



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

(617) 626-1520 | [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)



MAURA T. HEALEY  
Governor

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
Lt. Governor

REBECCA L. TEPPER  
Secretary

THOMAS K. O'SHEA  
Commissioner

DANIEL J. MCKIERNAN  
Director

September 13, 2023

### Marine Fisheries Advisory

#### **DMF ADOPTS REGULATIONS TO COMPLEMENT FEDERAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LIMITS FOR COD AND HADDOCK**

The Division of Marine Fisheries is moving forward to implement emergency regulations to complement recently enacted federal recreational fishing limits for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock and Georges Bank/Southern New England cod (see [NOAA Bulletin](#)). The new federal limits were enacted on August 14, 2023, but due to delays in state rule making, there has been a brief interim period when existing state rules were out of phase with the new federal rules (see [DMF Advisory](#)). However, the amended state limits will be effective Friday, September 15 and at that time there will be uniform state and federal limits moving forward.

#### **New Recreational Fishing Limits for Cod and Haddock for State and Federal Waters**

Stock	Mode	Open Season	Bag Limit	Size Limit
Georges Bank/Southern New England Cod	All Anglers	September 1 – May 31	5-fish	23"
Gulf of Maine Cod	All Anglers	September 1 – October 31	1-fish	22"
Gulf of Maine Haddock	Private Anglers	April 1 – February 28	10-fish	17"
Gulf of Maine Haddock	For-Hire	April 1 – February 28	15-fish	18"

DMF will host a virtual public hearing on these emergency regulations on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6PM. Please [register online](#) for this virtual public hearing and see the [public hearing notice](#) for more details.

For more information about the management of marine fisheries in Massachusetts, visit our website at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).