅜”	5 ¼”
OCC	3 ⅜”	N/A

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<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS</b>		
<b><u>LCMA</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIREMENT TO V-NOTCH FEMALE LOBSTER</u></b>	<b><u>RULES PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF A V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTER</u></b>
1	Fishermen are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than a ½” in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	“ZERO TOLERANCE” applies. Fishermen may not possess a female lobster with a “v-shaped notch” of any size with or without setal hairs on the flipper right of the center flipper.
2	Fishermen are required to carve a v-shaped notch in any legal sized egg-bearing female lobster at least ¼” and not greater than ½” in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when underside is down.	Fishermen may not possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8”, with or without setal hairs.
Outer Cape Cod	No requirement to v-notch.	Fishermen and dealers may not possess a female lobster if it possesses a “v-shaped notch” defined as a straight-sided triangular cut, without setal hairs, at least ¼” in depth and tapering to a point.

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>LOBSTERING recreationally with TRAPS or SCUBA using the Non-Commercial Lobster Permit.</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>				<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Non-Commercial Lobster	.....	\$55	\$75

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	None.
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale of lobsters and crabs prohibited <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38]</a>.</li> <li>• 15 lobster possession limit <a href="#">[322 CMR 6.02]</a>.</li> <li>• Fishing for lobsters at night prohibited <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 39]</a>.</li> <li>• No landing of lobster Feb 1 – Apr 30 from 8:00 PM through 6:00 AM <a href="#">[CMR 6.25]</a></li> <li>• Non-residents must own \$5,000 in MA real estate and temporarily reside in a MA coastal town to qualify for a permit <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38]</a>.</li> <li>• Non-residents may only use the permit during Jun – Sep <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Annual Catch Report <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.38b]</a> .
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The volume of any trap must not exceed 22,950 cubic inches <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a></li> <li>• No more than 10 traps may be set <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38]</a>.</li> <li>• Escape vent required in trap's parlor section and degradable 'ghost' panels required. Min. size requirements based on specific area fished <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>:</li> </ul>
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<u>Recreational Lobster Area</u>	<u>Escape Vent Minimum Size</u>	
<b>Gulf of Maine</b>	1-15/16" x 5-3/4" or 2 circular vets of at least 2-7/16 diameter	<p style="font-size: small;"> <b>Massachusetts Recreational Lobster Areas</b>            Legend:            Gulf of Maine (light gray)            Outer Cape Cod (hatched)            Southern New England (dark gray)            Location:            A - 3 Mile-Line      Latitude N 42° 05.5'    Longitude W 70° 18.64'            B - Race Point Buoy      subject to change            C - Wood End Buoy      subject to change            D - Shoreline      N 42° 01.32'    W 70° 09.20'            (in line with Traps Cod Travers)         </p>
<b>Outer Cape Cod</b>	2" x 5-3/4" or 2 circular vets of at least 2 5/8" diameter	
<b>Southern New England</b>	2" x 5-3/4" or 2 circular vets of at least 2 5/8" diameter	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont'd):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of trawls is prohibited in waters of Gosnold <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.37]</a>.</li> <li>• Use of buoyed lobster cars is prohibited except in Inshore Restricted Waters <a href="#">[CMR 6.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Marking:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>All traps and lobster cars</u> must bear the fisherman's license number. All buoys must be marked with the letter "N" prior to the 5-digit permit # and a dash with a single digit (0-9) indicating the sequential trap number [Ch. 130 sec.38 and <a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>].</li> <li><u>Fisherman's buoy colors</u> must be displayed on vessel <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.38A]</a>.</li> <li><u>Buoy line</u> shall be marked with a four inch red mark midway on the buoy line. If the color of the rope is the same as or similar to red, a white mark may be substituted for the red mark. <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li><u>Traps</u> require a single 7"x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li><u>Trawls</u> <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>East end</u> (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks.</li> <li><u>West end</u> (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Note Boston Harbor exemption.</p> </li> <li>• Degradable 'ghost' panels required <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>.</li> <li>• Fisherman's buoy color scheme must be displayed on vessel <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.38A]</a>.</li> <li>• Unlawful to abandon gear or for any person to fish, store or abandon fixed fishing gear with:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lines floating at the water's surface;</li> <li>2. Positively buoyant groundline; and</li> <li>3. Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>• 600-lb. breakaway link on buoy line required</li> <li>• Unlawful to mark fixed gear as required in <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a> if traps are not properly rigged with features required in <a href="#">[CMR 12.05]</a>;</li> <li>• Buoy lines on single traps must not exceed 3/8" diameter <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Trawls of 2 and 3 traps may only be buoyed on one end <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a></li> <li>• Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Scuba tank and floating marker must display permit numbers. Permit numbers shall be not less than 3 inches in height nor less than 1/2 inch in thickness or width of line <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 38A and CMR 4.11]</a>.</li> </ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>
	Greater New Bedford Harbor north of a line from Ricketson's Point (Dartmouth) to Wilbur Point (Fairhaven)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.29</a>
	Large Whale Trap Seasonal Trap Gear Closure	February 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>

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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES (cont'd):</b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>DURATION</u></b>	<b><u>REGULATION</u></b>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>
	Upper Cape Cod Bay Whiting Area/Fixed Gear Free Zone	Sep 1 – Oct 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.06</a>

<b>MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a>:</b>		
<b><u>RECREATIONAL LOBSTER AREA</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM SIZE</u></b>
<b>Gulf of Maine</b>	3 ¼"	5"
<b>Outer Cape Cod</b>	3 ¾"	
<b>Southern New England</b>	3 ¾"	5 ¼"

<b>V-NOTCH REGULATIONS</b>	Non-commercial fishermen may not possess any female lobster that bears a v-notch or indentation that is at least 1/8 inch in depth, with or without setal hairs. Non-commercial fishermen are not required to v-notch female lobsters <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a> .
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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from Jan 1 - April 30 <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.40]</a> , egg-bearing lobsters <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.41A]</a> , v-notched female lobsters <a href="#">[CMR 6.02]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>POTTING for SEA BASS</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated black sea bass fish pot endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60
If certain species are being taken or landed					
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement.	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry and permits are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black sea bass pot fishery is owner-operator <a href="#">[322 CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>Fishermen who possess Coastal Lobster permit may take finfish in their traps as long as the weight of fish and conch does not exceed the weight of lobster <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year specific pot tag with permit number must be attached to pot's cross member.</li> <li>Pot Limit of 200 black sea bass pots or combined sea bass and scup pots <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>No more than one black sea bass pot limit may be fished on a vessel regardless of the number of permit holders on board or the number of permits held by an individual <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>Two unobstructed escape vents or openings in the parlor section measuring at least 2 1/2" in diameter, two inches square, or 1 3/8" by 5 3/4" required <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>Use of floating line at the surface prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>Positively buoyant groundline prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a></li> <li>All fish traps require ghost panel <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li>Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.03]</a>.</li> <li>May not bait with horseshoe crabs <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pot and Buoy Marking:  <u>All pots, buoys and holding cars</u> must bear the fisherman's license number [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38 and CMR 4.13 and 6.12</a>].  <u>Fisherman's buoy colors</u> must be displayed on buoy and vessel [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38A and CMR 4.13</a>].  <u>Pots</u> require a single 7" x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>].  <u>Trawls</u> [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]:  <u>East end</u> (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks.  <u>West end</u> (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag.            Note Boston Harbor exemption.</li> <li>• Buoy Line Marking [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]  <u>Trawl Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1, LCMA 2 &amp; OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" red mark at the top, middle and bottom of the boy line  <u>LCMA 3</u> must be marked with 12" black mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line.  <u>Single Pot Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of white.  <u>LCMA 2</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of black.  <u>OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of yellow.</li> <li>• Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>].</li> <li>• May not bait with horseshoe crabs [<a href="#">CMR 6.12</a>]</li> <li>• Buoy lines on single traps must not exceed 3/8" diameter [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>].</li> <li>• Trawls of 2 and 3 traps may only be buoyed on one end [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>]</li> </ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Large Whale Seasonal Trap/Pot Gear Closure Area	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Single Pot Trap Area	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>
	Black Sea Bass Pot Haul-Out	3-days after fishery closes until 3-days before fishery opens	<a href="#">CMR 6.12</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from January 1- April 30 <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.40]</a> , lobster (a commercial lobster permit is needed to take lobster) <a href="#">[CMR 7.01]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolffish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> , certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> and river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> . Scup or whelks without a scup pot or conch pot permit endorsement and any other finfish species, including tautog, without a letter of authorization from the Director. <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>POTTING for SCUP</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated scup fish pot endorsements	.....	\$30		\$60
If certain species are being taken or landed:					
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry permit and permits are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scup pot fishery is owner-operator <a href="#">[322 CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Fishermen who possess Coastal Lobster permit may take scup in their traps as long as the weight of fish and conch does not exceed the weight of lobster <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year specific pot tag with permit number must be attached to pot's cross member.</li> <li>• Pot Limit of 50 scup pots <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• If a black sea bass pot permit is held than no more than 200 combined scup and black sea bass pots <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a></li> <li>• No more than one scup pot limit may be fished on a vessel regardless of the number of permit holders on board or the number of permits held by an individual <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• Two unobstructed escape vents or openings in the parlor section measuring at least 3 1/10" in diameter or 2 1/4" square is required <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• Use of floating line at the surface prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Positively buoyant groundline prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a></li> <li>• All fish traps require ghost panel <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.03]</a>.</li> <li>• May not bait with horseshoe crab <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marking:</b>  <u>All pots, buoys and holding cars</u> must bear the fisherman's license number [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38 and CMR 4.13</a>].  <u>Fisherman's buoy colors</u> must be displayed on buoy and vessel [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38A and CMR 4.13 and 6.12</a>].  <u>Pots</u> require a single 7" x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>].  <u>Trawls</u> [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]:  <u>East end</u> (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks.  <u>West end</u> (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag.            Note Boston Harbor exemption.</li> <li>• <b>Buoy Line Marking</b> [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]  <u>Trawl Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1, LCMA 2 &amp; OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" red mark at the top, middle and bottom of the boy line  <u>LCMA 3</u> must be marked with 12" black mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line.  <u>Single Pot Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of white.  <u>LCMA 2</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of black.  <u>OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of yellow.</li> <li>• Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>].</li> <li>• Buoy lines on single traps must not exceed 3/8" diameter [<a href="#">CMR 6.12</a>].</li> <li>• Trawls of 2 and 3 traps may only be buoyed on one end [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>]</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Large Whale Seasonal Trap/Pot Gear Closure Area	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Single Pot Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>
	Scup Pot Haul-Out	3-days after fishery closes through April 27	<a href="#">CMR 6.12</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from Jan 1 - April 30 <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.40]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> and shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolffish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> , certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> . Black sea bass without a black sea bass pot permit endorsement and any other finfish species, including tautog, without a letter of authorization from the Director <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen			
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260
		or			
		Shellfish .....	\$40		\$80
	(2)	Regulated conch pot endorsements .....	\$30		\$60
	If certain species are being taken or landed:				
	(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement .....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry permit and permits are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All conchs must be landed whole in the shell <a href="#">[CMR 6.21]</a></li> <li>• Conch pot fishery are owner-operator <a href="#">[322 CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Fishermen who possess Coastal Lobster permit may take finfish in their traps as long as the weight of fish and conch does not exceed the weight of lobster <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• All whelks must be tagged with harvester name and permit number, harvest time and date, shellfish type and quantity, and harvest state and growing area information <a href="#">[CMR 16.03]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year specific pot tag with permit number must be attached to pot's cross member.</li> <li>• Pot Limit of 200 conch pots pots <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• Conch pots must not have side heads or horizontal laths <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a></li> <li>• No more than one conch pot limit may be fished on a vessel regardless of the number of permit holders on board or the number of permits held by an individual <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a>.</li> <li>• Use of floating line at the surface prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Positively buoyant groundline prohibited <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Buoy lines comprised of positively buoyant line except the bottom portion of the line which may be a section of floating line, not to exceed 1/3 overall length of the buoy line <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a></li> <li>• Trawl maximum length: 2,500 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.13]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.03]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS (cont):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marking:</b>  <u>All pots, buoys and holding cars</u> must bear the fisherman's license number [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38 and 322 CMR 3.04</a>].  <u>Fisherman's buoy colors</u> must be displayed on buoy and vessel [<a href="#">Ch.130 sec.38A and 322 CMR 3.04 and 6.12</a>].  <u>Pots</u> require a single 7" x 7" or 5" x 11" buoy; stick is optional [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>].  <u>Trawls</u> [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]:  <u>East end</u> (South) - double buoy and one or more 3' sticks.  <u>West end</u> (North) - single buoy with 3' stick and flag.            Note Boston Harbor exemption.</li> <li>• <b>Buoy Line Marking</b> [<a href="#">CMR 4.13</a>]  <u>Trawl Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1, LCMA 2 &amp; OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" red mark at the top, middle and bottom of the boy line  <u>LCMA 3</u> must be marked with 12" black mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line.  <u>Single Pot Marking</u>  <u>LCMA 1</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of white.  <u>LCMA 2</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of black.  <u>OCC LCMA</u> must be marked with a 12" mark at the top, middle and bottom of the buoy line with each mark composed of at least 6" of red and 6" of yellow.</li> <li>• Single pots may not be set, fished or abandoned in state-waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3 miles from shore, except for those waters in southern Cape Cod Bay that are shoreward of Loran C Line 9960-X-25360 [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>].</li> <li>• Buoy lines on single traps must not exceed 3/8" diameter [<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>].</li> <li>• Trawls of 2 and 3 traps may only be buoyed on one end [<a href="#">322 CMR 12.06</a>].</li> </ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Large Whale Seasonal Trap/Pot Gear Closure Area	Feb 1 – April 30	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Single Pot Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 12.06</a>
	Conch Pot Haul Out	December 15 – April 14	<a href="#">CMR 6.12</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Edible crabs from Jan 1 - April 30 <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.40]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> and shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolffish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> , certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> . Black sea bass without a black sea bass pot permit endorsement and any other finfish species, including tautog, without a letter of authorization from the Director <a href="#">[CMR 6.12]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>FISH WEIRS (also known as Fish Traps or Pound Nets)</b>				
<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen			
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260
	If certain species are being taken or landed:				
(2)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement, including groundfish (if vessel has no federal groundfish or monkfish permit) .....		\$30		\$60
<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	None				
<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	In the following order, one must have approval from: 1) Local selectmen regarding the construction and location. 2) Division of Marine Fisheries <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.29]</a> . 3) Division of Waterways.				
<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.				
<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inshore and offshore ends must be marked with DMF permit numbers signs or flags; numbers must be at least 6” in height <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.30]</a>.</li> <li>• Division of Waterways regulates the marking of traps for navigational criteria.</li> <li>• To designate the “fish trap buffer zone”, weir heads and leader must be marked with 12” orange inflated balls attached to anchor lines and marked with DMF assigned number. See <a href="#">CMR 4.04</a> for more details.</li> </ul>				
<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Lobster <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec.37]</a> ; Striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.35]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolffish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .				

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SINK GILLNETTING (Fishing on or near bottom)</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1) Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
	(2) Regulated sink gillnet endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60
If certain species are being taken or landed:					
	(3) Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Regulated fishery gillnet endorsement limited to renewals only (limited access).
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesh minimum size: 6 ½” (stretched) <a href="#">[CMR 4.04]</a>.</li> <li>• Net maximum length: 2,400 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.04]</a>.</li> <li>• Knot-less weak link at the buoy with a breaking strength of 600 lbs. <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Weak links with a breaking strength of up to 1,100 lbs. must be installed in the float rope between net panels <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Anchoring system must have holding power of at least 22 pound Danforth anchor <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Marking <a href="#">[CMR 4.04]</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>East end</u> – high flyer and 12” tetrahedral radar reflector.</li> <li><u>West end</u> – high flyer, flag, and 12” tetrahedral radar reflector.</li> <li><u>Buoy</u> - permanently and visibly marked or branded with the permit number of the owner.</li> <li><u>Buoy line</u> - marked in accordance with 50 CFR 229.33. Please consult NOAA regulations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Must haul nets at least every 30 days <a href="#">[CMR 12.03]</a>.</li> <li>• Prohibition on positively buoyant groundline and buoy lines <a href="#">[CMR 12.03 &amp; Ch. 130 sec 30 &amp; 32]</a></li> <li>• “Pingers” are required in certain times and areas. Please consult NOAA (978-281-9300) or see federal regulations at 50 CFR 229.33 to determine when and where gillnet pinger regulations apply.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Cape Cod Bay Critical Habitat	Jan. 1 – May 15	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>

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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES cont'd):</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	North of Cape Cod inside spawning closure line from P'town to N.H.	Feb. 1 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.04</a>
	Massachusetts Bay Closure	See Federal Regulations	<a href="#">50 CFR 229.33</a>
	South of Cape Cod Harbor Porpoise Closure	See Federal Regulations	<a href="#">50 CFR 229.33</a>
	South of Cape Cod including Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound	Apr. 1 – Nov. 15	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>
	Groundfish Closure I: Upper Cape Cod Bay and Mass. Bay (South of Marblehead)	Oct. 1 – January 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure II: Boston to NH	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure III East of Cape Cod	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Groundfish Closure IV: Marblehead to NH	June 1 – June 30	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
	Mass. Bay adjacent to Boston Harbor	May 15 – Nov. 1	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>
	Winter Cod Conservation Zone	Nov. 15 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Spring Cod Conservation Zone	April 16 – July 21	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>
<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , more than daily limit of lobsters as established by <a href="#">[CMR 6.26]</a> (must also have a coastal lobster permit), sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .		

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SURFACE GILLNETTING (Fishing on or near surface)</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>		<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen		
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260	\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195	\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130	\$260
(2)	Regulated surface gillnet endorsement (no permit required for use of surface gillnet less than 250 square feet) .....	\$30	\$60
	If certain species are being taken or landed:		
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement .....	\$30	\$60

<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesh minimum size: 1 7/8" <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Mesh maximum size: 3 3/4" <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Unlawful to fish more than 300 linear feet of surface gillnets at any one time <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Fishermen setting or fishing surface gillnets shall remain within 200 feet of the net at all times <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Surface gillnets must have a headrope sufficiently buoyant to float at the surface. If any portion of a gillnet when fished is exposed at the water's surface then the net shall be considered a surface gillnet <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a>.</li> <li>• Knot-less weak link at the buoy with a breaking strength of 600 lbs. <a href="#">[CMR 12.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Marking <a href="#">[CMR 4.13 &amp; 4.14]</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>East end</u> – high flyer and 12" tetrahedral radar reflector.</li> <li><u>West end</u> – high flyer, flag, and 12" tetrahedral radar reflector.</li> <li><u>Buoy</u> - permanently and visibly marked or branded with the permit number of the owner and reflective tape. Bullet-shaped buoys with a size of 9 x 16 inches and clearly marked with the letters SGN and the 6-digit permit number of the holder shall be attached to net ends.</li> <li><u>Buoy line</u> - marked with a four inch green mark (white if rope is same or similar color to green) midway on the buoy line.</li> <li><u>Headrope</u> – marked at least once every 50 feet with the permit number of the owner. Holders may burn or carve their number into floats attached to the headrope and shall measure at least ½ inch in height; alternatively if permit holders opt to mark the net with synthetic durable material, then the numbers shall be clearly visible and measure at least ¼" in height.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> </ul> <p>"Pingers" are required in certain times and areas. Please consult NOAA (978-281-9300) or see federal regulations at 50 CFR 229 to determine when and where gillnet pinger regulations apply.</p>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	Inshore Restricted Waters	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 4.02</a> see mobile gear map on p.52
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Cape Cod Bay Critical Habitat	Jan. 1 – May 15	<a href="#">CMR 12.04</a>
	Southern New England Inshore Restricted Waters	Jan. 1 – May 15	<a href="#">CMR 4.14</a>
	Gulf of Maine Inshore Restricted Waters	Jan 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.14</a>
	North of Cape Cod inside spawning closure line from P'town to N.H.	Feb. 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.04</a>
	Winter Cod Conservation Zone	Nov. 15 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Spring Cod Conservation Zone	April 16 – July 21	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>
<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	No other species except menhaden, sea herring, or mackerel may be retained from a surface gillnet <a href="#">[CMR 4.14]</a> .		

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>MOBILE GEAR: Mid-water Trawls, Otter and Beam Trawls, Bottom Pair Trawls, Scottish/Danish Seines and Pair Seines.</b> <i>(With NO Regulated fishery endorsements for small mesh fishing, north shore mobile gear, or inshore net; see separate sheets.)</i>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen		
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260	\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195	\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130	\$260
	(2)	Coastal Access Permit Endorsement .....	\$30	\$60
	If certain species are being taken or landed:			
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement, including groundfish (if vessel has no federal groundfish or monkfish permit).	\$30	\$60	

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Access Permits limited to those who held permit in 1994 <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Coastal Access Permits are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.05 &amp; 7.06]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesh minimum size <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a> (See chart for boundaries):  <u>North &amp; east of Cape Cod</u> – 6½” in codend and 6” in body of net;  <u>South of Cape Cod</u> – 6½” in codend and 6” in body of net Nov. 1 – Apr. 22;  <b>Note:</b> No mesh less than 6½” in codend and 6” in body of net shall be possessed by vessels:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. during Jun. 10 – Apr. 22; and</li> <li>2. during Apr. 23 – Jun. 9 when more than a total of 100 lbs. of winter flounder, yellowtail flounder, summer flounder (fluke), or windowpane flounder, in any combination, is in possession.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 72 feet length overall except as noted in <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Net rollers: 12” maximum diameter <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Scallop dredge - Combined maximum 10-foot width in possession, a 4” minimum ring size and 10” minimum twine top mesh size <a href="#">[CMR 4.10]</a>.</li> <li>• Net strengtheners: Alterations which obstruct or diminish meshes prohibited, including the use of “twisted mesh” <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	All state waters closed to night mobile gear fishing	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Inshore Restricted Waters	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.02</a> see mobile gear map on p.65
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>

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<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
North Shore state waters (Broad Sound to New Hampshire)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
North of Cape Cod inside spawning closure line from P'town to N.H.	Feb. 1 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.04</a>
Area 3 from Plymouth to Hull	Apr. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Area 4 off outer Boston Harbor	Apr. 1 – Dec. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Nantucket Sound (1A) (Off Nantucket Island)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Nantucket Island (1B) (Great Pt. to Nant. Harbor)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30 & Jun. 1 – Sep. 15	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Groundfish Closure I: Upper Cape Cod Bay and Mass. Bay (South of Marblehead)	Oct. 1 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
Groundfish Closure II: Boston to NH	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
Groundfish Closure III: East of Cape Cod	May 1 – May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
Groundfish Closure IV: Marblehead to NH	June 1 – June 30	<a href="#">CMR 8.05</a>
Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (1/4 mile)	Apr. 23 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Cape Cod backside (2A): from Nauset Light around Monomoy to Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Area 2B from Provincetown to Plymouth	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Nobska Pt., Falmouth to Cuttyhunk (1/4 mile)	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (½ mile)	Jun. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
Winter Cod Conservation Zone	Nov. 15 – January 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
Spring Cod Conservation Zone	April 16 – July 21	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>
Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Lobster <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 37]</a> - note <a href="#">[CMR 6.26]</a> which restricts mobile gear fishermen seen fishing in state waters to only 100 lobsters (taken from federal waters). Striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.35]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolffish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>MOBILE GEAR: Otter and Beam Trawls, Bottom Pair Trawls, Scottish/Danish Seines and Pair Seines.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Regulated fishery endorsements for the following (permits required for each):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) North Shore Mobile Gear: access to Areas 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>(B) Small-mesh fishing for whiting</li> <li>(C) Small-mesh fishing for squid</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen			
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260
	(2)	Coastal Access Permit Endorsement .....	\$30		\$60
	If certain species are being taken or landed (CAP can be endorsed for one of the regulated fisheries at no charge, each additional endorsement costs):				
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement .....	\$30		\$60	

<b>(A)</b>	<b>North Shore Mobile Gear Endorsement</b>
<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.

<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesh minimum size: 6" diamond or 6½" square unless use of smaller mesh is permitted. See (B) Small mesh permits.</li> <li>• Trawl sweep (footrope) maximum length: 80 feet <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 72 feet length overall except as noted in <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>• No rollers: Only chain, wire or disk sweeps allowed <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	All state waters closed to night mobile gear fishing	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	When permitted to fish in areas 5 & 6 the following closures apply:		
	Area 5 off Rockport	Apr. 1 – Jun 14 & Oct. 1 – Jan. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a> see mobile gear map on p.65
	Area 6 from Rockport to New Hampshire	Apr. 1 – Dec. 14	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a> see mobile gear map on p.65
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Lobsters <a href="#">[CMR 3.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 100C]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[MGL c.130 s35]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>(B)</b>	<b>Small-Mesh Endorsement for Whiting:</b>
<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whiting permit valid during Sep 1 – Nov 20 in upper Cape Cod Bay Whiting Area <a href="#">[CMR 8.14]</a> and only September 1 - 30, in Area 5 off Cape Ann.</li> </ul>
<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.

<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<b>Upper Cape Cod Whiting Area:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mesh Minimum Size: 2 1/2"</li> <li>Vessel Maximum Size: 72 feet length overall except as noted in <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>Groundgear: Raised footrope trawl required; also required for September in Cape Ann Whiting Area <a href="#">[CMR 4.06 and 8.06]</a>.</li> </ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Upper Cape Cod Bay Whiting Area	Fishing allowed only during Sep. 1 – Nov. 20.	<a href="#">CMR 4.06 and 8.06</a>
	Cape Ann Whiting Area	Fishing allowed only during Sep. 1 – Sep. 30	<a href="#">CMR 4.06 and 8.06</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Regulated groundfish species (types of flounders, cod, haddock, or pollock) unless authorized by Director <a href="#">[CMR 8.06]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , <a href="#">CMR 4.04</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 100C]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , lobster <a href="#">[CMR 6.26]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>(C)</b>	<b>Small-Mesh Permits for Squid:</b>
<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mesh Minimum Size: May be established as permit condition.</li> <li>Vessel Maximum Size: 72 feet length overall <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>Net Rollers: 12" diameter <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.

AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Commonwealth waters south of Cape Cod	Jun 10 – Apr 22	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	All state waters closed to night fishing	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Inshore Restricted Waters	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.02</a> see mobile gear map on p.65

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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES (cont'd):</b>	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Nantucket Sound (1A) (Off Nantucket Island)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Nantucket Island (1B) (Great Pt. to Nant. Harbor)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30 & Jun. 1 – Sep. 15	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (1/4 mile)	Apr. 23 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Cape Cod backside (2A): from Nauset Light around Monomoy to Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Nobska Pt., Falmouth to Cuttyhunk (1/4 mile)	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Succonnessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (1/2 mile)	Jun. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>
	<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	May not exceed total of 100 lbs. of winter flounders, yellowtail flounder, or fluke in any combination when using mesh size less than 6 1/2" in the cod end (6" throughout the remainder of the net <a href="#">[CMR 4.06]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 100C]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , lobster <a href="#">[CMR 6.26]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .	

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>NORTHERN SHRIMP: Small-mesh Fishing in Federal Waters</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Northern Shrimp regulated fishery endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Codend Mesh Minimum Size: 1 3/4" <a href="#">[322 CMR 5.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Nordmore grate (single or double) or other approved finfish excluder device required <a href="#">[CMR 5.05 &amp; 5.06]</a>.</li> <li>• Maximum distance between trawl doors and trawl wings, including ground cables, bridles, etc. shall not exceed 15 fathoms. Bottom legs bare wire or chain <a href="#">[CMR 5.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Chafing gear and cod-end net strengtheners now allowed.</li> </ul> <p><i>Other restrictions may apply. The open commercial season and other effort controls are amended through a Declaration by the Director following a specification from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Northern Shrimp Section. Contact DMF for details.</i></p>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	All state waters	All state waters	<a href="#">CMR 8.07</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Regulated groundfish species bycatch <a href="#">[CMR 5.06 &amp; 5.02]</a> , striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 35]</a> tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>TRAWLING, PURSE SEINING, or HAUL SEINING with inshore restricted waters regulated fishery endorsement.</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
			(1)	Commercial Fishermen	
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated inshore restricted waters permit endorsement <i>No special permit needed to fish with a small bait net less than 250 sq. feet or castnet for baitfish for personal use [CMR 4.02]</i>	.....	\$30		\$60
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Moratorium on regulated inshore restricted waters permit endorsements for use by purse seiners; Director may limit the number of regulated inshore restricted waters fishery permit endorsements issued each year for all gear types.
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	The applicant must list - and is limited to – the specific species, gear type and fishing area.
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	See permit for specifics
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	See permit for specific locations and times and maps beginning on p.51.
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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Only species listed on permit are allowed. Limited entry menhaden permit is needed to catch, possess or land more than 6,000 pounds of menhaden during any trip <a href="#">[322 CMR 6.43 and 322 CMR 7.10]</a>
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>PURSE SEINING for SEA HERRING or MENHADEN.</b>
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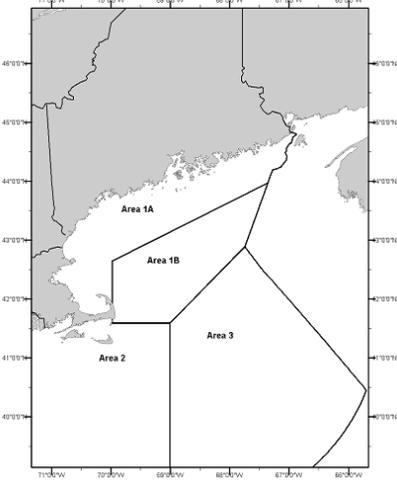
<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>		<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen		
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260	\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195	\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130	\$260
(2)	Species specific regulated fishery permit endorsement .....	\$30	\$60
(3)	Coastal Access Permit – purse seine .....	\$30	\$60
If fishing in harbors and estuaries:			
(4)	Inshore Restricted Waters permit endorsement .....	\$30	\$60

<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Maximum vessel length limit of 72 feet in overall length subject to exemption <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a> .
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	All State Waters* (closed to sea herring)	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 9.02</a>
	Inshore Restricted Waters	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.02</a> see mobile gear map on p.65
	Eastern Cape Cod Bay** (Dennis to Wellfleet)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.01</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>
<p>* During the annual sea herring spawning closure, vessels fishing in other fisheries are allowed a by-catch of 10 % herring by weight.</p> <p>** Regulated fishery endorsement may be issued to fish in this area. Vessels seeking to fish in a restricted area from Rock Harbor, Orleans to Jeremy Point, Wellfleet are further restricted. See <a href="#">CMR 4.01</a>.</p>			

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<b>SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREAS &amp; ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>COMMERCIAL LIMITS</b>	
Management Area 1A	Landing and possession of herring prohibited: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. on days specified by the Director and ASMFC (see <i>Marine Fisheries</i> Advisories);</li> <li>2. when 95% of the Management Area 1A is taken or projected to be taken; and</li> <li>3. when 92% of the overall sea herring quota is taken.</li> </ol>
Management Areas 1B, 2 & 3	Landing and possession of herring prohibited: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. on days specified by the Director and ASMFC (see <i>Marine Fisheries</i> Advisories); and</li> <li>2. when 95% of the area specific Management Area 1B, 2 or 3 quota is taken or projected to be taken; and</li> <li>3. when 92% of the overall sea herring quota is taken.</li> </ol>
	
<p><b>Exception:</b> Vessels may land or possess up to 2,000 lbs. of sea herring during times the directed fishery is closed as described in <a href="#">CMR 9.05</a>.</p>	

<b>ATLANTIC MENHADEN COMMERCIAL FISHING LIMITS</b>	
<u>Regulated Fishery Limits</u> (with regulated permit endorsement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125,000 pounds per trip until 75% of quota is harvested;</li> <li>• 25,000 pounds per trip once 75% of the quota is taken until 95% of the quota is taken; and 6,000 pounds per trip once 95% of the quota is taken until 100% of the quota is taken</li> </ul>
<u>Open Access Fishery</u> (without regulated permit endorsement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6,000 pounds per day until 100% of the quota is taken.</li> </ul>
<u>Bycatch Limits</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 pounds per trip once 100% of the quota is taken, provided total weight of menhaden being landed does not exceed 5% the weight of the entire catch.</li> </ul>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> and shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec. 35]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> , and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>MOBILE GEAR fishing with SEA SCALLOP DREDGES</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen			
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260
	(2)	Coastal Access Permit Endorsement .....	\$30		\$60
	If certain species are being taken or landed:				
(3)	Species-specific regulated fishery endorsement, including groundfish (if vessel has no federal groundfish or monkfish permit). .....	\$30		\$60	

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Access Permits limited to those who held permit in 1994 <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> <li>• Coastal Access Permits are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.05 &amp; 7.06]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to daily limits <a href="#">[CMR 6.05]</a>.</li> <li>• May not discard sea scallops in internal waters <a href="#">[CMR 6.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum effective fishing dredge width of 10' <a href="#">[CMR 4.10]</a>.</li> <li>• Maximum internal ring diameter of 4" <a href="#">[CMR 4.10]</a>.</li> <li>• Maximum twine top mesh size of 10" square or diamond <a href="#">[CMR 4.10]</a>.</li> <li>• Twine top may not be configured to obstruct 10" meshes <a href="#">[CMR 4.10]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 72 feet length overall except as noted in <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	All state waters closed to night mobile gear fishing	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Inshore Restricted Waters	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.02</a> see mobile gear map on p.65
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	North of Cape Cod inside spawning closure line from P'town to N.H.	Feb. 1 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 8.04</a>
	North Shore state waters (Broad Sound to New Hampshire)	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>

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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES (cont'd):	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	Area 3 from Plymouth to Hull	Apr. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Area 4 off outer Boston Harbor	Apr. 1 – Dec. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Nantucket Sound (1A) (Off Nantucket Island)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Nantucket Island (1B) (Great Pt. to Nant. Harbor)	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30 & Jun. 1 – Sep. 15	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Succonessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (1/4 mile)	Apr. 23 - May 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Cape Cod backside (2A): from Nauset Light around Monomoy to Succonessett Pt., Mashpee	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Area 2B from Provincetown to Plymouth	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Nobska Pt., Falmouth to Cuttyhunk (1/4 mile)	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Succonessett Pt., Mashpee to Nobska Pt., Falmouth (½ mile)	Jun. 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-Round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Lobster <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 37]</a> - note <a href="#">[CMR 6.26]</a> which restricts mobile gear fishermen seen fishing in state waters to only 100 lobsters (taken from federal waters). Striped bass <a href="#">[CMR 6.07]</a> , shad <a href="#">[CMR 4.12]</a> , smelt <a href="#">[Ch.130 sec.35]</a> , river herring <a href="#">[CMR 6.17]</a> , tuna <a href="#">[CMR 6.04]</a> , sturgeon <a href="#">[CMR 6.16]</a> , Atlantic salmon <a href="#">[CMR 6.06]</a> , ocean pout, windowpane flounder and wolfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.03]</a> and certain shark species including basking sharks, dusky sharks, sand tiger sharks, and white sharks <a href="#">[CMR 6.37]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING (OTHER THAN DREDGING FOR SURF CLAM, OCEAN QUAHOGS OR POTTING CONCHS)</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>	<b>In approved waters:</b>			
	(1)	License from respective coastal municipality <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 52 &amp; 53]</a>		
	(2)	Commercial fishermen license endorsed for shellfish required to sell shellfish harvested from approved waters <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 75 &amp; 83]</a>		
		<u>Licenses endorsed for Commercial Shellfish</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
		Coastal Lobster	\$260	\$520
		Large Boat (60' – 90')	\$195	\$390
		Small Boat (0' – 59')	\$130	\$260
		Individual	\$65	\$130
		Shellfish	\$40	\$80
		Rod & Reel – Shellfish	\$55	\$130
	<b>In certain restricted or conditionally restricted areas, as designated by DMF:</b> (Note: Since 1997, DMF no longer permits harvest of contaminated soft shelled clams for bait)			
(1)	License from respective coastal municipality <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 52 &amp; 53]</a>			
(2)	Special license to harvest, possess, and sell shellfish from restricted areas <a href="#">[CMR 7.01 &amp; 7.02]</a>			
	<u>Special Shellfish Permits</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	
	Master Digger	\$250	\$500	
	Subordinate Digger	\$100	\$200	

<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All shellfish must be tagged at time of harvest with harvester name and permit number, harvest time and date, shellfish type and quantity, and harvest state and growing area information <a href="#">[CMR 16.03]</a></li> <li>All commercial oyster harvest must conform to the Vp Management Regulations <a href="#">[CMR 16.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.</li> <li>Cities and towns generally require a yearly catch report at the time of license renewal.</li> <li>Master diggers report as noted in the special permit requirements.</li> <li>Vp Logbook reporting is required of oyster harvesters during Vp Control Season <a href="#">[CMR 16.05]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Subject to town authority <a href="#">[Ch. 130, sec. 52]</a> .
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>

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<b>OTHER CLOSURES:</b>	<b>Shellfish growing waters may be closed to the harvest of shellfish as a result of:</b>	
	(1)	Public health closure based upon water quality, e.g. bacteria or oil spill. [ <a href="#">Ch. 130 sec. 74, 74A &amp; 75</a> ]
	<b>Shellfish growing waters may be closed to the harvest of shellfish as a result of:</b>	
	(2)	Marine Biotoxin closure based upon the presence of toxin above NSSP closure levels in raw shellfish [ <a href="#">Ch. 130 sec. 74A; CMR 6.38</a> ]
	(3)	DMF Management Closure (MC) based upon the lack of a DMF shellfish sanitary survey, triennial report or NSSP required number of water samples [ <a href="#">Ch. 130 sec. 17, 17A, 74, 75, 80 &amp; 104; CMR 7.01</a> ]
	(4)	Municipal management closure based upon the closure of an area for management or propagation purposes [ <a href="#">Ch. 130, § 54</a> ]
(5)	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec. 71</a> establishes a closed harvest season for bay scallops April 1 to October 1 each year. Municipalities may modify bay scallop season within the above mentioned season [ <a href="#">Ch. 130 sec. 73</a> ].	

<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	<u>Possession Limits</u> – subject to town or city regulation		
	<u>Minimum Size</u> – subject to state law or regulation as listed:		
	<b><u>SHELLFISH</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER RESTRICTIONS</u></b>
	CHANNELLED WHELK	3" shell width [ <a href="#">CMR 6.21</a> ]	Consult town regulations
	KNOBBED WHELK	3" shell width [ <a href="#">CMR 6.21</a> ]	Consult town regulations
	OYSTER	Wild and Aquaculture Harvest: 3" shell diameter. [ <a href="#">CMR 6.20</a> ]  Aquaculture Harvest: 2 ½" shell diameter. [ <a href="#">CMR 6.20 and 14.03</a> ]	Consult town regulations
	QUAHOG	Wild harvest: 1" shell thickness. [ <a href="#">CMR 6.20</a> ] Aquaculture Harvest (out-of-state sale only): 7/8" shell thickness. [ <a href="#">CMR 6.20 and 14.03</a> ]	Consult town regulations
	SEA SCALLOP	3½" shell height [ <a href="#">CMR 6.05</a> ]	200 lb meat or 2,000 lb whole in-shell possession limit. No discarding live sea scallops inside the state's inshore waters.  If applicable consult town regulations.

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	SOFT-SHELL CLAM	2" shell diameter <a href="#">[CMR 6.20]</a>	Consult town regulations
	BAY SCALLOPS	Well-defined raised annual growth line at least 10 millimeters (mm) from the hinge of the shell. Exemption, well-defined raised annual growth line located less than 10 mm from the hinge of the shell if the shell height is at least 63.5 mm (2.5"). <a href="#">[CMR 6.11]</a>	Consult town regulations; closed season April 1 - Oct 1
	SURF CLAM	5" shell diameter for state waters harvest <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> . Aquaculture Harvest (out-of-state sale only): 1 1/2" shell thickness. <a href="#">[CMR 6.08 and 14.03]</a>	Possession limits

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL BAY QUAHOG DREDGING</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>				<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520	
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390	
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260	
	(2)	Regulated quahog dredge endorsement .....	\$30		\$60	

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry <a href="#">[CMR 6.36]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulated quahog dredge endorsement is transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>• All quahogs must be tagged at time of harvest with harvester name and permit number, harvest time and date, shellfish type and quantity, and harvest state and growing area information <a href="#">[CMR 16.03]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dredge limited to 48 inches effective fishing width. <a href="#">[CMR6.36]</a></li> <li>• Limited to operation of one dredge. <a href="#">[CMR 6.36]</a></li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	All state waters closed to night fishing.	Year-round	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec 68</a> <a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	No fishing in any area designated as contaminated and classified as PROHIBITED by DMF	Year-round	<a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 74 or 74A]</a>
	No fishing in any area closed for management purposes. Contact DMF.	Contact DMF	<a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 20, 74 or 74A]</a>
	No fishing in any area not classified as APPROVED according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.	Contact DMF	<a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec. 74 or 74A]</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Surf clams or ocean quahogs unless permitted <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	<u>Possession Limits</u> - Limit of 40 bushels per 24 hour day <a href="#">[CMR 6.36]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>OCEAN QUAHOG DREDGING</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
	(1)	Commercial Fishermen			
		Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster .....	\$260		\$520
		Boat 60 - 99 feet .....	\$195		\$390
		Boat 59 feet or less .....	\$130		\$260
	(2)	Regulated ocean quahog endorsement .....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry <a href="#">[CMR 6.08 &amp; 7.06]</a> .
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulated quahog dredge endorsement is transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>All quahogs must be tagged at time of harvest with harvester name and permit number, harvest time and date, shellfish type and quantity, and harvest state and growing area information <a href="#">[CMR 16.03]</a></li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic dredge limited to 100-inch effective fishing width <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>Limited to operation of one dredge <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.04]</a>.</li> <li>Pump limited to 300 GPM at a 10-ft. head.</li> </ul>
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AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:	LOCATION	DURATION	REGULATION
	All state waters closed to night fishing.	Year-round	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec 68</a> <a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>
	No fishing in any area designated as contaminated and classified as PROHIBITED by DMF	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No fishing in areas not classified as APPROVED according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 8.16</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Bay scallops and quahogs ( <i>M. mercenaria</i> ) unless licensed by town where fishing for those species <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> , any vessel rigged for ocean quahogs may not possess surf clams <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	<u>Minimum Size</u> – None <u>Possession Limits</u> - 26 cages (832 bushels) during any 24 hour period <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SURF CLAM DREDGING</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated surf clam endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	Limited entry, subject to renewals only <a href="#">[CMR 6.08 &amp; 7.06]</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulated surf clam endorsement is transferable.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulated quahog dredge endorsement is transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.06]</a>.</li> <li>• All surf clams must be tagged at time of harvest with harvester name and permit number, harvest time and date, shellfish type and quantity, and harvest state and growing area information <a href="#">[CMR 16.03]</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydraulic dredge limited to <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 48 inch effective fishing width except in waters noted below;</li> <li>2. 100 inch effective fishing width in waters south of Chatham, then south and west within state waters to the MA/RI border; and</li> <li>3. 16 inch effective fishing width in those waters of the Town of Chatham designated in.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• In waters of the Town of Chatham designated in <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>, hydraulic dredges are to be powered by no more than a 3” pump with 300 GPM or less capacity at a ten foot head (according to manufacturer’s specifications) <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>• Limited to operation of one dredge. <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a></li> <li>• Vessel maximum size limited to 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
	All state waters closed to night fishing	Year-round	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec 68</a> <a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Any area designated as contaminated & classified as PROHIBITED by DMF	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	Any area not classified as APPROVED according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	Harwich Reef Restricted Area	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 8.09</a>

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	Any area not classified as APPROVED according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.03</a>
	No dredging for surf clams from Point Allerton, Hull to the NH border except if area is opened for management.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of the 12-foot depth contour from Point Allerton, Hull to the RI border (see CMR 6.08(2)(i-k) for exceptions regarding the Towns of Gay Head, Chatham & Nantucket).	Nov. 1 – Apr. 30	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of the 20-foot depth contour from Point Allerton, Hull to the RI border (see CMR 6.08 for exceptions regarding the Towns of Gay Head, Chatham & Nantucket).	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of line from Long Point, Provincetown to the “Hopper” so called in North Truro.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of line from Jeremy Point, Wellfleet to the “Spire” in Brewster.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of line from Seal Rocks off Scraggy Neck, Bourne to the southernmost tip of Sandy Point Dike, Wareham.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams within area one-mile seaward from mean low water from Great Point Light to Sankaty Light, Nantucket.	May 1 – Oct. 31	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>

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	No dredging of surf clams shoreward of line from Jeremy Point, Wellfleet to the "Spire" in Brewster.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No dredging of surf clams in discrete area off Provincetown, bounded by 42° 2.10'N and 70°10.07'W to 42° 2.00'N and 70°9.64'W to 42° 1.72'N and 70°9.95'W to 42° 1.72'N and 70°10.21'W	Year Round	<a href="#">CMR 7.01</a> (see permit conditions)

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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SURF CLAM DREDGING IN CONTAMINATED AREAS (Harvest for bait purposes from prohibited areas)</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated contaminated surf clam endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	None.
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherman may not hold a Shellfish Transaction Card <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>Catch must be landed &amp; distributed according to permit restrictions <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>All shellfish must be landed at a location to be named on the permit <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.</li> <li>In addition a daily record of sales must be kept <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>All bags and containers must be labeled at sea with red tags stating: "CONTAMINATED SHELLFISH – FOR BAIT PURPOSES ONLY" <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic dredge limited to 16-inch effective fishing width. <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>Limited to operation of one dredge <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</li> <li>Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a>.</li> <li>Pump limited to 300 GPM at a 10-ft. head.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	All state waters closed to night fishing.	Year-round	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec 68</a> <a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>
	Any area not specifically endorsed on permit	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>
	No fishing in areas classified as APPROVED.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 6.08</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	All other shellfish species.
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	<u>Minimum Size</u> - Surf clam minimum size limit 5" shell diameter <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> . <u>Possession Limits</u> - Limit of 50 bushels of shell stock or 100 gallons shucked per 24-hour trip <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SEA URCHIN FISHERY using DREDGES</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
(2)	Regulated sea urchin endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60
(3)	Mobile gear coastal access endorsement (if fishing with dredge greater than 48 inches in waters open to mobile gear fishing)	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT LIMIT:</b>	CAP permits are limited to those who held a permit in 1994 and are transferable <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a> . For those fishermen fishing in the inshore waters area <a href="#">[CMR 4.02]</a> a CAP is not required.
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<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Affidavit must be submitted.
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to single dredge of 48 inches effective fishing width if fishing in areas closed to mobile gear (spare may be stowed on board) <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Frame constructed of ¾" (or smaller) stock with skids 3' or less. <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Chain sweep constructed of no more than ¼" in a single layer square pattern less than 4.5' long. <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Twine codend maximum 5' long. <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Chafing gear constructed of twine or rubber mat maximum 5' long and 4' wide. <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Cable for towing dredge: maximum diameter 3/8" cable or 5/8" rope. <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Limited to use and possession of dredge or combination of dredges with an effective fishing width of 10 feet when fishing in areas open to mobile gear <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>.</li> <li>• Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 7.05]</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	All state waters closed to night fishing.	Year-round	<a href="#">Ch. 130 sec 68</a> <a href="#">CMR 4.06</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">[CMR 4.04]</a>
	All state waters.	Mar 1 – Oct 31	<a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	No bycatch of regulated species allowed, including any finfish, lobsters, or shellfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> ; sub-legal urchins must be culled and returned immediately <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> ;
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	2" minimum size <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY:</b>	<b>SEA URCHIN FISHERY with SCUBA</b>
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<b>PERMIT REQUIRED:</b>			<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>
(1)	Commercial Fishermen				
	Boat 99+ feet Coastal or Offshore Lobster	.....	\$260		\$520
	Boat 60 - 99 feet	.....	\$195		\$390
	Boat 59 feet or less	.....	\$130		\$260
		or			
	Individual	.....	\$65		\$130
(2)	Regulated sea urchin endorsement	.....	\$30		\$60

<b>PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Affidavit must be submitted.
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Trip level reporting <a href="#">[Ch. 130 sec 21]</a> for permit holders who do not hold a federal permit and submit federal vessel trip reports.
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<b>GEAR RESTRICTIONS:</b>	Vessel maximum size: 90 feet registered length <a href="#">[CMR 8.05]</a> .
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<b>AREA/SEASON CLOSURES:</b>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>
	All state waters.	May 1 – Aug. 31	<a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a>
	Fish Weir Buffer Zone within the area marked by anchor buoys.	Year-round	<a href="#">CMR 4.04</a>

<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	No bycatch of regulated species allowed, including any finfish, lobsters, or shellfish <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> . Sublegal urchins must be culled and returned immediately <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	2” minimum size <a href="#">[CMR 6.24]</a> .
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<b>PROHIBITED SPECIES:</b>	Bay scallops, and quahogs ( <i>M. mercenaria</i> ) unless licensed by town where fishing for those species <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> .
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<b>FISHERY LIMITS:</b>	<p><u>Minimum Size</u> - Surf clam minimum size limit of 5" shell diameter <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>. Minimum size does not apply if a Letter of Authorization has been issued to land non-conforming surf clams that were legally harvested in the federal zone.</p> <p><u>Possession Limits</u> - 200 bushels per 24-hour day <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a> or 400 bushels per 48-hour trip when fishing in state waters <a href="#">[CMR 6.08]</a>.</p>
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**REGULATED FISHERY PERMIT ENDORSEMENTS**

If certain species are being taken or landed or gear type used, commercial permits must be endorsed with the relevant regulated fishery permit endorsements. Each endorsement is assessed the indicated fee (**Not available for student lobster permittees**):

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Regulated Fishery Endorsement (open access) .....	\$30	\$60
American Eel Bay Scallop Shucking Dogfish Fish Weir Horseshoe Crab Inshore Net Northern Shrimp Scup Sea Herring Sea Scallop Diving Sea Scallop Shucking Sea Urchin Diving Sea Urchin Dredge Shellfish Striped Bass Surf Clam (Contaminated) Surface Gillnet		
Regulated Fishery Endorsement (limited access) ...	\$30	\$60
Black Sea Bass Bluefin Tuna by Purse Seine Bluefish Gillnet Bottom Gillnet Fish Pot – Black Sea Bass Fish Pot – Conch Fish Pot – Scup Fluke Gillnets Groundfish Menhaden Mobile Gear Coastal Access Ocean Quahog Quahog - Dredge Restricted Waters Inshore Net Surf Clam		

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**RECREATIONAL FISHING LIMITS SUMMARY**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
<b>American Eel (1)</b> <b>Private</b>	All Year	9 inches	25 fish harvest limit
<b>For-Hire</b>	All Year	9 inches	50 fish harvest limit
<b>Black Sea Bass (2)</b> All Anglers	May 21 – August 30	15 inches	5 fish
<b>Blue Crabs (3)</b>	May 1 – December 31	5 inches	25 crabs
<b>Blue Marlin</b>	Federal rules apply. Consult the National Marine Fisheries Service ( <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov">www.nero.noaa.gov</a> ).		
<b>Bluefish</b>	All Year	No Limit	10 fish
<b>Cod (North of Cape) (4)(5)</b> Private Anglers	All Year	19 inches	1 fish
For-Hire	August 1 – September 30	24"	1 fish
<b>Cod (5)(6) (South and East of Cape Cod)</b>	All Year	22 inches	10 fish
<b>American Plaice (Dab) (4)(5)</b>	All Year	14 inches	No Limit
<b>Fluke</b>	May 22 – Sept 23	16 inches	5 fish
<b>Witch Flounder (Grey Sole) (4) (5)</b>	All Year	14 inches	No Limit
<b>Haddock (North of Cape) (4)(5)</b> Private Anglers	All Year	17 inches	15 fish
For-Hire	May 1 – February 28 and April 15- April 30	17 inches	15 fish
<b>Haddock (South of Cape) (4)(5)</b>	All Year	18 inches	No Limit

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<b>Halibut</b> (4) (5)	All Year	41 inches	1 fish
<b>Jonah and Rock Crab</b> (3)	May 1 – December 31	No Limit	50 crabs
<b>Lobster</b> (6)	All Year	Area Dependent	15 lobsters
<b>Monkfish</b> (4)(5)	All Year	17 inches	No Limit
<b>Species</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
<b>Ocean Pout</b> (4)(5)	Prohibited	N/A	N/A
<b>Oyster</b> (1)	Contact Municipality	3 inches	Contact Municipality
<b>Pollock</b> (4)(5)	All Year	No Limit	No Limit
<b>Quahog</b> (1)	Contact Municipality	1 inch	Contact Municipality
<b>Redfish</b> (4)(5)	All Year	9 inches	No Limit
<b>River Herring</b>	Prohibited	N/A	N/A
<b>Sailfish</b>	Federal rules apply. Consult the National Marine Fisheries Service ( <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov">www.nero.noaa.gov</a> ).		
<b>Scup</b> (7)			
Private	May 1 – December 31	10 inches	30 fish
For-Hire (Bonus)	May 1 – June 30	10 inches	45 fish
For-Hire (Open)	July 1 – December 31	10 inches	30 fish
<b>Shad</b>			
Merrimack River	All Year	No Limit	3 fish
Connecticut River	All Year	No Limit	3 fish
All Other Waters	All Year Catch and Release Only	N/A	N/A
<b>Sharks</b>	Refer to 322 CMR 6.37		
<b>Soft Shell Clams</b> (1)	Contact Municipality	2 inches	Contact Municipality
<b>Smelt</b>	June 16 – March 14	No Limit	50 fish
<b>Spiny Dogfish</b>	All Year	No Limit	No Limit
<b>Striped Bass</b> (8)	All Year	28 inches	1 fish
<b>Tautog</b>	All Year	16 inches	3 fish
<b>Tunas</b>	Federal rules apply. Consult the National Marine Fisheries Service ( <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov">www.nero.noaa.gov</a> ).		
<b>Weakfish</b>	All Year	16 inches	1 fish

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<b>White Marlin</b>	Federal rules apply. Consult the National Marine Fisheries Service ( <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov">www.nero.noaa.gov</a> ).		
<b>White Perch</b>	All Year	8 inches	25 fish
<b>Windowpane Flounder (4)(5)</b>	Prohibited	N/A	N/A
<b>Species</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
<b>Winter Flounder (North of Cape Cod) (4)(5)</b>	January 1 – December 31	12 inches	8 fish
<b>Winter Flounder (South and East of Cape Cod) (5)</b>	March 1 – December 31	12 inches	2 fish
<b>Wolfish (5)</b>	Prohibited	N/A	N/A
<b>Yellowtail Flounder (5)</b>	All Year	13 inches	No Limit

1. Subject to regulation by the Division and municipality, consult local regulations for additional restrictions.
2. Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.
3. A non-commercial lobster permit is required if taking blue crabs or other edible crabs by trap or other contrivance adapted to take edible crabs. All other harvest methods for edible crabs do not require a permit. Please obtain a copy of the Recreational Lobster and Crabbing Guide for more details.
4. Winter and/or Spring Cod Conservation Zone closures apply. For more detail on closed areas reference 322 CMR 8.15.
5. For all federally managed species, if fishing in federal waters the most restrictive of the federal and state rules apply. Please reference 50 CFR 648 to determine the federal rules.
6. A non-commercial lobster permit is required to recreationally harvest lobster. This permit allows the permit holder to set traps and take lobster from one of the three recreational lobster areas: Gulf of Maine; Outer Cape Cod and Southern New England. Each area has its specific minimum and maximum size rules, please reference 322 CMR 6.02 or obtain a copy of the Recreational Lobster and Crabbing Guide for more details.
7. A private vessel with six or more anglers on board may not possess or land more than 150 scup.
8. Striped bass must be kept whole, with head, tail and body intact - no mutilation permitted (other than evisceration). The discard of dead, legal size striped bass is prohibited. To prohibit the practice of high-grading, recreational fishermen may not retain legal-sized striped bass and release said fish in favor of another larger legal-sized striped bass captured subsequently. It shall be unlawful to keep striped bass alive in the water by attaching a line or chain to the fish or placing the fish in a live well or holding car. Striped bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail.

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**COMMERCIAL FISHING LIMITS SUMMARY**

Species	Fishery	Season	Minimum Size	Possession Limit
<b>American Eel (1)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	9 inches	No Limit
<b>Black Sea Bass (2)(3)</b>	S1: Weir	January 1 – December 31	12 inches	10,000 lbs aggregate
	S2: All Gears (except weir)	January 1 – March 31	12 inches	100 lbs
	S3: All Gears (except weir)	April 1- August 5	N/A	Closed
	S4: Pot S4: All Other Gears	August 6 - Quota	12 inches	300 lb
		August 6 – Quota	12 inches	150 lb
		Quota – December 31	N/A	Closed
S5: All Gears				
<b>Bluefish</b>	All	January 1 - Quota	No Limit	5,000 lbs
<b>Cod (4)</b>	North of Cape Cod South and East of Cape Cod	January 1 – December 31		
		January 1 – December 31	22 inches 24 inches	200 lbs 1,000 lbs
<b>American Plaice (Dab) (4)</b>	All	January – December 31	12 inches	No Limit
<b>Fluke (6)</b>	P1: Nets w/LOA	January 1 - Allocation	14 inches	2,000 lb/week
	P1: Nets w/o LOA	January 1 - Allocation	14 inches	500 lb
	P2: Small Mesh	April 23 – June 10	14 inches	100 lb
	P2: Hook and Line	April 23 – June 10	14 inches	Prohibited
	P2: Nets	June 10 - Quota	14 inches	300 lb
	P2: Hook and Line	June 10 - Quota	14 inches	200 lb
<b>Haddock (4)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	16 inches	No Limit
<b>Illex Squid</b>	All	January 1 - Quota	No Limit	No Limit
<b>Loligo Squid (5)</b>	All	January 1 – April 30	No Limit	No Limit
	All	May 1 – August 31	No Limit	No Limit
	All	September 1 - Quota	No Limit	No Limit
<b>Menhaden (7)</b>	Open Access	January 1 – December 31	No Limit	6,000 pounds per trip
	Limited Access	January 1 – December 31	No Limit	Trip limit varies based on quota
<b>Monkfish (4)(8)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	16 inches	1,560 lbs
<b>Northern Shrimp</b>	The Director declares the northern shrimp season and possession limits and announces such limits through an advisory. These limits are set in accordance and with approval of the ASMFC northern shrimp section. Please review 322 CMR 5.00 and visit <a href="http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries">www.mass.gov/marinefisheries</a> for more details.			

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<b>Ocean Pout (4)</b>	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Species</b>	<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Possession Limit</b>
<b>Oyster (1)</b>	Contact Municipality	Contact Municipality	3 inches (wild) 2.5 inches (aquaculture)	Contact Municipality
<b>Pollack (4)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	19 inches	No Limit
<b>Quahog (1)</b>	Contact Municipality	Contact Municipality	1 inch (wild) 7/8 inch (aquaculture)	Contact Municipality
<b>Redfish (4)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	9 inches	No Limit
<b>River Herring</b>	The harvest, possession, sale and use of river herring in state waters are prohibited.			
<b>Scup (9)</b>	Winter 1 Trawl Trawl (LOA) Fish Weir Non Trawl 1 Non Trawl 2 Non Trawl 3 Winter 2	January 1 – April 30 May 1 – Quota May 1 - Quota May 1 - Quota May 1 – May 31 June 1 – June 30 July 1 – Quota TBD	9 inches 9 inches 9 inches 9 inches 9 inches 9 inches 9 inches 9 inches	TBD 800 lbs Weekly Aggregate 275,000 aggregate 800 lbs 400 lbs 1,500 lbs TBD
<b>Sea Herring</b>	Open seasons, fishing days and closures done through Declaration, in accordance with specifications made by NOAA and ASFMC Section. Please review 322 CMR 9.00 and visit <a href="http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries">www.mass.gov/marinefisheries</a> for more details.			
<b>Soft Shell Clam (1)</b>	Contact Municipality	Contact Municipality	2 inches	Contact Municipality
<b>Smelt</b>	Hook and Line Only	June 16 – March 14	No Limit	50 fish
<b>Smooth Dogfish</b>	All but Longlines	January 1 – December 31	No Limit	100 lbs
<b>Spiny Dogfish</b>	All	May 1 - Quota	No Limit	5,000 lbs
<b>Striped Bass (10)</b>	Boat/Coastal/Offshore Permits  Individual/Rod and Reel	June 23 – Quota  June 23- Quota	34 inches  34 inches	15 fish  2 fish
<b>Tautog (11)</b>	All All	April 15 – Allocation September 1 - Quota	16 inches 16 inches	40 fish 40 fish
<b>Weakfish</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	16 inches	100 lbs
<b>Windowpane Flounder (4)</b>	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Winter Flounder (4) (12)</b>	Gulf of Maine Southern New England	January 1 – December 31 January 1 – December 31	12 inches 12 inches	500 lbs 50 lbs
<b>Witch Flounder (4)</b>	All	January 1 – December 31	14 inches	1,000 lbs

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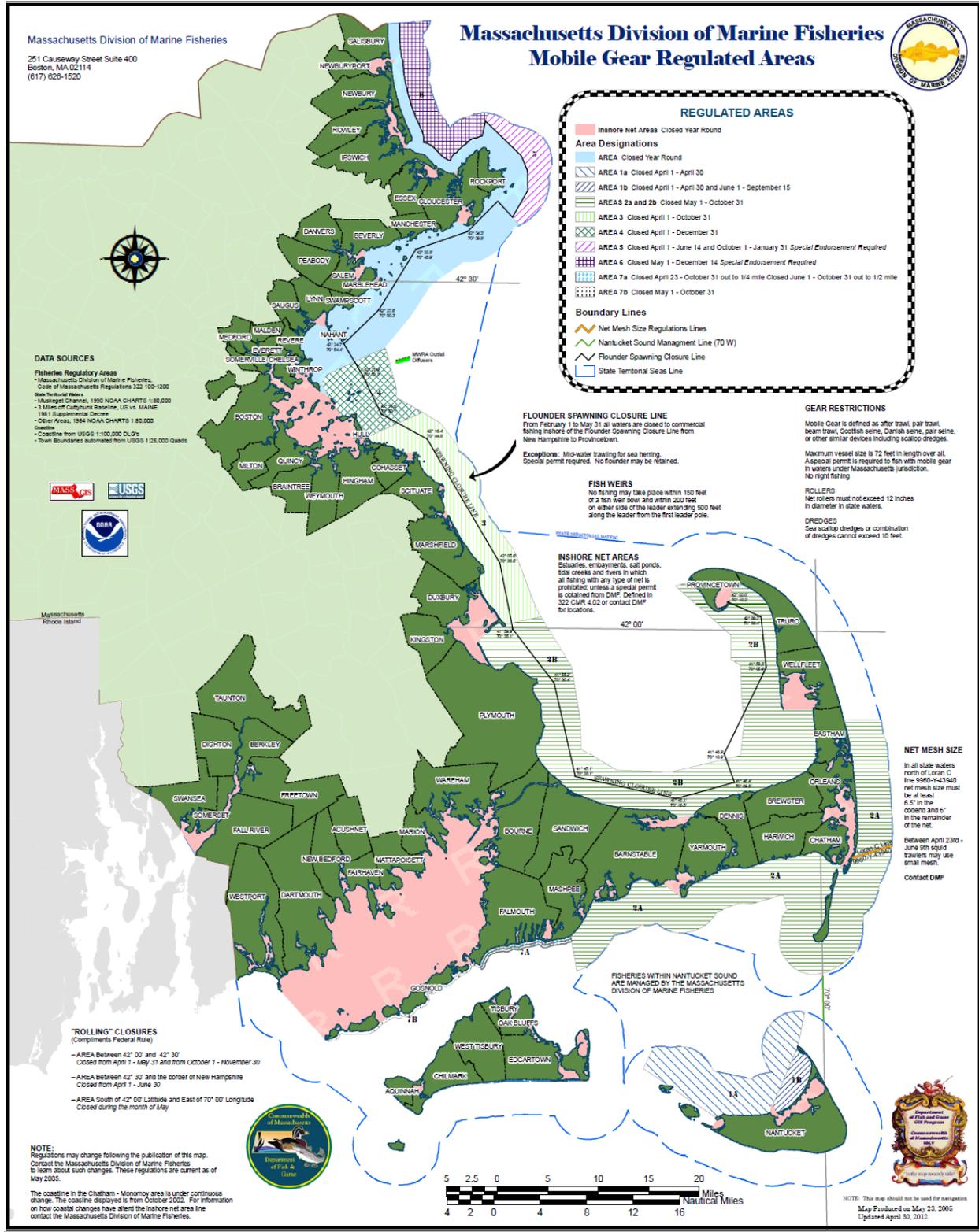
Wolffish (4)	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Yellowtail Flounder</b> (4)	All	January 1 – December 31	13 inches	250 lbs

1. Subject to regulation by the Division regulations at 322 CMR 6.20 and local community. Consult local regulations for additional restrictions on harvest.
2. All commercial fishermen, except for fish weir fishermen, are subject to seasonal closures, daily limits and closed fishing days. The weir fishery is allocated 10,000 pounds that may be landed at any time, but the fishery closes once the weir allocation is landed or 100% of the total black sea bass quota is landed. See 322 CMR 6.28 for more details.
3. Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.
4. These limits apply to all state-waters only groundfish permit endorsement holders and lawful federal permit holders fishing in state-waters. Commercial fishermen who do not hold either a state-waters groundfish permit endorsement or federal groundfish permit may take and land up to a combined weight of 25 pounds of regulated groundfish species per day or per trip, whichever is longer. The commercial harvest of groundfish is subject to certain gear and species closures at 322 CMR 3.00 and 8.00.
5. When the National Marine Fisheries Service determines the per trimester allocation of loligo squid, butterfish or mackerel has been taken, a 2,500 lb incidental trip limit will be put in effect. All vessels possessing and landing loligo squid in the Commonwealth will be subject to this incidental trip limit. Additionally, from between April 23 through June 9, permitted vessels may lawfully use small mesh otter trawls to catch loligo squid (322 CMR 8.07); outside of this season the use of this gear is prohibited.
6. The Period 1 fluke fishery is subject to a 500 lb possession limit or if fishing under an LOA a weekly aggregate limit. If 25% of the annual quota is reached during Period 1, the limit is reduced to 100 lbs. During Period 2 the limit is 100 lbs from April 23 – June 9 and then it increases on June 10 for the directed fishery. Regardless of the Period, it is illegal to land or possess fluke between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
7. The limited access regulated fishery trip limits for menhaden change based on quota availability. The trip limit is 125,000 pounds until 75% of the quota is taken; 25,000 pounds until 95% of the quota is taken; and 6,000 pounds until 100% of the quota is taken. Once 100% of the quota is taken there is a bycatch allowance of 1,000 pounds provided the weight of menhaden being landed does not exceed 5% of the total catch.
8. Commercial fishermen are lawfully authorized to process monkfish at sea and keep only the tails provided when the tail weight is multiplied by 3.32 it does not exceed the established commercial trip limit or the weight of tails does not exceed 470-lbs.
9. All commercial fishermen, except for fish weir fishermen, are subject to seasonal closures, daily limits and closed fishing days. The weir fishery is allocated 275,000 pounds that may be landed at any time, but the fishery closes once the weir allocation is landed or 100% of the total scup quota is landed. See 322 CMR 6.28 for more details.
10. Commercial fishermen are subject to closed seasons, closed fishing days and permit specific trip limits. All fish must be landed whole and in the round. Charter vessels may sell striped bass caught during a charter under certain conditions. Striped bass retained by a commercial fisherman on a non commercial fishing day during the commercial fishing season must remove the right pectoral fin and striped bass with the right pectoral fin removed may not enter commerce. All commercial striped bass must be tagged by the dealer. See 322 CMR 6.07 for more details.
11. The spring tautog season runs from April 16 to May 15 or until 28% of the quota is harvested. The fall tautog season runs from September 1 through November 30, or until 100% of the quota is harvested.
12. It is unlawful to take winter flounder from the spawning closure area or the inshore net areas between February and May. In addition, it is unlawful to take winter flounder from Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries.

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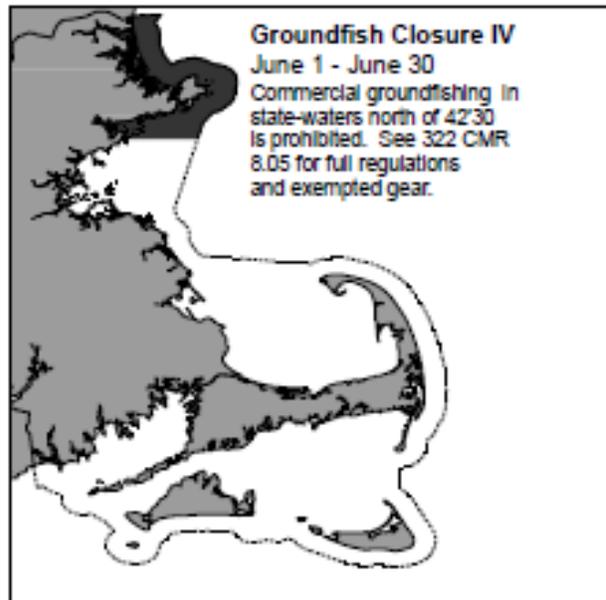
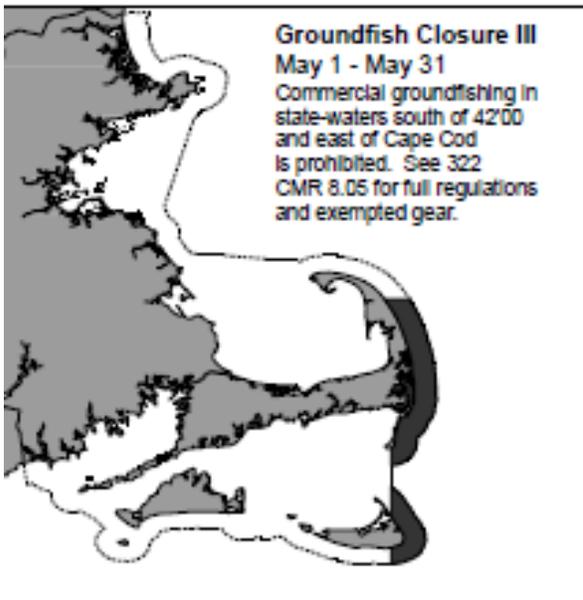
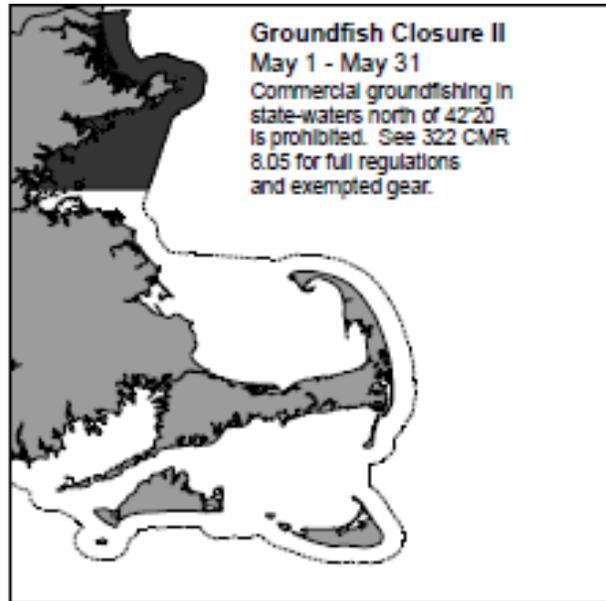
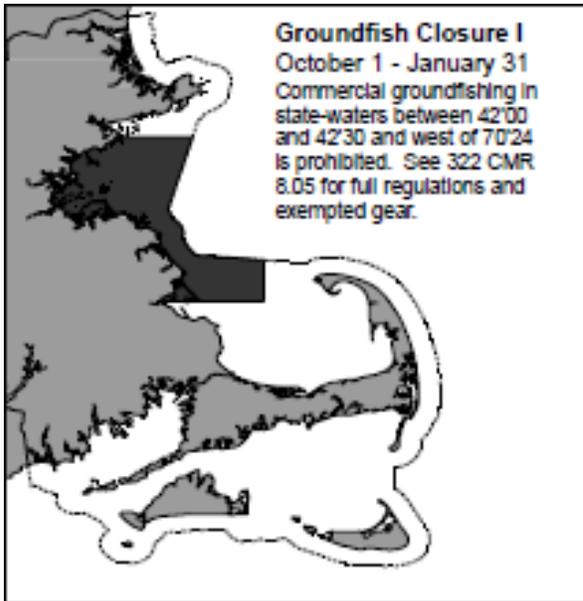
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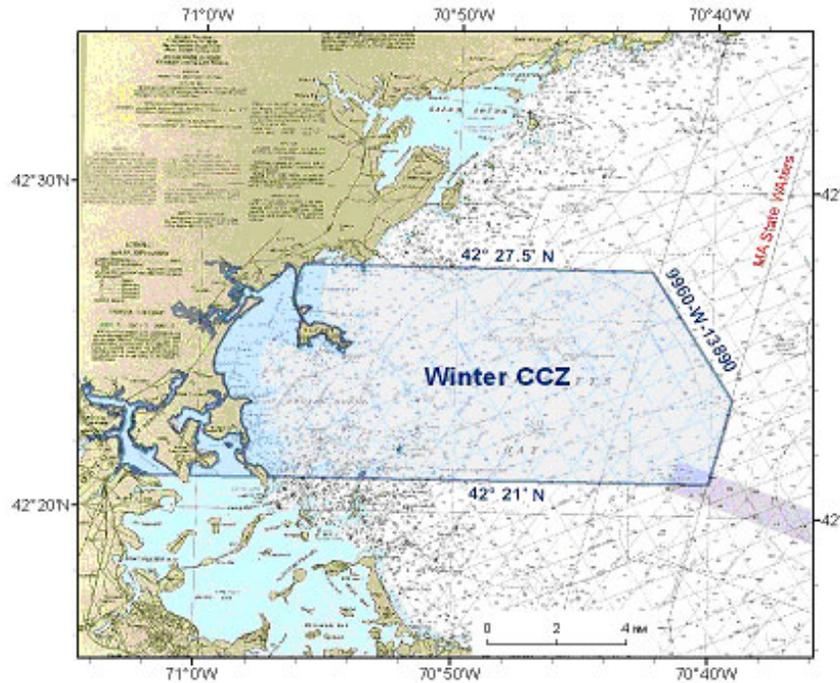
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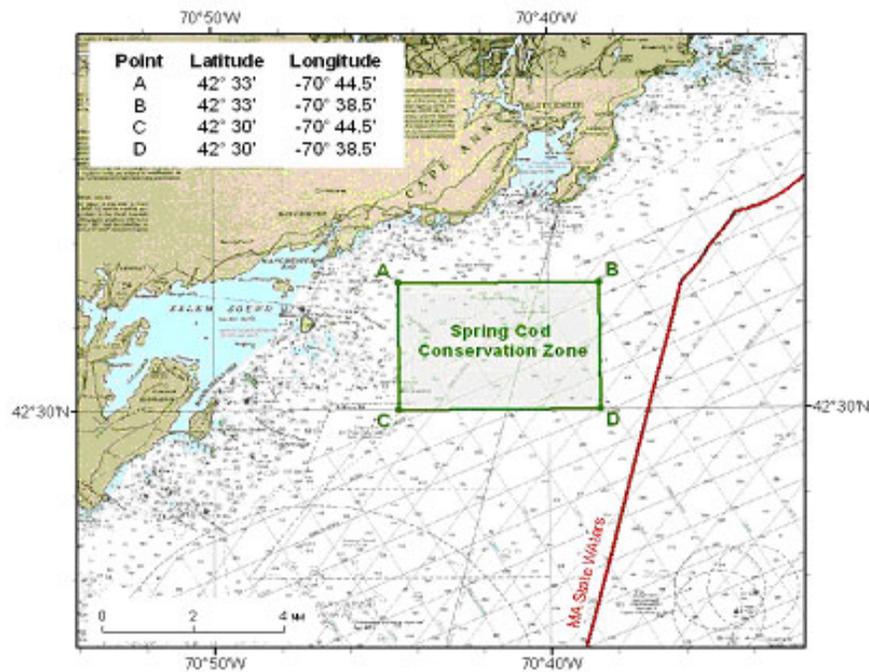
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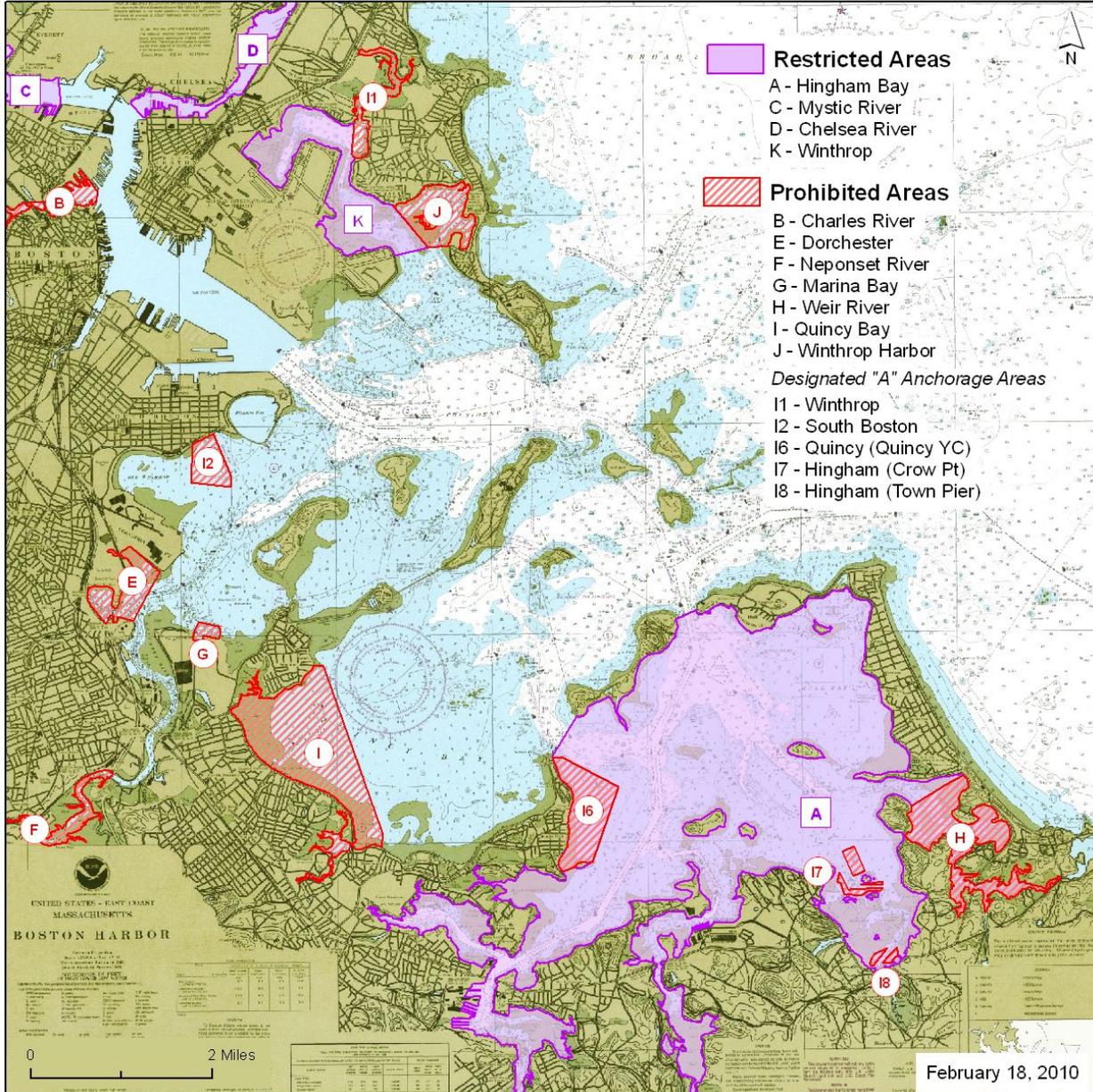
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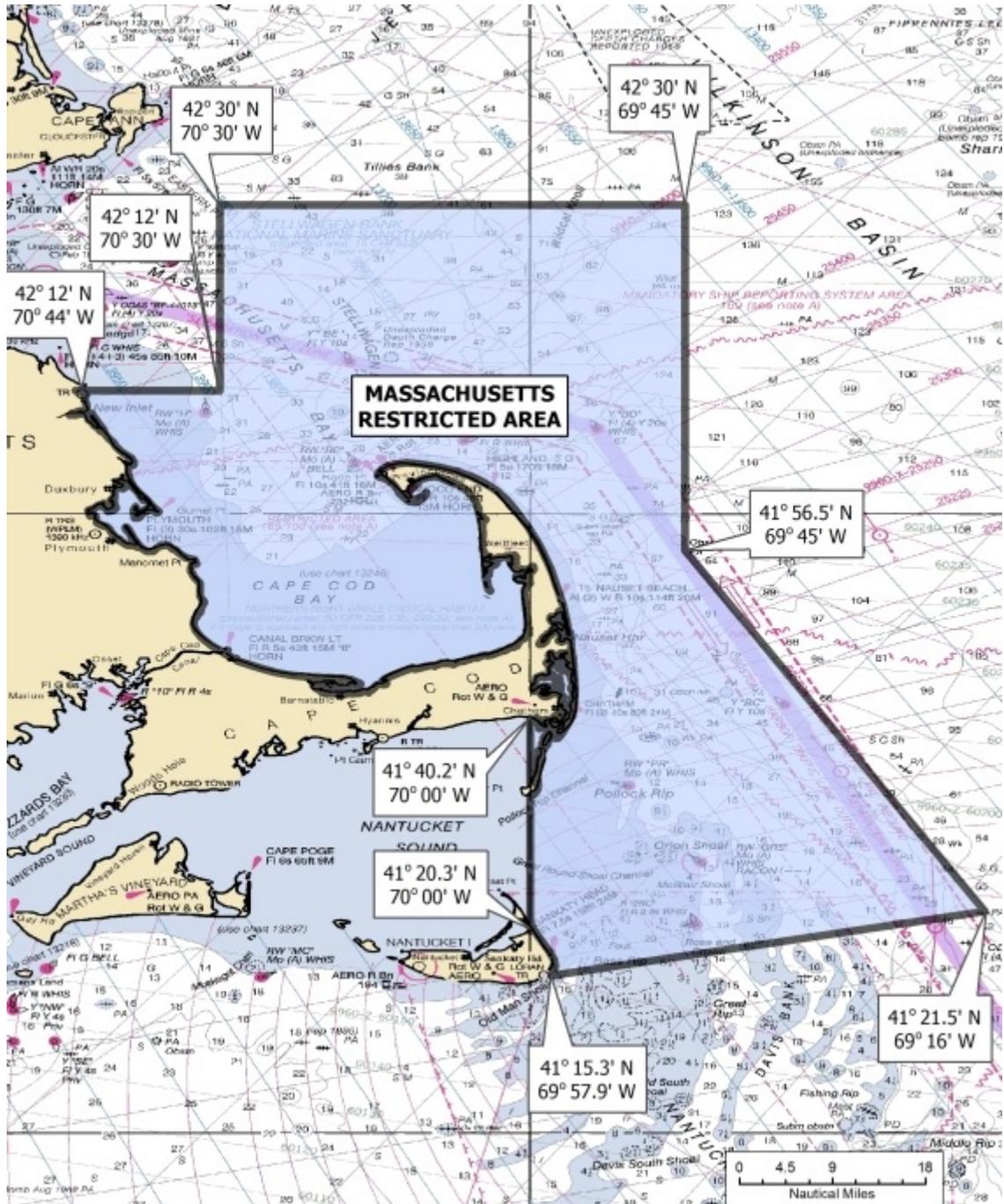
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**Large Whale Seasonal Trap/Pot Gear Closure Area**



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### Single Trap Exemption Area

