



Laws and regulations are frequently amended by the Legislature or DEC. You should check with the Marine Fisheries office to ensure that the requirements set forth in this notice remain in effect. For further information, visit our website:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html>

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (Number of Fish)	OPEN SEASONS
Summer flounder (fluke)*	19.5	4	May 1 - Sept 30
Winter flounder	12	2	April 1 - May 30
Tautog (blackfish)	16	4	Oct 8 - Dec 4
Bluefish (including "snappers")	No minimum size limit for first 10 fish, 12" TL for the next 5	15 No more than 10 of which shall be less than 12" TL	All year
Weakfish	16 (10" filleted & 12" dressed)	1	All year
Atlantic cod+	22	10+	All year
Pollock	19	No limit	All year
Haddock	18	No limit	All year
Striped bass: marine waters** Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	28	2***	April 15 -- Dec 15
Striped bass : marine waters** All other anglers	28 to 40 >40	1 1	April 15 -- Dec 15
Striped bass: Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge	18	1	Mar 16 - Nov 30
Scup (Porgy) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	11	20 40*** 20	May 1 – Aug 31 Sept. 1 - Oct 31*** Nov 1 – Dec 31
Scup (Porgy) All other anglers	10.5	20	May 1 – Dec 31
Black Sea Bass	13	15	June 15 – Dec 31
Atlantic sturgeon	Moratorium	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
Cobia	37	2	All year
Spanish mackerel	14	15	All year
King mackerel	23	3	All year
Red drum	No minimum size limit	No limit for fish less than 27" TL Fish greater than 27" TL shall not be possessed	All year
American eel	6	50	All year
Monkfish (goosefish)	17 11" tail length	No limit	All year

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American shad	No possession	No possession	No possession
Hickory shad	No size limit	5	All year
Yellowtail flounder	13	No limit	All Year
Oyster toadfish	10	3	July 16 - May 14
Blue crab# Hard shell Soft shell Peeler/Shedder##	4 1/2" 3 1/2" 3"	50	All year
Crabs#	No Size Limit	50	All year
Horseshoe crabs	No size limit	5	All year
American lobster# LMA 6 (Long Island Sound) Recreational permit required.	3 3/8" minimum carapace length 5 1/4" maximum carapace length	6	All year

* Summer flounder may not have heads or tails removed or be otherwise cleaned, cut, filleted, or skinned until brought to shore, with the following exception: the white side fillet or white skin only of a legal size fluke may be removed to use as bait. The carcass of the fluke with dark side completely intact must be retained for inspection of size limit and counts against the possession limit.

** For striped bass only, marine waters is defined as south of George Washington Bridge.

*** Customers aboard a licensed party/charter boat who take more than 25 scup from Sept 7 - Oct 11 or take two striped bass from April 15 - December 15 must possess an original dated receipt from the licensed vessel.

Lobsters and crabs in spawn (eggs visible thereon) may not be taken or possessed.

Peeler or shedder crabs are hard blue crabs which have a fully formed soft shell beneath the hard outer shell and the impending shedding process is evidenced by the white sign along the outer rim of the paddle-like appendages on the crab's fifth pair of legs.

+ Customers aboard federally permitted party or charter boats may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules.

Recreational Fishing Regulations for Sharks For further information call NMFS Fisheries Information Line at (301) 713-2347			
Category	Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Possession Limit
Allowed Sharks	Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped hammerhead, Smooth hammerhead, Spinner, Blue, Shortfin mako, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Common Thresher	54 inches fork length*	One shark per vessel per trip, except that one additional Atlantic Sharpnose and one additional Bonnethead may be taken and possessed per angler per trip.
	Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Finetooth, Blacknose	No size limit	
	Smooth dogfish, Spiny dogfish	No size limit	Any number
Prohibited Sharks	Atlantic angel, Galapagos, Basking, Longfin mako, Bigeye sand tiger, Narrowtooth, Bigeye sixgill, Night, Bigeye thresher, Sand tiger, Bignose, Caribbean reef, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Whale, White+, Silky, Sandbar, Sharpnose Sevengill, Bluntnose Sixgill	No possession allowed	No possession allowed

* Fork length means the straight-line measurement of a fish from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. The measurement is not made along the curve of the body.

+ A person may fish for white sharks with rod and reel, provided the person releases such fish immediately with a minimum of injury and that such fish may not be removed from the water.

Other provisions

All landed sharks must have head, tails and fins attached.

No sale allowed.

No finning.