

Fis 603.09 Groundfish Restrictions.

(a) For the purpose of this section, "recreational fishing" means the taking of fish by angling for personal use only and which are not sold.

(b) No person shall take or possess fish, except by recreational fishing as specified in (c), less than the minimum lengths specified in Table 600.00-a:

Table 600.00-a Commercial Size Limits

<u>Fish Species</u>	<u>Minimum Length Limit</u>
Atlantic cod	22 inches
Haddock	18 inches
Pollock	19 inches
Winter flounder	12 inches
Yellowtail flounder	13 inches
American plaice	14 inches
Redfish	9 inches

(c) No person shall take or possess fish by recreational fishing less than the minimum lengths specified in Table 600.00-b:

Table 600.00-b Recreational Size Limits

<u>Fish Species</u>	<u>Minimum Length Limit</u>
Atlantic cod	24 inches
Haddock	18 inches
Pollock	no minimum length
Winter flounder	12 inches
Yellowtail flounder	13 inches
American plaice	14 inches
Summer flounder	15 inches
Redfish	9 inches

(d) Summer flounder shall only be taken by recreational fishing.

(e) Vessels engaged in fishing shall possess fish the minimum size for angling only when no fishing method other than angling has been employed during the trip.

(f) Fillets of all groundfish species shall have skin intact to allow for positive identification.

(g) Cod shall have head and tail intact or as fillets no less than 14 inches in length while on or leaving the waters of the state.

(h) Haddock shall have head and tail intact or as fillets no less than 12 inches in length while on or leaving the waters of the state.

(i) During the months of April, May and June cod, haddock and winter flounder shall only be taken by recreational fishing.

(j) During the months of November through March no person shall take cod by recreational fishing.

(k) The recreational daily limit for cod shall be no more than 10 cod.

(l) The recreational daily limit for winter flounder shall be no more than 3 winter flounder.

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Or, an alternative (l) - (note: (i), above, would also need to be amended if this option is approved)

(l) Taking of winter flounder by recreational fishermen shall be subject to the following:

(1) The daily limit shall be no more than 8 winter flounder; and

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(2) The taking of winter flounder shall not be permitted from May 15 through May 24.

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(m) Persons only licensed to commercially take finfish under RSA 211:49-a and RSA 211:49-b shall be restricted to daily limits per vessel as follows:

- (1) A 500 pound limit for cod taken by gill net;
- (2) A 300 pound limit for cod taken by hook gear as specified in Fis 602.18; and
- (3) The weight limits for other finfish species in accordance with the weight limits for limited access vessels pursuant to 50 CFR 648.86.

(n) Commercial vessels that have not been assigned a federal groundfish permit may possess a maximum of 250 lbs of winter flounder per vessel.

Adopt Fis 603.20 to read as follows:

Fis 603.20 Sharks.

(a) No person shall take, land or possess the following species of sharks in state waters:

- (1) Sand tiger (*Carcharias taurus*);
- (2) Bigeye sand tiger (*Odontaspis noronhai*);
- (3) Whale (*Rhincodon typus*);
- (4) Basking (*Cetorhinus maximus*);
- (5) White (*Carcharodon carcharias*);

- (6) Dusky (*Carcharhinus obscurus*);
- (7) Bignose (*Carcharhinus altimus*);
- (8) Galapagos (*Carcharhinus galapagensis*);
- (9) Night (*Carcharhinus signatus*);
- (10) Reef (*Carcharhinus perezii*);
- (11) Narrowtooth (*Carcharhinus brachyurus*);
- (12) Caribbean sharpnose (*Rhizoprionodon porosus*);
- (13) Smalltail (*Carcharhinus porosus*);
- (14) Atlantic angel (*Squatina dumeril*);
- (15) Longfin mako (*Isurus paucus*);
- (16) Bigeye thresher (*Alopias superciliosus*);
- (17) Silky (*Carcharhinus falciformis*);
- (18) Sharpnose sevengill (*Heptranchias perlo*);
- (19) Bluntnose sixgill (*Hexanchus griseus*);
- (20) Sandbar (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*); and
- (21) Bigeye sixgill (*Hexanchus nakamurai*).

(b) Porbeagle shark (*Lamna nasus*) shall only be taken by recreational fishing from state waters.

(c) The head, fins and tail of all shark species shall remain attached to the carcass through landing.

(d) Dealers licensed under RSA 211:49-aa or RSA 211:49-c who purchase any of the following species of coastal sharks shall first obtain a federal dealer permit:

- (1) Smooth Dogfish (*Mustelus canis*);
- (2) Atlantic sharpnose (*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*);
- (3) Finetooth (*Carcharhinus isodon*);
- (4) Blacknose (*Carcharhinus acronotus*);
- (5) Bonnethead (*Sphyrna tiburo*);

- (6) Tiger (*Galeocerdo cuvier*);
- (7) Blacktip (*Carcharhinus limbatus*);
- (8) Spinner (*Carcharhinus brevipinna*);
- (9) Bull (*Carcharhinus leucas*);
- (10) Lemon (*Negaprion brevirostris*);
- (11) Nurse (*Ginglymostoma cirratum*);
- (12) Scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*);
- (13) Great hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*);
- (14) Smooth hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*);
- (15) Shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*);
- (16) Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*);
- (17) Common thresher (*Alopias vulpine*);
- (18) Oceanic whitetip (*Carcharhinus longimanus*); or
- (19) Blue (*Prionace glauca*).