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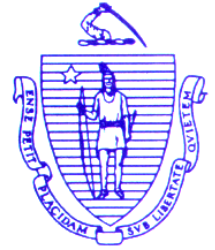
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2018 Recreational Georges Bank Cod Limit Implemented

The Division of Marine Fisheries has filed emergency regulations to increase the recreational minimum size for Georges Bank cod in Southern New England from 22” to 23”. The bag limit will remain at 10-fish and the fishery is open year round. The Georges Bank cod rules apply only within those state-waters south of 42°00’ N excluding waters of Cape Cod Bay but including Pleasant Bay and Nauset Harbor and all connecting embayments in the County of Barnstable as well as all estuaries and salt ponds that drain to those waters.

These emergency regulations complement recently enacted federal rules ([see bulletin](#)). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced that for fishing year 2018 (May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019) the Georges Bank cod recreational minimum will be set at 23” and the bag limit will be set at 10-fish. More information regarding where in federal waters these rules apply can be found on [NMFS website](#).

For more information regarding the management of groundfish, please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries or call us at 617-626-1620.