

Strikethrough Regulatory Language

6.03: Regulated Multi-species Groundfish

(2) Size Limits. ~~Minimum Sizes~~. It shall be ~~is~~ unlawful to retain, possess or land ~~land or possess~~ multispecies groundfish ~~of a total length of: of a total length less than the following~~

(a) Commercial Fishing.

1. Cod: **less than** 19 inches;
2. Dabs: **less than** 12 inches;
3. Haddock: **less than** 16 inches;
4. Pollock: **less than** 19 inches;
5. Yellowtail flounder: **less than** 12 inches;
6. Halibut: **less than** 41 inches;
7. Monkfish: **less than** 17 inches in total length or monkfish tails less than 11 inches in total length;
8. Windowpane Flounder: **less than** 12 inches;
9. Winter Flounder: **less than** 12 inches;
10. Witch Flounder: **less than** 13 inches; and
11. Redfish: **less than** seven inches.

(b) Recreational Fishing.

1. Cod:
 - a. **less than 22 ~~21~~ inches or 28" or greater** in the Southern New England Groundfish Management Area ~~and the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area~~ ;
 - b. **less than 22 inches in the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.**
2. Dabs: **less than** 14 inches;
3. Haddock:
 - a. **less than** 17 inches in the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area;
 - b. **less than** 18 inches in the Southern New England Groundfish Management Area.
4. Yellowtail flounder: **less than** 13 inches;
5. Halibut: **less than** 41 inches;
6. Windowpane Flounder: **less than** 12 inches; and
7. Winter Flounder: **less than** 12 inches.

(4) Recreational Fishery Cod Limit.

(a) Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.

1. Open Season. During the period of April 1 through April 14 and September 1 ~~15~~ through ~~September 30~~ **October 7**, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to retain, possess or land more than one cod per day taken from the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.
2. Closed Season. During the period of April 15 through ~~August 31~~ ~~September 14~~ and October 8 ~~1~~ through March 31, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to

retain, possess or land any cod taken from the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Southern New England Groundfish Management Area. ~~It is shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess more than ten cod per person, per day taken from the Southern New England Groundfish Management Area.~~

1. Open Season. During the period of August 1 through April 30, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to retain, possess or land more than five cod per day taken from the Southern New England Management Area.

2. Closed Season. During the period of May 1 through July 31, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to retain, possess or land any cod taken from the Southern New England Management Area.

(c) Exceptions. Customers aboard for-hire vessels fishing in federal waters may possess and land cod in compliance with federal regulations.

(12) Haddock Fishery Limits.

(a) Recreational Fishery in Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.

1. Open Season. During the period of April 1 through the last day of February, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to retain, possess or land more than ~~20~~ **15** haddock per day taken from the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.

2. Closed Season. During the period of March 1 through March 31, it shall be unlawful for any recreational fisherman to retain, possess or land any haddock taken from the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Exceptions. Customers aboard for-hire vessels fishing in federal waters may possess and land haddock in compliance with federal regulations.