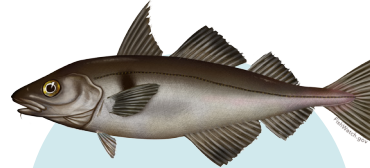


Atlantic Cod

Gulf of Maine
NO RETENTION

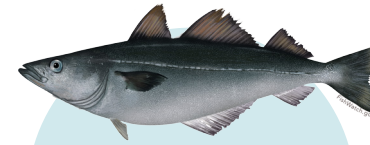
Georges Bank
22 inches
Private: 10 fish/person/day
Charter/Party: Unlimited



Haddock

Gulf of Maine
17 inches
12 fish/person/day
Closed Season
Mar 1 - Apr 14
Sept 17 - Oct 31

Georges Bank
18 inches
Unlimited



Pollock
19 inches
Unlimited



**Witch Flounder
(Gray Sole)**
14 inches
Unlimited

This summary provides a broad overview for the recreational fishery in Federal waters, 3-200 miles offshore; the regulations summarized here may be found at 50 CFR part 648.

The following measures apply to private recreational fishing vessels, Federal charter/party permitted vessels, and Federal NE multispecies permitted vessels fishing under the charter/party or recreational regulations (not fishing under a NE multispecies day-at-sea).

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Yellowtail Flounder
13 inches
Unlimited



**American Plaice
(Dab)**
14 inches
Unlimited



**Winter Flounder
(Blackback)**
12 inches
Unlimited



**Redfish
(Ocean Perch)**
9 inches
Unlimited

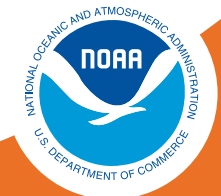


Hake:
**Offshore, Red, White,
and Silver (Whiting)**
No Size Limit
Unlimited



Atlantic Halibut
41 inches
1 fish per vessel per trip

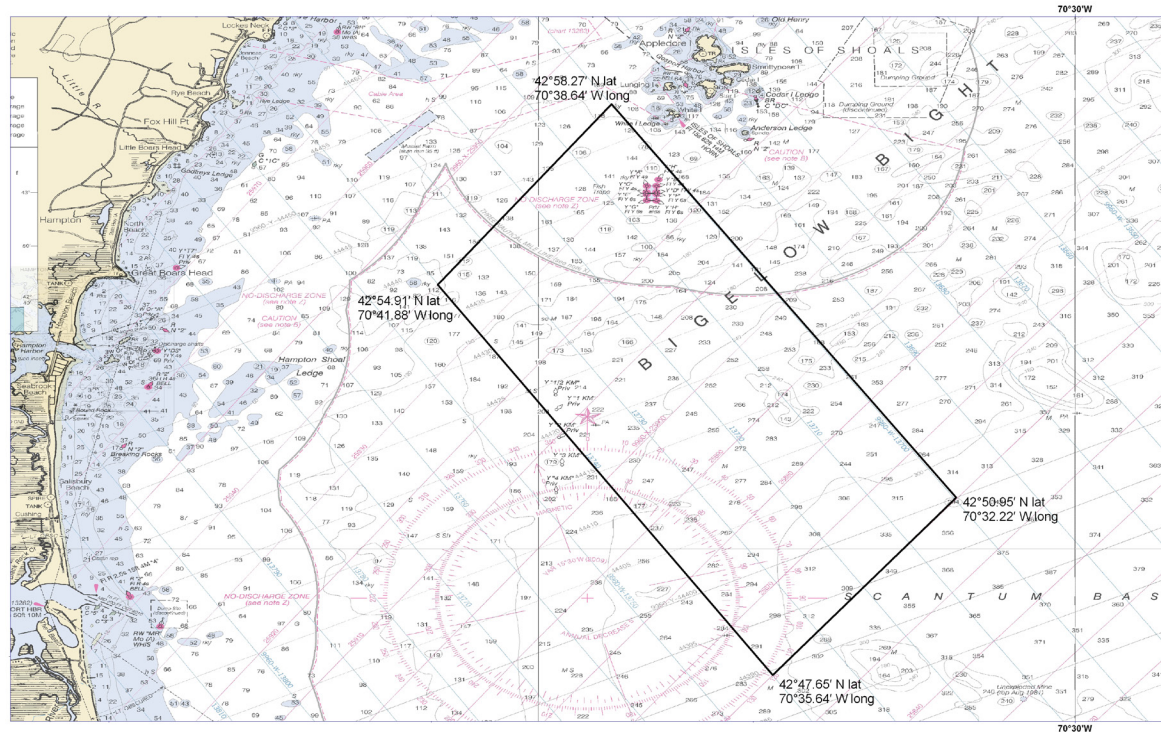
NO RETENTION SPECIES:
Atlantic Wolffish
Windowpane Flounder
Ocean Pout
Cusk



Questions regarding charter/party and recreational regulations?

Contact:
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Whaleback Cod Spawning Protection Area



Gear Restrictions: The following gear restrictions apply to recreational vessels fishing in the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area.

- **Recreational vessels:** From April 1 through June 30 of each year, all recreational vessels, including private recreational and charter/party vessels, may only use pelagic hook-and-line gear, as defined below, when fishing in the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area.
 - Pelagic hook-and-line gear is defined as handline or rod and reel gear that is designed to fish for, or that is being used to fish for, pelagic species. No portion of this gear may be operated in contact with the bottom at any time.

Point	N. Latitude	W. Longitude
CSPA1	42° 50.95'	70° 32.22'
CSPA2	42° 47.65'	70° 35.64'
CSPA3	42° 54.91'	70° 41.88'
CSPA4	42° 58.27'	70° 38.64'

Possession Restrictions: Any vessel fishing in the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area and using the exempted gear described above, including pelagic hook-and-line gear by recreational vessels, is prohibited from possessing or retaining regulated species or ocean pout from April 1 through June 30 of each year.

Transiting: Recreational vessels may transit the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area provided all bait and hooks are removed from fishing rods, and any regulated species on board have been caught outside the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area and has been gutted and stored.