The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of July 15, 2019. However, they are subject to change. Please contact our office or your local Marine Patrol Officer with questions. All minimum lengths are total length, NOT fork length. The sale of fish by recreational anglers is prohibited.

**Atlantic Cod**  
*Gadus morhua*

- **Size:** Minimum size 21 inches.  
- **Bag limit:** 1 fish per angler per day.  
- **Season:** Cannot possess Atlantic cod from October 1 through September 14 inclusive.

**Atlantic Halibut**  
*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*

- **Size:** Minimum size 41 inches.  
- **Bag limit:** Vessels may land no more than 5 fish per year. All retained fish shall immediately be tagged with an approved landings tag. FMI: 207-624-6550  
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**Bluefish**  
*Pomatomus saltatrix*

- **Size:** No minimum size.  
- **Bag limit:** 3 fish per angler per day.  
- **Method of take:** No bait with treble hook. No more than two treble hooks per lure. It is unlawful to use any hook other than a circle hook when using bait.

**Atlantic Mackerel**  
*Scomber scombrus*

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**Winter Flounder**  
*Pleuronectes americanus*

- **Size:** Minimum size 12 inches.  
- **Bag limit:** 8 fish per angler per day.

**Black Sea Bass**  
*Centropristes striatus*

- **Size:** Minimum size 13 inches.  
- **Bag limit:** 10 fish per angler per day.  
- **Season:** May 19 – September 21 and October 18 – December 31, inclusive.

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*Anarhichas lupus*

- Anglers are prohibited from possessing Atlantic wolffish.

**Bluefin Tuna**  
*Thunnus thynnus*

- **Size:** Minimum size 9 inches.  
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