Size & Bag Limits for For-Hire Vessels in MA Waters 2022

### BLACK SEA BASS
- **Season:** May 21 - Sep 4
- **Minimum Size:** 16”
- **Possession Limit:** 4 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
  - **Season:** all year
  - **Minimum Size:** 21”
  - **Possession Limit:** 10 fish

### FLUKE (SUMMER FLOUNDER)
- **Season:** May 21 - Sept 29
- **Minimum Size:** 16.5”
- **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
  - **Season:** all year
  - **Minimum Size:** 18”
  - **Possession Limit:** no limit

### SCUP
- **Season:** Jan 1 - Apr 30, May 1 - Jun 30, Jul 1 - Dec 31
- **Minimum Size:**
  - North of Cape Cod: 10”
  - South of Cape Cod: 10”, 50 fish
- **Possession Limit:**
  - North of Cape Cod: 30 fish
  - South of Cape Cod: 30 fish

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

Use of in-line circle hooks is mandatory when fishing with whole or cut natural baits, except with artificial lures.

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

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

### TAUTOG
- **Season:**
  - 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:**
  - North of Cape Cod: NA, 16”, 16”, 16”, 16”
- **Possession Limit:**
  - North of Cape Cod: prohibited, 3 fish, 1 fish, 3 fish, 5 fish

* Regulations for cod and haddock both north and south of Cape Cod are subject to change pending final rule-making by NOAA Fisheries. Please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) to get the most up-to-date recreational fishing limits.