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FISHERIES**

This summary provides a broad overview for the recreational fishery in Federal waters, 3-200 miles offshore; the regulations summarized here may be found at 50 CFR part 648.

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**Summer Flounder
(Fluke)**

Please see regulations for the State you will be fishing in (Table 1)



Longfin Squid

No Minimum Size
Unlimited
All Year



Shortfin Squid

No Minimum Size
Unlimited
All year



Butterfish

No Minimum Size
Unlimited
All Year



Black Sea Bass

12.5 inches
15 Fish Limit
May 15 - Dec 31



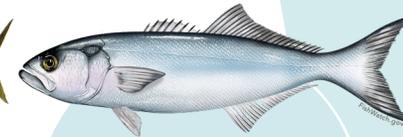
Atlantic Mackerel

No Minimum Size
Unlimited
All year



Atlantic Chub Mackerel

No Minimum Size
Unlimited
All year



Bluefish

No Minimum Size
15 Fish Limit
All year



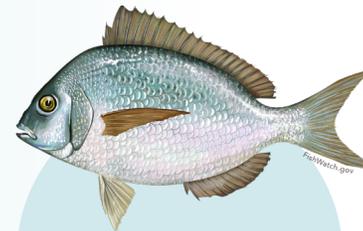
Blueline Tilefish

No Minimum Size
Private: 3 Fish/Person
Charter: 5 Fish/Person
Party: 7 Fish/Person
May 1 - Oct 31



Golden Tilefish

No Minimum Size
8 Fish Limit
All year



Scup/Porgies

9 inches
50 Fish Limit
All year

Table 1: 2019 State Recreational Measures for Summer Flounder

State	Minimum Size	Possession Limit	Open Season(s)
MA	17 inches	5 fish	5/23 - 10/09
RI	19 inches	6 fish	5/3 - 12/31
RI (7 designated shore sites)	19 inches	4 fish*	
	17 inches	2 fish*	
CT	19 inches	4 fish	5/4 - 9/30
CT (45 designated shore sites)	17 inches		
NY	19 inches		
NJ	18 inches	3 fish	5/24 - 9/21
NJ, 1 designated shore site	16 inches	2 fish	
New Jersey/Delaware Bay COLREGS	17 inches	3 fish	
DE, MD, & VA	16.5 inches	4 fish	
NC	15 inches	4 fish	1/1 - 12/31

*Combined possession limits of 6 fish; no more than 2 fish at 17 inch minimum size limit

Table 2: 2019 State Recreational Measures for Black Sea Bass

State	Minimum Size	Possession Limit	Open Season(s)
ME	13 inches	10 fish	5/19 - 9/21; 10/18 - 12/31
NH	13 inches	10 fish	1/1 - 12/31
MA	15 inches	5 fish	5/18 - 9/8
RI	15 inches	3 fish	6/24 - 8/31
		7 fish	9/1 - 12-31
CT (Private & Shore)	15 inches	5 fish	5/19 - 12/31
CT (Party/Charter)	15 inches	5 fish	5/19 - 8/31
		7 fish	9/1 - 12/31
NY	15 inches	3 fish	6/23 - 8/31
		7 fish	9/1 - 12/31
NJ	12.5 inches	10 fish	5/15 - 6/22; 10/8 - 10/31
	13 inches	15 fish	11/1 - 12/31
DE & MD	12.5 inches	15 fish	5/15 - 12/31
VA	12.5 inches	15 fish	2/1 - 2/28; 5/15 - 5/31; 6/22 - 12/31
NC (North of Cape Hatteras)	12.5 inches	15 fish	2/1 - 2/28; 5/17 - 12/31

Table 3: 2019 State Recreational Measures for Scup

State	Minimum Size	Possession Limit	Open Season(s)
MA (Private)	9 inches	30 fish/person; 150 fish/vessel with 5+ anglers on board	4/13 - 12/31
MA (Charter/Party)		50 fish	5/1 - 6/30
		30 fish	4/13 - 4/30 7/1 - 12/31
RI (Private & Shore)	9 inches	30 fish	1/1-12/31
RI Shore Program (7 designated shore sites)	8 inches	30 fish	5/1 - 12/31
RI (Charter/Party)	9 inches	30 fish	1/1 - 8/31 11/1 - 12/ 31
		50 fish	9/1 - 10/31
CT (Private)	9 inches	30 fish	1/1 - 12/31
CT (46 designated shore sites)	8 inches	30 fish	1/1 - 12/31
CT (Charter/Party)	9 inches	30 fish	1/1 - 8/31 11/1 - 12/31
		50 fish	9/1 - 10/31
NY (Private)	9 inches	30 fish	1/1 - 12/ 31
NY (Charter/Party)		30 fish	1/1 - 8/31 11/1 - 12/31
		50 fish	9/1 - 10/31
NJ	9 inches	50 fish	1/1 - 12/31
DE & MD	8 inches	50 fish	
VA	8 inches	30 fish	
NC (North of Cape Hatteras)	8 inches	50 fish	

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For more information, call the Greater Atlantic Regional Office Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.