



## Northeast Multispecies Charter/Party and Recreational Vessels Minimum Fish Sizes and Possession Limits

This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; it is not a substitute for the regulations. You are strongly encouraged to read the regulations in conjunction with this information sheet to fully understand how this fishery is managed. This information sheet will be updated as regulations are revised. The measures described here may be found at 50 CFR § 648.88 and § 648.89.

The following measures apply to private recreational fishing vessels in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ, typically 3-200 miles from shore), Federal charter/party permitted vessels, and Federal NE multispecies permitted vessels fishing under the charter/party or recreational regulations [not fishing under a NE multispecies day-at-sea (DAS)].

Species		Total Length (Inches)	Possession Limit
Atlantic cod	Inside Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area (GOM RMA)	19	9 fish per <u>person</u> per day (possession prohibited November 1-April 15)
	Outside GOM RMA	22	<b>Recreational:</b> 10 fish per person per day
			<b>Charter/Party:</b> No limit
Haddock	Inside GOM RMA	18	Unlimited
	Outside GOM RMA	18	Unlimited
Atlantic halibut		41	1 fish per <u>vessel</u> per trip
Pollock		19	Unlimited
Witch flounder (gray sole)		14	Unlimited
Yellowtail flounder		13	Unlimited
American plaice (dab)		14	Unlimited
Georges Bank (GB) and GOM Winter flounder (blackback)		12	Unlimited
Redfish (ocean perch)		9	Unlimited
Hake: Offshore, Red, White, and Silver (whiting)		None	Unlimited
Atlantic wolffish, windowpane flounder, ocean pout, and SNE/MA winter flounder (blackback, S. and E. of Cape Cod )		N/A	NO RETENTION

Fishing for striped bass in the EEZ is **prohibited**.

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