Size & Bag Limits for For-Hire Vessels in MA Waters*
2021

**BLACK SEA BASS**
- Season: May 18 - Sep 8
- Minimum Size: 15”
- Possession Limit: 5 fish

**BLUEFISH**
- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: no limit
- Possession Limit: 5 fish

**ATLANTIC COD**
- North of Cape Cod:
  - Season: Apr 1 - Apr 14; Sep 15 - Sep 30
  - Minimum Size: 21”
  - Possession Limit: 1 fish
- South of Cape Cod:
  - all year
  - Minimum Size: 21”
  - Possession Limit: 10 fish

**FLUKE (SUMMER FLOUNDER)**
- Season: May 23 - Oct 9
- Minimum Size: 17”
- Possession Limit: 5 fish

**HADDOCK**
- North of Cape Cod:
  - Season: Jan 1 - Feb 28; Apr 1 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 17”
  - Possession Limit: 15 fish
- South of Cape Cod:
  - all year
  - Minimum Size: 18”
  - Possession Limit: no limit

**SCUP**
- North of Cape Cod:
  - Jan 1 - Apr 30
  - Minimum Size: 9”
  - Possession Limit: 50 fish
- South of Cape Cod:
  - May 1 - Jun 30
  - Minimum Size: 9”
  - Possession Limit: 50 fish
  - Jul 1 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 9”
  - Possession Limit: 30 fish

**STRIPED BASS**
- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: 28” to less than 35”
- Possession Limit: 1 fish

**WEAKFISH**
- Season: all year
- Minimum Size: 16”
- Possession Limit: 1 fish

**WINTER FLOUNDER**
- North of Cape Cod
  - Season: all year
  - Minimum Size: 12”
  - Possession Limit: 8 fish
- South 7 East of Cape Cod
  - Mar 1 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: 12”
  - Possession Limit: 2 fish

**TAUTOG**
- North of Cape Cod:
  - Jan 1 - Mar 31
  - Apr 1 - May 31
  - Jun 1 - Jul 31
  - Aug 1 - Oct 14
  - Oct 15 - Dec 31
  - Minimum Size: NA
  - Possession Limit: prohibited
  - 3 fish
  - 1 fish
  - 3 fish
  - 5 fish

* Updated as of May 14, 2021. Visit our website for other rules: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries or call 617-626-1520
** Check with NOAA Fisheries for federal rules.