



Laws and regulations are frequently amended by the Legislature or DEC. You should check with the Marine Fisheries office to ensure that the requirements set forth in this notice remain in effect. **The most recent changes to this summary are effective as of**

April 26, 2006

For further information, visit our website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/marine/finfish/swflaws.html

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (Number of Fish)	OPEN SEASONS
Summer flounder (fluke)*	18	4	May 6 - Sept 12
Winter flounder	12	10	April 1 - May 30
Tautog (blackfish)	14	10	Oct 1 - May 31
Bluefish (including "snappers")	No minimum size limit for first 10 fish, 12" TL for the next 5	15 No more than 10 of which shall be less than 12" TL	All year
Weakfish	16 (10" filleted & 12" dressed)	6	All year
Atlantic cod	22	No limit	All year
Pollock	19	No limit	All year
Haddock	19	No limit	All year
Striped bass - marine waters** Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	28	2***	April 15 -- Dec 15
Striped bass - marine waters** All other anglers	28 to 40 >40	1 1	April 15 -- Dec 15
Scup (Porgy) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	10.5	25 60***	June 1 - Aug 31 Sept. 1 - Oct 31***
Scup (Porgy) All other anglers	10.5	25	June 1 - Oct 31
Black Sea Bass	12	25	All year
Atlantic sturgeon	Moratorium	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
Cobia	37	2	All year
Spanish mackerel	14	15	All year
King mackerel	23	3	All year
Red drum	No minimum size limit	No limit for fish less than 27" TL Fish greater than 27" TL shall not be possessed	All year
American eel	6	50	All year
Monkfish (goosefish)	17 11 tail length	No limit	All year

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American shad	No size limit	5	All year
Hickory shad	No size limit	5	All year
Yellowtail flounder	13	No limit	All Year
Oyster toadfish	10	3	July 16 - May 14
Crabs#	No Size Limit	50	All year
American lobster# LMA 6 (Long Island Sound) Recreational permit required.	3 9/32" carapace length	6	All year
American lobster# LMA 4 (Atlantic Ocean) Recreational permit required.	3 3/8" carapace length	6	All year

* Summer flounder may not have heads or tails removed or be otherwise cleaned, cut, filleted, or skinned until brought to shore, with the following exception: the white side fillet or white skin only of a legal size fluke may be removed to use as bait. The carcass of the fluke with dark side completely intact must be retained for inspection of size limit and counts against the possession limit.

** For striped bass only, marine waters is defined as south of George Washington Bridge.

*** Customers aboard a licensed party/charter boat who take more than 25 scup from Sept 1 - Oct 31 or take two striped bass from April 15 - December 15 must possess an original dated receipt from the licensed vessel.

Lobsters and crabs in spawn (eggs visible thereon) may not be taken or possessed.

Recreational Fishing Regulations for Sharks

For further information call NMFS Fisheries
Information Line at (978) 281-9278

Category	Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Possession Limit
Large & Small Coastal Sharks & Pelagic Sharks	Sandbar, Silky, Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, Blacknose, Bonnethead, Finetooth, Blue, Shortfin mako, Oceanic whitetip, Thresher, Porbeagle	54 inches fork length*	One shark per vessel per trip
	Atlantic sharpnose	No size limit	One Atlantic sharpnose per person per trip
Prohibited Sharks	Atlantic angel, Galapagos, Basking, Longfin mako, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Narrowtooth, Bigeye Sixgill, Night, Bigeye thresher, Sand tiger, Bignose, Sevengill, Carribean Reef, Sixgill, Carribean sharpnose, Smalltail, Dusky, Whale and White+	No possession allowed	

* Fork length means the straightline measurement of a fish from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. The measurement is not made along the curve of the body.

+ A person may fish for white sharks with rod and reel, provided the person releases such fish immediately with a minimum of injury and that such fish may not be removed from the water.

Other provisions

- ▶ All landed sharks must have head, tails and fins attached
- ▶ No sale allowed
- ▶ No finning