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On the Cover:
DMF biologist Elise Koob instructs a young angler on how to cast a spinning rod at a past fishing clinic.

Image courtesy Brian O'Connor
Getting Back to Normal

Greetings to all saltwater anglers fishing in Massachusetts for 2022. As we steam away from the turbulence of the past two years, 2022 should be a more normal year and there’s lots of optimism about fishing this year. Many tackle manufacturers are seeing fewer supply chain problems for this upcoming year and our party and charter boats are seeing lots of demand for peak season reservations. The forecast for the tourist economy also looks very strong for the upcoming summer!

DMF has been busy working on many conservation issues over the past year. Striped bass conservation will be in the conversation this year as the Atlantic states work together to continue rebuilding the migratory stocks of stripers with new regulations likely in 2023. Release mortality studies are ongoing to identify the best angling and handling methods to enhance survival of released stripers. There are so many simple things you can do to improve a released fish’s chance at survival such as replacing your j-hooks with inline circle hooks, handling fish in shallow water, not dragging the fish across rough surfaces (like rocks or sand) and limiting the time a fish is out of the water before being released. DMF will be promoting enhanced angler skills to improve survival. Check out our web site for our new angler education products including instructional videos to help you improve your skills. DMF’s continued goal is to help you get the next generation of anglers out on the water. The new “Saltwater Fishing Field Guide” is a great tool for kids and families to learn a lot about the basics of saltwater fishing. There is also a fishing gear lending program which allows groups to borrow rod and reel setups for clinics or other fishing events. I hope you will subscribe to our social media accounts to stay updated on important fisheries issues in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts motorists can now purchase a new striped bass specialty plate from the registry of motor vehicles. All funds collected from the sale of these plates will be dedicated to striped bass research and conservation as well as river herring restoration. We hope dedicated anglers will purchase this new plate and show their passion for saltwater fishing here in Massachusetts.

Please be sure to visit one of our many tackle shops and get out on one of our for-hire fishing businesses. They are some of most knowledgeable and helpful experts along the coast who can ensure your fishing trip is successful. Finally, if you encounter DMF’s recreational fishing survey staff at a boat ramp, marina, on a party boat, or any shore fishing site, please participate in a short angler interview. Good management depends on good data and you can make a difference!

We hope you have the best fishing year you’ve ever had in 2022. After the past couple of years, you deserve it.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director

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- Funds small projects improving or repairing existing access sites
- Funds the deployment of dedicated recreational artificial reefs

**Angler Education**
- Provides free clinics for young anglers
- Develops online resources for classroom educators

**Improved Recreational Catch Data**
- Increases the sample size for the Marine Recreational Information Program’s Access Point Angler Intercept Survey

**Research and Conservation**
- River herring population management and restoration work
- Striped bass migratory patterns and genetics

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We’ve implemented a new email subscription service to make it easier for you to get timely updates on the topics which interest you. Stay connected with the latest DMF recreational, commercial, and event updates by signing up. Go to mass.gov/marinefisheries and click “subscribe to DMF email updates”

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Environmental Police Officers are responsible for enforcing Massachusetts fish and game laws including the commercial and recreational harvest of living marine resources. In addition, they also enforce the Commonwealth’s boating and recreational vehicle laws and regulations. Fishing violations can be reported to the following number:

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DMF is conducting multiple tagging studies to investigate the movements of striped bass, Atlantic cod, and winter flounder. Fish have been both internally and externally tagged with acoustic transmitters.

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Common Rigs Used for Bait Fishing

**Three-Way Rig:** Gets its name from using a three-way swivel and is useful for catching striped bass, tautog, winter flounder, and just about any other bottom-dwelling species. Various lengths (6-24 inches) can be used for the weighed leader which carries the bait down in the water column. The baited leader (12-36 inches) presents live or dead bait when stationary or drifting and can be used to slow-troll plugs or other lures.

**Fish-Finder Rig:** A simple rig to set-up and tie that can be used when fishing for multiple species from shore. This rig allows for large pieces of bait to be presented and allows for the fish to ingest the bait before setting the hook. The weight on the slide swivel holds the line down but allows for the bait to be dropped back to fish such as striped bass, fluke, and many others.

These and more fishing knots are available on waterproof plastic cards at [www.proknot.com](http://www.proknot.com)

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**Improved Clinch Knot**

The improved clinch knot has become one of the most popular knots for tying terminal tackle connections. It is quick and easy to tie and is strong and reliable. The knot can be difficult to tie in lines in excess of 30 lb test. Five+ turns around the standing line is generally recommended, four can be used in heavy line. This knot is not recommended with braided lines.

1. Thread end of the line through the eye of the hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five or more turns around the standing line. Bring the end of the line through the first loop formed behind the eye, then through the big loop.

2. Wet knot and pull slightly on the tag end to draw up coils. Pull on the standing line to form knot with coils pressed neatly together.

3. Slide tight against eye and clip tag end.

**Blood Knot**

Use this knot to join sections of leader or line together. It works best with line of approximately equal diameter.

1. Overlap ends of lines to be joined. Twist one around the other making 5 turns. Bring tag end back between the two lines. Repeat with other end, wrapping in opposite direction the same number of turns.

2. Slowly pull lines or leaders in opposite directions. Turns will wrap and gather.

3. Pull tight and clip ends closely.
Who Needs a Permit?
All anglers age 16 or older that wish to engage in the recreational activity of finfishing, with the following exceptions:
• Anglers who regardless of their age otherwise meet the definition of a disabled person in M.G.L. c. 19C
• Anglers fishing on permitted for-hire vessels (charter/head boat)

Reciprocity
• All permitted MA residents may fish in the three neighboring coastal states (NH, RI, CT)
• Permitted anglers from these three neighboring coastal states may also fish in MA waters

Permit Fee
• The fee for an individual angler (resident or non-resident) is $10
• No charge for anglers age 60 or over

How Will the Permit Fee Money be Used?
All money from permit fees are deposited into a dedicated account and can only be used for implementing projects that will enhance recreational saltwater fishing including:
• Improvement of public access for recreational saltwater anglers
• Development and implementation of education materials for the public
• Other marine recreational fishing programs approved by the recreational fishing development panel

To Obtain a 2022 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit:
Visit our website at: massfishhunt.mass.gov

For a list of permit vendor locations and to view frequently asked questions, please visit our website at:
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Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Guide
Know How To Handle Your Fish — Both On The Line and Off

Use circle hooks. Circle hooks, along with barbless hooks, greatly reduce the chance of lethally wounding a fish. Make sure that the point is in line with the shank and not offset (often sold as octopus circle hooks); this is especially important in catch and release.

Have a fair fight. Use appropriate tackle for the size and species of fish you’re trying to catch. Stay focused when reeling in fish as higher stress levels and often higher mortality rates are associated with longer fight times.

Stay wet. When the fish gets close, be sure to handle it with wet hands. Using a dry cloth or gloves can remove both slime and scales, both needed for the fish’s health.

Keep it in the water. If you aren’t going to keep or measure the fish, try to remove the hook with the fish in the water. This will keep the fish happier and both you and your boat cleaner!

Support the fish. When removing a fish from the water, be sure to support the full body weight. Place your hand under the belly of the fish as you lift it out of the water. Don’t ever grab the fish by the gills or eyes and never hold the fish up by only its jaw.

Get that hook out. Hopefully you’re using a circle hook, but whatever hook it is, get it out quickly. Use a dehooker if you don’t need to pull the fish out of the water or pliers if necessary to remove a stubborn hook. If the hook is deep in the mouth or gut, simply cut the line as close to the hook as possible before releasing the fish.

Reduce time out of the water. The longer the fish stays out of the water, the greater the chance of mortality. Get a quick photo or measurement and get it back into the water. Be sure to know the regulations before you start fishing so there is no question as to what the size limit is.

Don’t just toss it back. Remember, a fish out of water is holding its breath! Help it take a “deep breath” by releasing it head-first. If necessary, hold onto the fish and move it back and forth in the water to increase flow of oxygen-rich water over its gills before letting it go.

DMF strongly recommends the use of circle hooks for their proven ability to reduce mortality of released fish.
**Article: Circle Hooks**

**Circle Hooks Save Fish!**

Did you know...

- Recreational anglers in Massachusetts catch and release millions of fish each year!
- Sometimes fish die from their hook wounds after they are released back into the ocean.
- Circle hooks can help lower the number of these deaths by 50%!

**Using Circle Hooks**

1. **When using live bait**, turn the hook through soft flesh or bridle the bait to the hook.
2. **For cut-bait**, rotate the piece completely onto the hook to ensure it doesn’t fall off.
3. **When the fish takes the bait**, be patient and don’t set the hook.
4. Calmly reel the line tight and the hook will do all the work.

**What species benefit from Circle Hooks?**

Fish that eat by inhaling their food are good candidates for circle hooks. Examples include:

- **Striped Bass**
  - Hook size: 7/0, 8/0, 9/0, 10/0
- **Black Sea Bass**
  - Hook size: 4/0, 5/0, 6/0
- **Tuna Species**
  - Be sure the gap on the hook you select is large enough to fit around the lip of your target fish

**Coastwide Rule for 2022**

- Striped bass anglers must use in-line circle hooks when targeting striped bass if using bait: any marine or aquatic organism, live or dead, whole or parts thereof.
- Visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) for more information.

**Why don’t circle hooks snag?**

Circle hooks are designed so that the point is turned back towards the shank at a 90° angle. This causes the hook to catch on the lip or mouth instead of the gut or gills.

**Avoid offset hooks**

Offset hooks are NOT true circle hooks! The offset shape makes it easy to “foul-hook” a fish.
Every time you purchase a fishing license or register your boat, a portion of the proceeds go toward preserving our nation’s coastlines, lakes, rivers and streams. Protecting our memories on the water for generations to come.

Learn more at TakeMeFishing.org/Conservation
Angler Education: New Youth Saltwater Fishing Field Guide and Videos!

Are you ready to get your kids started in saltwater fishing? The angler education team at DMF has been hard at work creating a new program that will help you and your family learn the skills to be successful recreational saltwater anglers for years to come. Massachusetts is home to some of the world’s best recreational fisheries, and with so many access points along the coastline, anglers of all skills and ability can enjoy this thrilling sport! The “Take Me Saltwater Fishing” program provides adults with the tips, tools, and trainings needed to plan a successful saltwater fishing trip with your kids.

The NEW Youth Saltwater Fishing Field Guide is a comprehensive workbook designed to help kids build skills in saltwater fishing step by step. Starting with tackle, adults and kids alike will learn the basics of picking the appropriate fishing rod, the difference between lures and bait, and simple checklists of packing gear for a fishing day along the coast. The Angler skills section teaches you how to rig your tackle, choose and tie successful fishing knots, and strategies for casting a line from a pier, shoreline, or boat. This guide will not only give you tips on how to get started in saltwater fishing, but will help you learn to keep Massachusetts coastal waters healthy and full for generations to come.

The guide was built to be a companion during the first few months of your saltwater fishing experience, so it includes a fishing logbook in the back. Encouraging kids to journal their daily fishing experiences builds confidence, skills, and is a great way to celebrate and remember those first few fishing trips. A youth-focused fish ID section introduces nine common species with fun facts, bait and tackle suggestions, and strategies for safely reeling and releasing fish through responsible angler checklists. Finally, a page dedicated to visiting a tackle shop will help kids feel empowered and comfortable when purchasing gear and asking for recommendations!

For visual learners, the program includes companion videos on our YouTube channel that go into greater detail on the some of the concepts presented in the pages of the guide. Videos include: how to tie knots, rigging your tackle, learning to cast, fishing from a pier and shore. and responsible angling. Not just for kids, these videos will help any adults just getting into the sport visualize proper technique and practice their skills – no previous fishing experience is necessary to get you and your family out enjoying the surf and all the exciting species of saltwater fish available!

With the desire to continue increasing access to this sport, Angler Education is excited to offer free gear loan programs, perfect for small groups to borrow fishing rods and tackle for a clinic or event. Taking away the burden of needed a financial start-up supports a stress-free introduction to the sport and allows groups to try out gear before any purchases are made. Angler Education is excited to start building relationships with camps, clubs, scouts, afterschool, and family groups who are excited to get out there and get saltwater fishing! For full program details and contacts, please visit our website at: www.mass.gov/service-details/take-me-saltwater-fishing
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All proceeds from the purchase of Striped Bass Conservation plates will be administered by MET. The MET will depend on the expertise of a select panel to establish priorities and recommend projects for funding.
Species Profile: Winter Flounder

Once prevalent in all of Massachusetts coastal waters, winter flounder are now accessible for recreational anglers mostly North of Cape Cod in the inshore waters of the Gulf of Maine. As all flounder do, winter flounder live completely on the bottom of the ocean foraging for small invertebrates and fish with small toothless mouths.

Winter flounder fishing in Massachusetts generally begins in May and continues through September and sometimes into October. Anglers can target fish from shore, jetties and piers, but those fishing from boats at the mouths of estuaries and harbors often have the most success. Light to medium tackle rods are best, with no more than 20lb test line (Monofilament or braid), 1-2 oz sinkers and long shank flounder hooks work best (they have very small mouths). Bait is best, winter flounder are not known to go after lures. The best baits to use include blood worms, seaworms and clams. Chumming is a popular tactic for winter flounder fishing and may improve your success.

Looking for a good species to target with the family? From Cape Cod Bay North to the New Hampshire border, winter flounder are swimming in inshore coastal waters waiting for you to drop a piece of worm or clam for them to bite.

Winter Flounder
The winter flounder (black back) provides good fishing during the cold weather months. They are very accessible and provide the angler with thick fillets to take home.

Location: Whole coast, tidal streams, shallow bays, estuaries.
Season: May-February
Baits and Lures: Sandworms, bloodworms, clams, strips of squid.
Methods and Tackle: Chum pot (crushed clams), still-fishing from boats, piers, jetties, bridges, breakwaters; light tackle

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Approximately one-half of all saltwater recreational fishing trips take place from shore.

Unfortunately, this highly popular method of fishing is being threatened by the rapidly accelerating loss of public access to coastal waters. Much of this loss is the direct result of acquisition and development of coastal properties by private parties who then post their holdings against public access. In Massachusetts, colonial law granted private ownership to the intertidal zone (the wet sand), but reserved the public rights of fishing, fowling, and navigation. Although the public rights were reserved for certain uses of the intertidal zone, it is often not possible to enjoy those rights because access across private property to the intertidal zone was never reserved.

To guarantee that the public has access to shore-based fishing opportunities, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the Department’s Office of Fishing and Boating Access (FBA) with help from federal aid in Sport Fish Restoration funds and funds generated from the sale of recreational fishing permits, have made it a priority to find, acquire, and provide access by way of land acquisition of easements and/or tidal property.

Currently there are fourteen MarineFisheries properties and/or FBA properties or facilities providing anglers with access to shore fishing locations:

- Wareham River Fish Pier, Wareham
- Craven’s Landing at Scortons Creek, Sandwich
- Popponesset Beach Shorefishing Area, Mashpee
- Parker River Fishing Pier, Yarmouth
- Bass River Fishing Pier, Yarmouth (South Street)
- Bass River Fishing Pier, Yarmouth (High Bank Rd)
- Dogfish Bar, Aquinnah
- Great Rock Bight Shorefishing Area, Chilmark
- Leland Beach, Edgartown
- Fore River Shorefishing Area, Quincy
- Broad Cove Shorefishing Area, Somerset
- Cashman Park Fishing Pier, Newburyport
- Oak Bluffs Fishing Pier, Martha’s Vineyard
- Deer Island Fishing Pier, Boston

For a full listing of access sites, see pages 27-30.
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Prohibitions

Snagging, snatching of anadromous fish: including shad, smelt, white perch, striped bass, trout, and salmon, but excluding alewives or blueback herring.

The taking of striped bass by any means other than hook-and-line.

To "high-grade" striped bass, i.e. the discard of dead, legal size striped bass.

To retain live striped bass in the water by attaching to a stringer or placing in a live well or holding car.

The taking of billfish using gear other than a rod and reel.

The taking of Atlantic salmon, sturgeon, all marine mammals, all sea turtles, and the diamond back terrapin from Massachusetts waters.

For anyone, except the owner, to handle, destroy, or molest any lobster or crab pot or other fishing gear, including any gear swept up on the shore, beaches or flats whether public or private, or to take fish there from.

To sell, barter, or exchange fish or shellfish without a commercial permit.

For any recreational fisherman to use any type of hook other than a circle hook when fishing for striped bass with bait: any marine or aquatic organism, live or dead, whole or parts thereof. This shall not apply to any artificial lure.

Notes:
1) Subject to regulation by the Division and the municipality. Please consult municipal regulations.
2) American shad is a catch and release fishery, except for on the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers where anglers may retain up to 3 fish per day, with no minimum size limit.
3) Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.
4) Federal rules apply beyond state waters. Consult NOAA Fisheries for permitting requirements and regulations.
5) It is unlawful to take cod from the Spring Cod Conservation Closure from April 16 through January 31. It is unlawful to take cod from the Spring Cod Conservation Closure from April 16 through July 21.
6) Striped bass must be kept whole, meaning the head, tail, and body remain intact. Only evisceration is allowed. Permitted for-hire vessels may fillet striped bass for their customers.
7) Black sea bass and scup may be filleted but not skinned while at-sea. No more than two fillets per allowed fish may be possessed.
8) 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.

* Possession limits are per person per day unless otherwise noted.
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* Indicates a new state record

### How to Measure Your Catch

For Massachusetts marine waters, minimum fish sizes are measured as **total length**. This is the greatest straight line length (not curved over the body) in inches as measured on a fish with its mouth closed from the anterior tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extremity of the tail. Fish should be firmly grasped with both hands for proper measuring. Care should be taken so that the head of the fish firmly contacts the zero mark on rulers and tapes simultaneously with the tail extremity.

**Exceptions:**

- Tunas are measured using curved fork length. This is in a line, tracing the contour of the body from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail.

- Sharks are measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

- Swordfish, sailfish and marlin are measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the tail fork.

- Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout or jaw (mouth closed) to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.
**Divisions:** The saltwater fishing derby is divided into three major divisions—Inshore, Groundfish, and Pelagic.

Each division features:

- A Weigh-In category and a Catch and Release category (unless otherwise noted),
- Adult Awards given to the top Male and Female for each species in the Weigh-In category,
- Junior Awards given to anglers age 15 and under, and
- Pins given to ALL eligible entries collected during the Derby. (Anglers may submit multiple entries, but will receive only one pin per species per year for their qualifying catch.)

**Weigh-In Derby:** fish being entered in the weigh-in portion of the Derby should be brought to one of our many certified weigh stations scattered along the coast for verification.

**Catch and Release Derby:** fish being entered in the catch and release portion should be measured to the nearest half inch; a clear photo taken of both the measuring device and the fish, indicating total or fork length, is needed for verification.

**Entry forms and photos:** Derby entry forms are available on our website and at most bait and tackle shops. Derby entry forms and photos should be sent to the address provided below, attn. John Boardman. Photos can also be shared with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by tagging: #MAsaltwaterderby

**Website:** full derby rules, downloadable entry forms, official Derby weigh station locations, and leader boards can be found on our website: [www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby](http://www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby)

**Time Frame:** The Derby runs January 1 through November 30.

**Mailing Address:**
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
836 S. Rodney French Blvd.
New Bedford, MA 02744
john.boardman@mass.gov

### Inshore Derby

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* Junior entries in this category must meet the listed criteria
Prizes and Recognition

In addition to the pin, winners will receive a plaque and certificate commemorating their catch at our annual awards celebration.

- Ceremony takes place during the New England Boat and RV Show
- FREE entry to the New England Boat and RV Show for the winning angler and their guest(s)
- Entry to a private Mass DMF, family-friendly reception directly following the ceremony

Special awards are also given out to the two anglers (adult and junior) who have the most Derby-winning fish: weigh-in and Catch and Release, or combined. Awards for “Top Shop” (the tackle shop that weighs in the most derby eligible fish) and “Skillful Skipper” will receive free advertising in our 2022 saltwater sportfish guide.

2021 Catch and Release Derby Winners

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Use this saltwater fishing calendar as a general reference to the availability of the commonly targeted recreational finfish of Massachusetts. Please consult current regulations to ensure species are in season.

### 2021 Top Shop Award

At the conclusion of the fishing derby each year, a Top Shop award is given to the bait and tackle shop that weighs in the most derby eligible fish. The Skillful Skipper award is also given to those captains that have entered three or more winning fish caught from his or her boat.

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508-759-3371 • www.redtop tackle.com
**Striped Bass**
Striped bass is our most sought-after species, providing great sport through catch and release fishing and great eating when you catch a “keeper”. Striped bass is one of the largest fish available to the nearshore angler. Fish range from 1 pound to over 60 pounds.

**Location:** Whole coast surf, inshore bars, reefs, tide-rips, bays, and estuaries.
**Season:** Mid April-October
**Baits and Lures:** Seaworms, eels, squid, herring; jigs, plugs, spinners, spoons.
**Methods and Tackle:** Casting from shore, boat-trolling; light to heavy tackle.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** Catch and Release Only.

**Black Sea Bass**
The migratory black sea bass is a tasty fish arriving in our near shore waters in the late spring. These fish also have a peculiar life cycle—the majority begin life as females and then change to males at around three years of age.

**Location:** South side of Cape Cod, Buzzards Bay to Rhode Island border and a few are found in Cape Cod Bay. Fish for them around bottom structure such as reefs, rocks, and wrecks.
**Season:** May-September
**Baits and Lures:** Cut squid, clams, green crabs.
**Methods and Tackle:** Bottom fish from a boat.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:**
- Adult: 4 lb.
- Junior: 2 lb.

**Tautog**
“Tog”, “white chin” and “black fish” are all common nicknames for this fish. Tautog are very slow growing compared to most fish and do not migrate far from where they originate but move inshore in the spring and offshore in the winter.

**Location:** Whole coast, rocky bottoms inshore, bays, harbors, jetties, breakwaters.
**Season:** April-November
**Baits and Lures:** Crabs, clams, all shellfish.
**Methods and Tackle:** Still-fishing from boat or shore, medium action spinning or conventional rod, 20-30 lb test line.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:**
- Adult: 8 lb.
- Junior: 4 lb.

**Scup**
A party boat staple, scup are easy and fun to catch. Scup are very good eating though be careful of the many bones.

**Location:** South side of Cape Cod and along coast to Rhode Island
**Season:** May-October
**Baits and Lures:** Clams, strips of squid, seaworms.
**Methods and Tackle:** Light- to medium-weight tackle, drift-fishing, jetties, piers, bridges.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:**
- Adult: 2 lb.
- Junior: 1 lb.

**Bluefish**
Bluefish are usually ravenous and will strike at just about anything you give them. Watch out for those teeth! They average around 3-7 pounds along the coast and tend to be larger just offshore in the rips. The juveniles, referred to as “snappers,” can be found in the estuaries and are fun to catch with light tackle. In all cases, they put up an excellent fight all the way to your boat or shore.

**Location:** Whole coast surf, inshore bars, tide rips, bays, and estuaries.
**Season:** June-mid October
**Baits and Lures:** All small bait fish, jigs, spoons, plugs, spinners, flies.
**Methods and Tackle:** Casting from shore or boat (you may want to use a wire leader) with spin and fly fishing gear, trolling.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:**
- Adult: 12 lb.
- Junior: 6 lb.

**Weakfish (Squateague)**
The weakfish looks like a large trout and is found in Massachusetts waters during the summer months. Often found feeding alongside striped bass.

**Location:** Southern Massachusetts sandbars, deep water drop offs, channels, bays and estuaries
**Season:** Late June-September
**Baits and Lures:** Shrimp, seaworms, tinker mackerel, eels, strips of squid; artificial lures (bright plastic shrimp, worms, bucktails, tubes, jigs, sand eel imitations)
**Methods and Tackle:** Still-fishing, drifting, chumming, casting from shore or boat, trolling; light to medium tackle.
**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:**
- Adult: 8 lb.
- Junior: 4 lb.
Winter Flounder

The winter flounder (black back) provides good fishing during the cold weather months. They are very accessible and provide the angler with thick fillets to take home.

Location: Whole coast, tidal streams, shallow bays, estuaries.
Season: May-February
Baits and Lures: Sandworms, bloodworms, clams, strips of squid.
Methods and Tackle: Chum pot (crushed clams), still-fishing from boats, piers, jetties, bridges, breakwaters; light tackle

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

Fighting ability and fine flavor highlight this flatfish. The upper surface of the summer flounder head faces left. They also have prominent teeth to assist with their aggressive predatory behavior. Larger fluke are referred to as “doormats”. Target sandy or muddy bottom along with fast moving rips that contain debris and bait fish.

Location: South side of Cape Cod, Islands, Cape Cod Bay, Buzzards Bay.
Season: May-September
Baits and Lures: Minnows, squid strips, clams, shrimp; spinners, jigs.
Methods and Tackle: Drift-fishing, troll, chum, still fish, casting.

Mackerel

Mackerel are fast swimmers and voracious feeders, which offers the angler many options for catching them. They are also an important food fish for many other species of fish and marine mammals.

Location: Whole coast, deep water to shallow bays, beaches, jetties, canal, bridges.
Season: May-September
Baits and Lures: Small bait fish, crab, clams, seaworms, squid strips, jigs, spoons, flies.
Methods and Tackle: Trolling, jiggling, casting from shore or boat; light tackle.

Tunas: Bluefin (top) and Yellowfin (below)

All the tunas are very swift swimmers, provide a thrilling and sometimes backbreaking fight and are literally hot blooded. The giant bluefin tuna is the biggest and most lucrative of the tunas in our waters and thus creates much competition amongst fishermen. Yellowfin are commonly caught in near offshore waters as are albacore.

Location: Offshore east of North Shore, Cape Cod Bay, East of Cape Cod, South of Islands, offshore in Canyons
Season: Late June-October
Baits and Lures: Bait fish used with chum slick; plastic squids, multi-squid riggs, daisy chains, jigs, artificial lures
Methods and Tackle: Trolling, chunk baits with chum; medium to heavy tackle
Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight: Yellowfin tuna 50 lb., bluefin tuna 100 lb.

Bonito

Sharpen your reflexes because these small tunas are fast and fun to catch. Watch for feeding schools where there will be jumpers. For a quick identification, look for dark bands running the length of the fish above the lateral line and a silvery belly.

Location: Southern Cape Cod and the Islands, rarely north of Cape Cod.
Season: Late July-October
Baits and Lures: Strip baits, squid, small jigs, spoons, plugs, flies.
Methods and Tackle: Spinning gear, bait casting, light boat rods, trolling, fly fishing.

False Albacore (Little Tunny)

False albacore are very similar to bonito - fast, fun and sometimes a bit tricky to catch. However, unlike bonito, they make poor table fare.

Location: Mostly warmer waters of the south side of Cape Cod and the Islands.
Season: Late July-October
Baits and Lures: Same as for bonito
Methods and Tackle: Same as for bonito
**Pollock**

The pollock is more available to the angler than its codfish relative. These aggressive fighters offer the thrills of a bluefish and the flesh of a cod.

**Location:** Whole coast with more north of Plymouth. Inshore (breakwaters and other structures) and offshore depending on the water temperatures. Inshore, pollock tend to be smaller than those offshore.

**Season:** May-October with the best runs in May, October

**Baits and Lures:** Same as cod, plus metal lures with a strip of squid.

**Methods and Tackle:** Bait-fishing from shore and boats, fishing from boats using medium to stiff boat rod, conventional reel and at least 50 lb. test line.

**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** 12 lb.

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**Haddock**

Haddock is a member of the cod family and is a delicious fish for the dinner table. The black lateral line distinguishes it from the cod and pollock.

**Location:** Whole coast, cool waters, prefer depths of 140-450 ft., also prefers shell/sand, smooth rock, or gravel bottom.

**Season:** May-November

**Baits and Lures:** Seaworms, clams

**Methods and Tackle:** Still-fishing from a boat, medium action rod

**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** 5 lb.

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**Cod**

Cod are the deepwater treasures of Massachusetts.

**Location:** Whole coast, deepwater, inshore while water is cold.

**Season:** Year round.

**Baits and Lures:** Sea worms, clams, mackerel, strips of all fish, crabs, jigs.

**Methods and Tackle:** Bait-fishing from shore and boats, fishing from boats using medium to stiff boat rod, conventional reel and at least 50 lb. test line.

**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** 30 lb.

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**Cusk**

Like the cod, the cusk is a cool water fish and is found on hard, rough bottom habitat. Look for the continuous dorsal fin to assist with identification.

**Location:** Rocky ledges/hard bottom, moderately deep waters (more than 75 feet).

**Season:** Year round.

**Baits and Lures:** Same as cod.

**Methods and Tackle:** Same as cod.

**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** 20 lb.

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**Halibut**

This is the largest of the Atlantic flatfishes, which if you do happen to hook one, can be very challenging to reel up from deep water.

**Location:** Whole coast, cool and deep waters, preferred bottom type is sand, gravel or clay not soft mud or rock.

**Season:** Year round

**Baits and Lures:** Seaworms, clams, strips of fish, sand lance, jigs.

**Methods and Tackle:** Fishing from a boat with medium to stiff rod.

**Mass. Saltwater Fishing Derby Minimum Weight:** 50 lb.

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**Wolffish (Ocean Catfish)**

Wolfish are distinguished by their large size, pronounced molar and canine teeth, and the lack of ventral fins. They do not school and prefer hard bottom, not mud, in deep waters.

**Location:** Whole coast, deep water, incidental to cod fishing.

**Possession Prohibited**
Herring of Massachusetts

A variety of herring frequent MA coastal and estuarine waters and can be confusing to identify. River herring (alewife and blueback herring) and American shad are generally seen during spring spawning runs. Menhaden and Atlantic herring may appear in our estuaries during coastal migration in the summer or early fall.

Rainbow Smelt
This small anadromous fish is a seasonal favorite along the coast. They’re accessible prior to the spawning runs up coastal streams during the late winter and early spring.
Location: Whole coast, estuaries, the mouths of coastal rivers, and within coastal rivers.
Season: September-February
Baits and Lures: Blood worms, sand worms, grass shrimp, small local bait fish
Methods and tackle: Ice fishing, shore fishing—keep bait moving slowly up and down within the school; light tackle, hand line.

Sharks: Shortfin Mako (top) and Blue (bottom)
Blue and mako sharks are common to our offshore waters and are sought after by recreational anglers. Makos are the more aggressive of the two fish and will put up an exciting fight. Venture with an experienced shark angler to prevent unexpected surprises and make sure you bleed and ice the shark flesh immediately. Anglers are encouraged to release sharks not intended for consumption.
Location: South of the Islands, East of Cape Cod, off North shore including Cape Cod Bay.
Season: June-October
Baits and Lures: Chumming and baited hooks (preferably oily fish)
Methods and Tackle: Trolling, drifting; medium to heavy tackle, wire leader.

Note: The harvest and possession of river herring (alewife and blueback) is prohibited in Massachusetts.
**Access Sites**

*Note:* Use of some ramps requires a fee or a parking sticker that may be purchased in advance. Some town parking facilities are limited to town residents only (RO) and noted where applicable. Fish and Game Office of Fishing and Boating Access (FBA) current or future facilities are italicized. * indicates a shore fishing area. For more information visit the FBA website at: [http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/fba/](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/fba/)

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| Oyster River      |         |       | Sand  | All            |      |        |
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| Meeting House Pond |       |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| River Road (RO)   |         |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Mill Pond         |         |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Paw Wah Pond      |         |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Quanset Road      |         |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
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| Eastham           |         |       |       |                |      |        |
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| Hemenway Road     |         | *     | Paved | ½              |      |        |
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| Chilmark          |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Great Rock Bight, North Road* |       |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Nashaquitsa Pond, South Road |       |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Menemsha          | 1 1     |       | Paved | All            |      |        |

| Edgartown         |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| East Beach, Cape Poge* | 1 1     |       | Cartop | All            |      |        |
| State Road        | 1       |       |       |                |      |        |
| Memorial Wharf    | 1       |       |       |                |      |        |
| Edgartown Great Pond |       |       | Sand  | All            |      |        |
| Wilson Landing    |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Katama Bay        |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Edgartown Bay Road |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Eel Pond          |         |       | Paved | ¾              |      |        |
| Pease’s Point Way |         |       |       |                |      |        |

| Aquinnah          |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Menemsha Creek    | 1       |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Lobsterville Beach |         |       |       |                |      |        |
| Dogfish Bar*      |         |       |       |                |      |        |

| Oak Bluffs        |         |       |       |                |      |        |
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| Seaview Ave.      | 1       |       |       |                |      |        |
| Beach Road        | 1       |       |       |                |      |        |
| Harbor, East Chop Drive |     |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Pocoy Point, Pulpit Rock Road |     |       | Cartop | All            |      |        |

| Tisbury           |         |       |       |                |      |        |
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| Tashmoo Pond, Lake Avenue | 1 1     |       | Paved | All            |      |        |

| NANTUCKET:        |         |       |       |                |      |        |
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| Madaket Harbor, H Street |       |       | Paved | All            |      |        |
| Nantucket Harbor  |         |       | Paved | All            |      |        |

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Marshfield to Seekonk

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What does a recreational lobster and crabbing permit allow me to do?
The permit allows you to fish, retain and land lobsters in Massachusetts. This may be done with traps or by diving. The permit also allows you to fish for, retain and land edible crabs (excluding blue crabs) by any six-sided trap or other contrivance that is not actively fished. The permit is not needed to fish for, retain or land edible crabs (including blue crabs) by hand, handline or dipnet, or by any star trap, open collapsible trap or open top trap that is being actively tended to.

Who can get a permit?
Any Massachusetts resident can obtain a permit. Non-residents may also obtain a permit, but they must temporarily reside in any coastal Massachusetts municipality and own more than $5,000 in real estate in the Commonwealth as determined by tax records. Non-US citizens, whether resident or non-resident, must provide their alien registration card as issued by the US Dept. of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service.

What does a permit cost and where can I get one?
The permit fees are $55 for residents and $75 for non-residents. Permits are available at all DMF offices. Additionally, residents may purchase/renew their permit online at http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dmf/recreational-fishing/recreational-saltwater-permits.html.

What is my permit number?
Each permit has a unique identification number that is located on the upper right hand corner of the permit. You are required to mark your traps and dive gear with this permit number (pages 37 and 38).

May I sell, barter or trade the lobsters and edible crabs that I take under my permit?
No, you may only take lobsters and edible crabs for personal use. You are not allowed to sell, barter or trade any of your recreational lobster and edible crab catch. In order to engage in these activities, you are required, by law, to have a commercial lobster permit.

Does this permit allow me to take lobsters and crabs with traps and lobsters by diving?
Yes, when applying for or renewing your permit you must specify if you wish to fish with traps, diving or both. There are no additional costs for each endorsement.

Do I have to fish in a certain geographical area?
When you apply for your permit, we do ask that you check off a geographical area where you intend to fish. However, you are not limited by this selection and may fish throughout Massachusetts. Note that you may not set buoyed traps in the Cape Cod Canal and the taking of lobsters is prohibited in New Bedford Harbor north of an imaginary line drawn from Ricketson’s Point (Dartmouth) to Wilbur Point (Fairhaven). Also, different recreational lobster areas may have different recreational lobster management regulations (page 35).

Who can use this permit?
This depends on whether you are fishing traps or diving. A permit with a trap endorsement allows the permit holder, as well as members of the permit holder’s immediate family, to haul your traps. Immediate family includes the spouse, parents, children, grandparents, brothers and sisters. No more than one permit endorsed for trap fishing is allowed per household. A permit with dive endorsement is for the permit holder only and does not cover other persons. Additional permits endorsed for diving must be purchased to cover each diver.

Is reporting required?
Yes, annual catch reports are required of all permit holders. These forms are provided by DMF at the time of renewal. License renewals will not be issued until a catch report has been filed.

Do I need the permit for green crabs?
The permit is not needed to take, retain or land green crabs as they are an inedible invasive species. However, state law requires individuals hold an authorization from DMF in order to harvest green crabs. To obtain this free authorization, please contact Kerry Allard for an LOA or more information at (617) 626-1633 or kerry.allard@mass.gov.
**Recreational Regulations**

### RECREATIONAL LOBSTER REGULATIONS

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<td>15 lobsters per day. Lobsters may be stored and retrieved in excess of this limit, provided fishing activity is not occurring.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to possess or land any female lobster that bears a v-shaped notch or indentation on the base of the tail flipper to the right of the center flipper that is ¼&quot; or deeper with or without setal hairs.</td>
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<td><strong>Prohibited Gears</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to possess or land any lobster taken by spear gun, pole spear, or other device that pierces the shell as means of harvest; by dipping or dipnet; by star trap or any trap that is fished in an open configuration until retrieved; by dragging or the use of any hauled nets or dredges; or snaring and poles with loops.</td>
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<td>Other Edible Crabs (not including green crabs)</td>
<td>No size requirement</td>
<td>50 edible crabs combined and not to exceed 25 blue crabs.</td>
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<td>Prohibited</td>
<td>No tending or hauling traps ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Use of non-trap gears is allowed at night.</td>
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### Crab Identification

- **Blue Crab**
- **Rock Crab**
- **Jonah Crab**
- **Green Crab**

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How to Measure a Lobster

The Rules
Lobsters must be measured with a special gauge to make sure that they are keepers. Carapace length is measured from the rear of the eye socket to the rear of the carapace on a line parallel to the center line of the body shell. Make sure the gauge is at the extreme rear of the eye socket below the rostrum or horn. A common error is to measure from the horn located forward of the eye socket, which results in an improper measurement.

All lobsters measuring less than the minimum legal carapace length, or larger than the maximum legal carapace length, must be immediately returned to the waters from which taken. All lobsters must be measured immediately.

Mutilation
It shall be unlawful to possess any lobster, or part thereof, which is mutilated in a manner which makes accurate measurement impossible.

Is it Male or Female?
In order to determine the sex of a lobster, you must look at the first pair of appendages under the tail, called swimmerets. They are positioned near the base of the last pair of walking legs. The first pair of swimmerets are hard in the male, and soft and feathery in the female.

All About Lobster

What are they?
Lobsters are ten-legged (decapod) crustaceans. The American lobster is the only species of clawed lobster in the Northwestern Atlantic region.

Where are they?
The American lobster is distributed throughout the Northwest Atlantic from the Straights of Bell Isle, Newfoundland to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. They are most abundant in coastal zones at depths of less than 150 ft. (~50 m). The greatest abundance of lobster occurs within the Gulf of Maine—from mid-coast Maine to southwest Nova Scotia.

Growth
American lobster is a long-lived species known to reach more than 40 lb. (18 kg). Age is unknown because all hard parts are shed and replaced at molting (shedding), leaving no accreting material for age determination. In Massachusetts, shedding typically occurs between June and October.

Lobsters at minimum legal size are generally considered to be between 5 and 7 years of age based on hatchery observations. Maximum age is generally considered to be between 30 and 40 years.

Biology
Fertilized eggs are carried on the female abdomen for a 9 to 12 month period of development prior to hatching.

Female lobsters carry between 1,000 and >100,000 eggs depending on the size of the female.

Hatching typically occurs over a 4 month period from May through September. In Massachusetts we typically see peak hatching from late-June through early-July.

Egg-bearing Females
It is unlawful for any fisherman to take or possess any egg-bearing female lobster or female lobster with the egg mass forcibly removed, at any time.

When eggs are extruded they are dark green and the female is called a green egger.

As eggs develop and approach hatching time they turn brown to reddish brown and the female is called a brown egger.
SCUBA Regulations for Recreational Lobster and Edible Crabbing

Permitting
To recreationally dive for lobsters in Massachusetts, all divers must hold a Recreational Lobster/Crabbing Permit endorsed for diving. A permit endorsed for diving only covers the individual and does not cover the immediate family. Each individual diver must hold their own permit endorsed for diving. This permit must be carried on the vessel at all times when fishing for lobsters. No permit is required for the taking of edible crabs by diving. The taking of edible crabs is subject to recreational crab regulations (page 35).

Gear and Marking Requirements
Dive Flag – MA law requires each diver or group of divers, while swimming or below the surface, to display a dive flag. The dive flag must be at least 12” x 15” in area with a red background and white diagonal stripe. The flag must be displayed on the vessel or on a surface float and must extend at least 3 feet from the surface of the water. Divers are required to stay within 100 feet of the displayed flag while at or near the surface. Divers may display their permit numbers of their dive flag.

Dive Marker – If the permit number for all divers is not displayed on the dive flag, a dive marker must be used. The dive marker must be a 12” x 12” floating panel with a white background. The permit number for each diver must be displayed on each side of the marker in numerals measuring 3” in height by ½” in width.

Dive Tank – The permit number must be marked on your dive tank in numerals that measure 3” in height by ½” in width.

Methods of Taking Lobsters
Divers may take lobsters by hand. They may also utilize a tickle stick, which is a straight or slightly bent stick used to agitate a lobster to come out of its hole. The use of spears, snares, and dipnets is prohibited (page 35).

Catch Limits
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Taking of blue crabs and other edible crabs is prohibited from January 1 through April 30.

There is a limit of 25 blue crabs per day.

There is a combined limit of 50 edible crabs (e.g., blue and Jonah) per day.
All About Gear

Permit Requirements
To recreationally fish for lobsters or edible crabs excluding blue crabs you must hold a Recreational Lobster/Crabbing Permit endorsed for trap fishing. This endorsement allows you to fish up to 10 traps. Any member of your immediate family may fish your traps for you. No household may hold more than one permit endorsed for traps, nor fish more than 10 traps. This permit must be carried on the vessel at all times when fishing for lobsters or edible crabs. This permit allows up to 15 lobsters to be kept per day.

Surface Identification
Buoy Colors
All traps and cars must be buoyed at the surface. Each permit holder must have a unique buoy color combination of up to three colors. This color combination is provided by the applicant on the application. Each buoy must be marked with this color scheme, typically by painting the buoys. The color scheme must also be visibly displayed on the vessel. This is commonly done by displaying a buoy on the vessel or painting the color scheme on the side of the vessel. You should look to see what combinations recreational and commercial trap fishermen are using in your area and try to pick a unique color combination.

Buoy Marking
All buoys must be permanently marked with permit holder information in a specific alphanumeric sequence. This begins with the letter “N”, then the permit number, followed by a dash (-); then a single digit from 0 to 9, indicating the sequential pot number in the series that the permit holder is fishing. Each letter and number must be 1” in height by ½” in width. Common techniques include permanent marker, painting or burning.

Single Traps vs Trawls
Most recreational fishermen prefer to fish single buoyed pots rather than trawls, which are a series of pots tied together at one or both ends. However, they may fish either. Each style of trap configuration requires a unique surface identification.

Single Pots
Single traps shall be marked with a single 7” x 7” or 5” x 11” buoy. The use of buoy sticks is optional, but if a stick is used a flag shall not be attached.

Trawls
Trawls shall be marked on the east end with a double buoy consisting of any combination of two 7” x 7” or 5” x 11” buoys and one or more three foot sticks (so the two buoys can be side-by-side or stacked). Then the west end of the trawl shall be marked with a single 7” x 7” or 5” x 11” buoy with a 3 foot stick and flag. Trawls of two or three traps shall only be marked on one end, whereas trawls of four or more traps must be marked on both.

Gear Identification
All traps and cars must be permanently marked with permit holder information in the same alphanumeric sequence as the buoy number. This alphanumeric sequence shall be permanently secured into the inside of the trap through the use of a synthetic plate or by being burned or cut by a wooden lath.
Lobster/Crab Trap Requirements

**Maximum Size**

It is unlawful for any trap to exceed a volume of 22,950 cubic inches.

**Escape Vents**

Escape vents are required in order to allow sub-legal sized lobsters and other non-targeted species to leave the trap. Escape vents must be unobstructed. Circular vents are preferred for retaining crabs.

One or more rectangular escape vent or two or more circular escape vents shall be placed on a side of the parlor section of the trap and are typically affixed with hog rings. While a particular orientation is not mandated, certain orientations enhance escapement (see Escape Vent and Ghost Panel Placement). If your trap has two parlors, both areas must be vented.

Escape vent sizes and frequency are specific to the Recreational Lobster/Crab Area (p 30) where the traps are set and hauled:

- **Gulf of Maine Recreational Lobster/ Crab Area.** Rectangular escape vents must measure at least 1 15⁄16" by 5 ¾" or two circular vents must measure 2 ¾" diameter.
- **Outer Cape Cod or Southern New England Recreational Lobster/ Crab Area.** Rectangular escape vents must measure 2" by 5 ¾" or two circular vents must measure at least 2 ¾" diameter.

**Ghost Panels**

Ghost panels are designed to create an opening to allow the escapement of lobsters and incidental catch within 12 months after a trap has been lost or abandoned.

- **Panel size.** The panel must be rectangular and measure at least 3 ¼" x 3 ¼". The panel may be your escape vent or trap door.
- **Panel location.** The panel must be located in the outer parlor section of the trap and in a position which allows unobstructed exit of lobsters. The panel should not be located on the bottom of the trap.
- **Panel fasteners.** The panel - or the trap door or escape vent if being used as a panel - must be fastened to the trap with one of the following materials: cotton; hemp; sisal or jute twine not greater than 3/16" diameter; or non-stainless, uncoated ferrous metal not greater than 3⁄32" in diameter.
- **Wooden traps.** Traps constructed entirely or partially of wood shall be considered in compliance if constructed with wooden lath to the extent that deterioration of the wooden component(s) will result in an unobstructed opening of at least 3 ½" by 3 ½".

**Escape Vent and Ghost Panel Placement**

- **Note:** These examples are meant to be used as suggestions for escape vent and ghost panel placement in lobster traps. It is NOT required that escape vents and ghost panels be positioned in any way, except to provide an “unobstructed” means for escape by sub-legal lobsters.

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**Anatomy of a Lobster Trap**

1. **Entrance Head:** Mesh opening where lobsters enter the trap.

2. **Kitchen:** This is where the bait bag is placed to attract lobsters into the trap.

3. **Parlor Head or Funnel:** Lobsters use this mesh netting as a means out of the kitchen, assuming it’s a way out of the trap.

4. **Parlor:** Area where the lobsters end up after leaving the kitchen and traveling up the funnel. Most of the catch will be found in this part of the trap.

5. **Escape Vent/Ghost Panel:** Opening of designated size that allows sub-legal lobsters to escape the trap. The biodegradable materials used to attach the escape vent panel will allow the “ghost panel” to open if the trap has been lost or abandoned. This prevents the trap from continuing to fish after it has been lost or abandoned.
Whale Gear Restrictions and Closures

Abandoned Gear
All traps must be hauled at least once every 30 days, or the gear is considered to be abandoned. It is unlawful to abandon gear in Massachusetts waters. If you believe your gear is lost and may become abandoned, please contact the Massachusetts Environmental Police or the Division of Marine Fisheries and inform them of when and where the gear was last hauled and set.

Trap Gear Closure
All traps must be removed from and may not be set in waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth from November 1 - May 15.

Blue Crab Trap Prohibition
The use of traps to take blue crabs and the retention of blue crabs taken by traps is prohibited.

Single Traps Closure
The use of single traps is prohibited in state waters north of Cape Cod that are seaward of 3-miles from shore, with an exception for an area off Billingsgate Shoal. This area includes those waters that are shoreward of the Loran-C Line 9960-X-25360, as it runs from Barnstable to Wellfleet (see map for coordinates).

Line Configuration Requirements
Your buoy lines are the lines that connect your pots to their surface buoy. While swimming through the water column large whales, porpoises and sea turtles may become entangled in these lines. As Massachusetts provides important waters for these species, your buoy lines are subject to certain requirements to reduce injury and mortality associated with entanglements and to identify entangling gear.

Sinking Buoy Lines
The top 2/3 of all buoy lines must be comprised of sinking line. The bottom 1/3 of the line which may be floating line, if so desired. Sinking line has a specific gravity that is greater than or equal to that of seawater (1.03) and does not float in the water column.

Buoy Line Diameter
All buoy lines must have a diameter that does not exceed ⅜”.

Weak Links
On the top of the buoy line before the buoy, all lines must have a breakable section (weak link) that will part when subjected to 600 pounds of pull pressure and after parting will result in a knot-less end, not thicker than the diameter of the line (see image).

Buoy Line Marking
Mid-way on the buoy line there must be a 4” red mark. If the buoy line is red, then a white mark may be used instead. Common marking tools include tape and paint (see image).

Weak Links
Weak links allow the buoy to part away from the buoy line in the event that a whale encounters your gear.

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