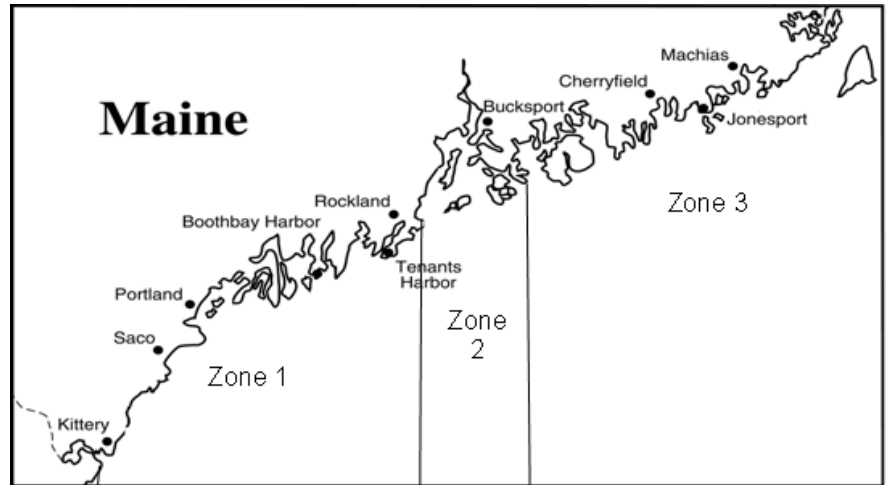


2022 MAINE SEA RUN RAINBOW SMELT REGULATIONS

If you are a recreational saltwater fisherman, a Maine law may require you to register with the Maine Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry. To learn more or to register visit: www.maine.gov/dmr/recreational-fishing/licenses/registry or call 207-624-9550.

*The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of January 1, 2022. **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.*



Statewide: It shall be unlawful to fish for or take smelts from the coastal waters by any means other than a dip net or by hook and line as defined by 12 M.R.S. §6001 13-C and (20).

It shall be unlawful to stand in the water of any coastal river, brook, or stream while fishing for smelts.

Zone 1: From the New Hampshire border to Owl's Head Light in Rockland.

- At no time are you allowed to use a dip net to take smelts in zone 1.
- From January 1- March 14 you may fish for or take smelts by hook and line through the ice, only while ice is present. You may not take or possess more than 4 quarts during this time period.
- If ice is present on/after March 15 you may fish for or take smelts by hook and line through the ice. You may not take/possess more than 2 quarts.
- You may fish for or take smelts by hook and line from October 1-December 31. You may not take or possess more than 4 quarts during this time period.

Zone 2: East of Owl's Head in Rockland to Naskeag Point in Brooklin.

- From March 15 to June 30, both days inclusive, the season the bag limit is 1 quart of smelts per day. No smelt fishing on Tuesday's and Wednesday's.
- From July 1 through March 14, both days inclusive, it is only legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hook and line. This seasons bag limit is 4 quarts of smelts per day.

Zone 3: East of Naskeag Point to the head of tide on the St. Croix River.

- From March 15 through June 30, both days inclusive, the seasons bag limit is 2 quarts of smelts per day.
- From July 1 through March 14, both days inclusive, there is no daily limit.



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