

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____ Rule Number **Fis 603.09(c)**

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>NH Fish and Game Department 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u>211:62 I. & II.</u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: _____</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption _____</p> <p>Amendment <u>XX</u></p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment _____</p>
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5. Short Title: **Recreational length limit for haddock**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and the effect of the rule on those regulated:

The Department proposing to amend Fis 603.09 (c) to lower the recreational length limit for haddock from 19 to 18 inches.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Recreational anglers taking haddock would be affected by the proposed rule.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)	Federal Statute	Federal Regulation
Fis 603.09 (c)			

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 1, 2009**

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **May 20, 2009 7pm**

Place:

Urban Forestry Center
45 Elwyn Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # **09:055** , dated **4/10/09**

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):
There are no costs associated with the existing rule or the proposed rule.
2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:
No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.
3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rules(s):
There are no additional costs or benefits attributable to the proposed rule.
 - A. To State general or State special funds:
None.
 - B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:
None
 - C. To independently owned businesses:
None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed amendment of Fis 603.09(c) rules does not violate the New Hampshire Constitution, Part 1, Article 28-a. The rules do not impose any programs or responsibilities on any political subdivision of the state nor is any political subdivision involved in the process from an administrative perspective.

APPENDIX

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)	Federal Statute	Federal Regulation
Fis 603.09 (c)			

Amend Fis 603.09(c), effective 1-9-07 (Doc #8793) ,as amended effective 1-2-08 (Doc #9056), to read as follows:

(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	24inches
Haddock	19 <u>18</u> inches
Pollock	no minimum length
Winter flounder	12 inches
Yellowtail flounder	13 inches
American plaice	14 inches
Summer flounder	15 inches
Redfish	9 inches