

MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER **CATCH AND RELEASE** FISHING DERBY

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| Inshore Derby Species | Weigh in (lb.) | | Catch and release (in.) | |
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| Black Sea Bass | 4 | 2 | 20 | 15 |
| Bluefish | 12 | 6 | 32 | 26 |
| Dolphinfish | 15 | 5 | 30 | 24 |
| False Albacore | 10 | 7 | 25 | 23 |
| Fluke | 7 | 3 | 22 | 18 |
| King Mackerel | 6 | 4 | 30 | 28 |
| Scup | 2 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Spanish Mackerel | 4 | 3 | 24 | 22 |
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| Tautog | 8 | 4 | 20 | 18 |
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| Winter Flounder | 3 | 2 | 17 | 14 |
| Groundfish Derby Species* | Weigh in (lb.) | | Catch and release (in.) | |
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| Atlantic Halibut | 50 | | 50 | |
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| Haddock | 5 | | 20 | |
| Pollock | 12 | | 30 | |
| Large Pelagic Derby Species* | Weigh in (lb.) | | Catch and release (in.) | |
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| Atlantic Sailfish | 40 | | 63 | |
| Bigeye Tuna | 100 | | 30 | |
| Blue Marlin | 350 | | 99 | |
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| Bluefin Tuna | 100 | | 30 | |
| Porbeagle Shark | 150 | | 60 | |
| Shortfin Mako | 250 | | 60 | |
| Swordfish | 150 | | 55 | |
| Thresher Shark | 200 | | 65 | |
| Wahoo | 30 | | 40 | |
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*Mailing Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Telephone # () _____ *Age _____ *Sex _____

*Species _____

*Total Length _____ in.

*Date _____

*Catch Location _____ *Bait _____

Catch Witness _____

Name of Vessel _____

Captain _____

** Required information*

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