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Final Recreational Measures Announced for Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock

On August 18, 2021 NOAA Fisheries announced (see [Bulletin](#)) final rules governing the recreational Gulf of Maine cod and haddock fisheries for FY2021 (May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022). As recommended by the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), FY2020 rules will remain in place for FY2021. The approved limits for both GOM cod and haddock are described in the tables below.

Given the late timing of this federal announcement, DMF will be enacting the enforceable rules for the for-hire sector for GOM cod by conditioning all 2021 For-Hire Permits (see [Statement of Permit Conditions](#)). All other existing state regulations governing recreational fishing for GOM cod and haddock are consistent with this federal action and require no further action.

Cod				
	Possession Limit	Minimum Size (inches)	Open Season (Private)	Open Season (For-Hire)
2021 Measures	1	21	September 15 - 30, April 1 - 14	Sept. 8 - Oct. 7 April 1 - 14

Haddock			
	Possession Limit	Minimum Size (inches)	Open Season
2021 Measures	15	17	January 1 – February 28 April 1 – December 31

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