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2012 Recreational Regulations for Black Sea Bass, Scup and Fluke

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The Commonwealth's Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission met on March 12, 2012 and approved proposed recreational scup, black sea bass, and fluke regulations for 2012. Due to the late timing of this action, Marine Fisheries is enacting emergency regulations for the upcoming season. The 2012 black sea bass, scup and fluke recreational fishing seasons, bag limits and size limits for are:



Black Sea Bass

Mode	Season	Size	Bag Limit
All Modes	May 11 - June 24	14"	10 fish
	June 25 - October 31	14"	20 fish

Fluke

Season	Size	Bag Limit
May 22 - September 30	16.5"	5 fish

Scup

Mode	Season	Size	Bag Limit
Private Angler	May 1 - December 31	10.5"	20 fish/angler or 100 scup/vessel w/6 or more anglers
For-Hire	May 1 - May 10 June 25 - December 31	11"	20 fish
		11"	20 fish
For-Hire Bonus	May 11 - June 24	11"	45 fish

Be advised that a public hearing and public comment period will be scheduled in the coming weeks to take comments on these fishing limits.

For more information regarding the management of the black sea bass, scup and fluke in Massachusetts please visit www.mass.gov/marinefisheries . For information pertaining to the interstate management of these species please visit www.asmf.org and <http://mafmc.org>.

If you have any questions pertaining to this emergency regulations, contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us).

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