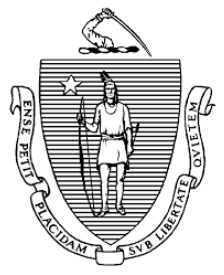
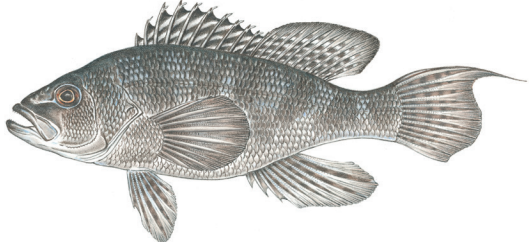




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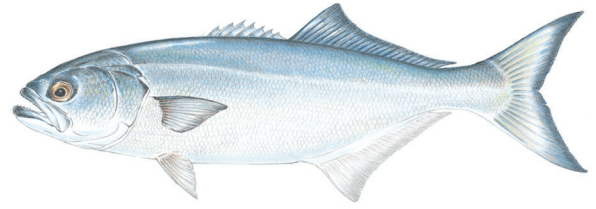


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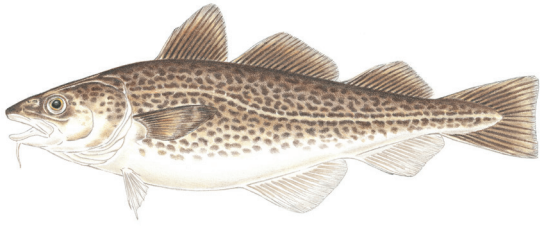
Open Season: May 20 - Sep 7
Minimum Size: 16.5"
Possession Limit: 4 fish

BLUEFISH



Open Season: Year Round
Minimum Size: No Limit
Possession Limit: 5 fish

ATLANTIC COD*



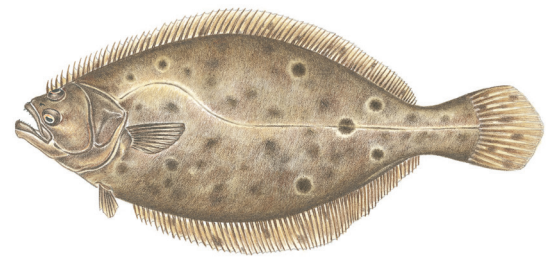
North of Cape Cod

Open Season: Apr 1 - Apr 14; Sep 1 - Oct 7
Size Limit: 22" min
Possession Limit: 1 fish

South of Cape Cod

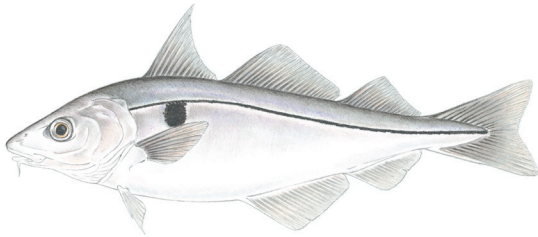
Aug 1 - Apr 30
22" min to 28" max
5 fish

FLUKE (SUMMER FLOUNDER)



Open Season: May 21 - Sept 29
Minimum Size: 16.5"
Possession Limit: 5 fish

HADDOCK*



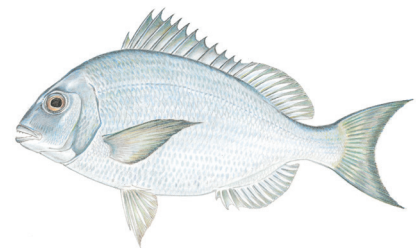
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Open Season: Jan 1 - Feb 28 ; Apr 1 - Dec 31
Minimum Size: 17"
Possession Limit: 20 fish

South of Cape Cod

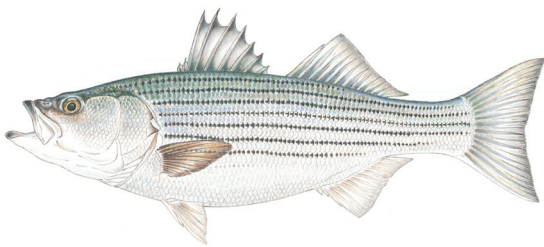
Year Round
18"
No Limit

SCUP



Open Season: May 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Dec 31
Minimum Size: 10.5"	10.5"
Possession Limit: 40 fish	30 fish

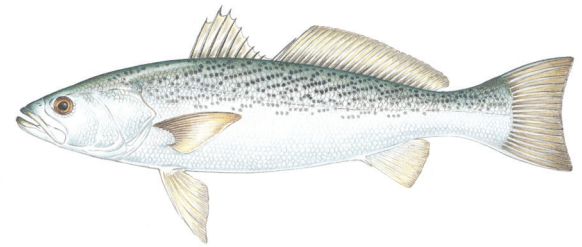
STRIPED BASS



Open Season: Year Round
Size Limit: 28" to less than 31"
Possession Limit: 1 fish

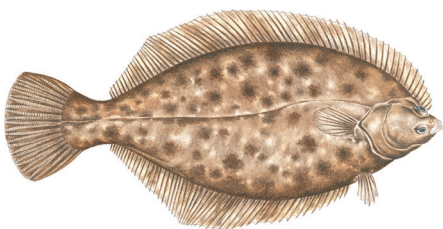
Gaffing prohibited. Use of in-line circle hooks is mandatory when fishing with whole or cut natural baits, except with artificial lures.

WEAKFISH



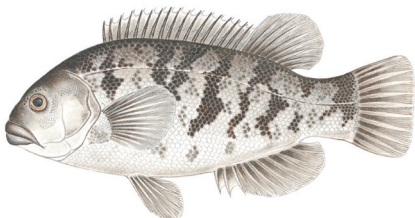
Season: Year Round
Minimum Size: 16"
Possession Limit: 1 fish

WINTER FLOUNDER



	North of Cape Cod	South of Cape Cod
Open Season:	Year Round	Year Round
Minimum Size:	12"	12"
Possession Limit:	8 fish	2 fish

TAUTOG



Open Season:	Apr 1 – May 31	Jun 1 – Jul 31	Aug 1 – Oct 14	Oct 15 – Dec 31
Size Limit:	16" to 21"	16" to 21"	16" to 21"	16" to 21"
Possession Limit:	3 fish	1 fish	3 fish	5 fish

During the open season, 1-fish per person per day may exceed 21".

* Regulations for cod north and south of Cape Cod and haddock north 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.