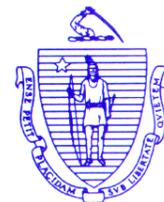
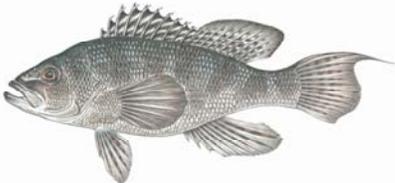
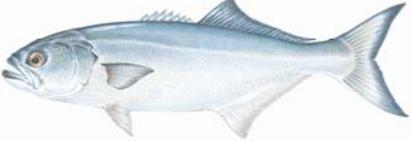
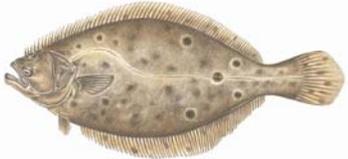
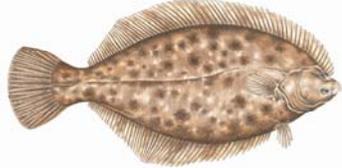
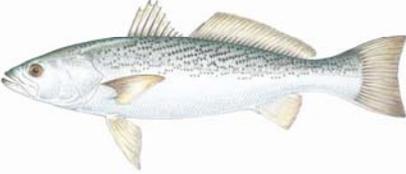


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## Size & Bag Limits for For-Hire Vessels in MA Waters\* 2016

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