Size & Bag Limits for Saltwater Fish in MA Waters*

2020

**BLACK SEA BASS**

- Season: May 18 - Sep 8
- Minimum Size: 15"
- Possession Limit: 5 fish

**BLUEFISH**

- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: no limit
- Possession Limit: 3 fish

**ATLANTIC COD**

- North of Cape Cod: Season: Sep 15 - Sep 30
  - Minimum Size: 21"
  - Possession Limit: 1 fish
- South of Cape Cod: all year
  - Minimum Size: 21"
  - Possession Limit: 10 fish

**FLUKE (SUMMER FLOUNDER)**

- Season: May 23 - Oct 9
- Minimum Size: 17"
- Possession Limit: 5 fish

**SCUP**

- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: 9"
- Possession Limit: 30 fish per angler. Not to exceed 150 fish per vessel with 5 or more anglers

**HADDOCK**

- North of Cape Cod: Season: Apr 15 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 17"
  - Possession Limit: 15 fish
- South of Cape Cod: all year
  - Minimum Size: 18"
  - Possession Limit: no limit

**STRIPED BASS**

- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: 28" to less than 35"
- Possession Limit: 1 fish

**WEAKFISH**

- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: 16"
- Possession Limit: 1 fish

**WINTER FLOUNDER**

- North of Cape Cod: Season: all year
  - Minimum Size: 12"
  - Possession Limit: 8 fish
- South 7 East of Cape Cod: Mar 1 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 12"
  - Possession Limit: 2 fish

**TAUTOG**

- When the tautog fishery is open, private anglers are subject to 10-fish maximum tautog limit for the vessel. The most restrictive limit of the per angler bag limit or per vessel maximum limit applies.
- Season: Jan 1 - Mar 31
  - Minimum Size: NA
  - Possession Limit: prohibited
- Apr 1 - May 31
  - Minimum Size: 16"
  - Possession Limit: 3 fish
- Jun 1 - Jul 31
  - Minimum Size: 16"
  - Possession Limit: 1 fish
- Aug 1 - Oct 14
  - Minimum Size: 16"
  - Possession Limit: 3 fish
- Oct 15 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 16"
  - Possession Limit: 5 fish

* Updated as of May 5, 2020. Visit our website for other rules: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call 617-626-1520

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