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Updates to 2024 Recreational Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock Limits

NOAA Fisheries has issued a final rule to change the recreational Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod and haddock limits for 2024 ([Bulletin](#)). In response to this federal rule change, DMF has amended its recreational fishing limits for GOM cod and haddock to match, effective immediately. Uniform regulations across state and federal waters simplifies management and enhances enforcement and compliance.

For GOM cod, the minimum size has been increased from 22 inches to 23 inches; the open season and bag limit remain unchanged at September 1–October 31 and 1 fish per angler. For GOM haddock, the minimum size has been increased from 17 inches to 18 inches and the private angler bag limit increased from 10 fish to 15 fish (matching the status quo for-hire mode bag limit); the open season remains unchanged at April 1–February 28.

Updated 2024 Recreational Fishing Limits for Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock				
Stock	Mode	Open Season	Minimum Size	Bag Limit
GOM Cod	All Anglers	September 1–October 31	23"	1 fish
GOM Haddock	All Anglers	April 1–February 28	18"	15 fish

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