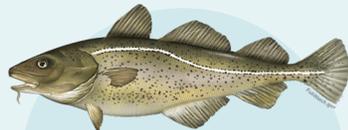




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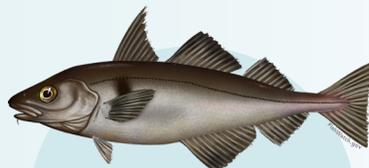
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Atlantic Cod

Gulf of Maine
21 inches
1 fish/person/day
Open Season:
Sept 15 - Sept 30

Georges Bank
21 inches
10 fish/person/day



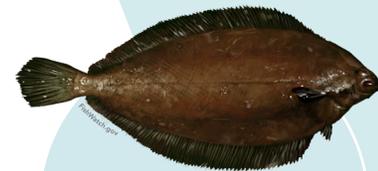
Haddock

Gulf of Maine
17 inches
15 fish/person/day
Open Season:
May 1 - Feb 28/29
Apr 15 - Apr 30

Georges Bank
18 inches
Unlimited



Pollock
19 inches
Unlimited



Witch Flounder
(Gray Sole)
14 inches
Unlimited

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.

The following measures apply to private recreational fishing vessels, Federal charter/party permitted vessels, and Federal Northeast multispecies permitted vessels fishing under the charter/party or recreational regulations (not fishing under a Northeast multispecies day-at-sea).

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Yellowtail Flounder
13 inches
Unlimited



American Plaice
(Dab)
14 inches
Unlimited



Winter Flounder
(Blackback)
12 inches
Unlimited



Redfish
(Ocean Perch)
9 inches
Unlimited



Hake:
Offshore, Red, White,
and Silver (Whiting)
No Size Limit
Unlimited



Atlantic Halibut
41 inches
1 fish per vessel per trip

NO RETENTION SPECIES:
Atlantic Wolffish
Windowpane Flounder
Ocean Pout

Gear Restrictions

“Whaleback” Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area:

From **April 1 through June 30** of each year, all recreational vessels, including private recreational and charter/party vessels, may only use pelagic hook-and-line gear, as defined below, when fishing in the Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area.

Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area:

From **November 1 through January 31** of each year, all recreational vessels, including private recreational and charter/party vessels, may only use pelagic hook-and-line gear, as defined below, when fishing in the Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area.

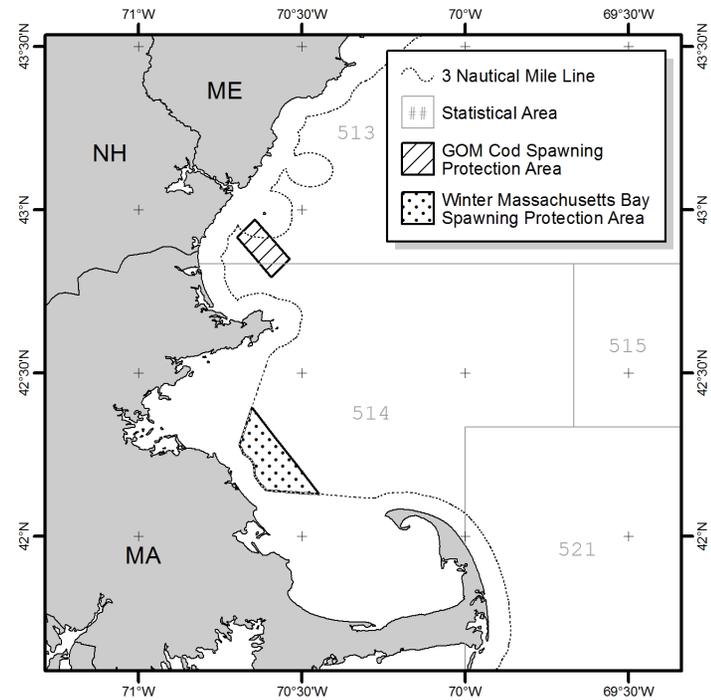
Pelagic hook-and-line gear is defined as handline or rod and reel gear that is designed to fish for, or that is being used to fish for, pelagic species. No portion of this gear may be operated in contact with the bottom at any time.

Possession Restrictions: Any vessel fishing in the Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area or the Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area, including pelagic hook-and-line gear by recreational vessels, is prohibited from possessing or retaining regulated species or ocean pout from April 1 through June 30 of each year.

Transiting: Recreational vessels are allowed to transit the Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area and Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area provided all gear is stowed in accordance with the regulations.

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

Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Areas



Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area

Point	N. Latitude	W. Longitude
CSPA1	42° 50.95'	70° 32.22'
CSPA2	42° 47.65'	70° 35.64'
CSPA3	42° 54.91'	70° 41.88'
CSPA4	42° 58.27'	70° 38.64'

Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area

Point	N. Latitude	W. Longitude
WSPA1	42° 23.61'	70° 39.21'
WSPA2	42° 07.68'	70° 26.79'