

*Table 1 - Summary of Gulf of Maine cod recreational catch performance and federal management (fishing years 2010–2019).*

Fishing Year	Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	Percent of catch limit taken (%)	Minimum Size (inches)	Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily	Season Open	Season Closed	Additional Measures/Notes
2010	2,673	1506.9	56.4	24	10	5/1/10 to 10/31/10 and 4/16/11 to 4/30/11	11/1/10 to 4/15/11	First year of sub-ACL 33.7% of ACL Groundfish Regulations: Only one line per angler, and Fillets landed by private recreational and charter/party vessels must have at least 2 sq inches (5.08 sq cm) of contiguous skin that allows for the ready identification of the fish species. Such fillets are required to be from legal-sized fish, but the fillets themselves would not need to meet the minimum size requirements in the regulations.
2011	2,824	1640.3	58.1	24	10	5/1/11 to 10/31/11 and 4/16/12 to 4/30/12	11/1/11 to 4/15/12	First Year: Gulf of Maine (Whaleback) Cod Spawning Protection Area: 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 Whaleback Cod Spawning Protection Area. <sup>1</sup>
2012	2,215	937.4	42.3	19	9	5/1/12 to 10/31/12 and 4/16/13 to 4/30/13	11/1/12 to 4/15/13	

<sup>1</sup> **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.

**Possession Restrictions:** Any vessel fishing in the Gulf of Maine Whaleback Cod Spawning Protection Area, or the Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area, 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 are allowed to transit the Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area, and Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area provided all gear is stowed in accordance with the regulations.

Fishing Year	Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	Percent of catch limit taken (%)	Minimum Size (inches)	Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily	Season Open	Season Closed	Additional Measures/Notes
2013	486	639.3	131.5	19	9	5/1/13 to 10/31/13 and 4/16/14 to 4/30/14	11/1/13 to 4/15/14	
2014	486	623.3	128.3	21	9	5/1/14 to 8/31/14 and 4/15/14 to 4/30/14	9/1/14 to 4/14/15	Replaced by interim action on 11/15/14
				n/a	0	closed	11/15/14 to 4/30/15	2014 interim action: Seasonal 30-minute block closures, no recreational gear capable of catching groundfish in closures
2015	121	84.5	69.8	n/a	0	Closed year-round		Interim action Seasonal closures removed on 5/1/16
2016	157	280.9	178.9	24	1	8/1/16 to 9/30/16	5/1/16 to 7/31/16 and 10/1/16 to 4/30/17	
2017	157	245.4	156.3	24	1	8/1/17 to 9/30/17	5/1/17 to 7/31/17 and 10/1/18 to 4/30/18	Replaced by final rule effective on 7/27/17
				n/a	0	Closed year-round		
2018	220			n/a	0	Closed year-round		First Year: Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area: From November 1 through January 31 of each year, all recreational vessels, including private recreational and charter/party vessels, may only use pelagic

<b>Fishing Year</b>	<b>Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)</b>	<b>Catch (mt)</b>	<b>Percent of catch limit taken (%)</b>	<b>Minimum Size (inches)</b>	<b>Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily</b>	<b>Season Open</b>	<b>Season Closed</b>	<b>Additional Measures/Notes</b>
								hook-and-line gear, as defined below, when fishing in the Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area. <sup>1</sup>
2019	220			21	1	9/15/19 to 9/30/19	5/1/19 to 9/14/19 and 10/1/19 to 4/30/20	Previous year's regulations were in effect until July 5, 2019, when these measures were implemented. Based on comments received on the proposed rule, there will not be an open season in April 2020.

*Table 2 - Summary of Gulf of Maine haddock recreational catch performance and federal management (fishing years 2010–2019).*

Fishing Year	Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	Percent of catch limit taken (%)	Minimum Size (inches)	Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily	Season Open	Season Closed	Additional Measures/Notes
2010	324	297.4	91.8	18	no limit		n/a	First year of sub-ACL 27.5% of ACL Groundfish Regulations: Only one line per angler, and Fillets landed by private recreational and charter/party vessels must have at least 2 sq inches (5.08 sq cm) of contiguous skin that allows for the ready identification of the fish species. Such fillets are required to be from legal-sized fish, but the fillets themselves would not need to meet the minimum size requirements in the regulations.
2011	308	238.5	77.4	18	no limit	5/1/11 to 1/5/12	n/a	First Year: Gulf of Maine (Whaleback) Cod Spawning Protection Area: 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 Whaleback Cod Spawning Protection Area. <sup>1</sup>
				19	9	1/6/12 to 4/19/12	n/a	Accountability Measure (AM) for 2010 overage
				18	no limit	4/20/12 to 4/30/12	n/a	AM lifted after re-evaluation of data showing no 2010 overage
2012	259	280.7	108.4	18	no limit		n/a	
2013	74	231.5	312.2	21	no limit		n/a	

Fishing Year	Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	Percent of catch limit taken (%)	Minimum Size (inches)	Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily	Season Open	Season Closed	Additional Measures/Notes
2014	173	658.6	380.7	21	3	5/1/14 to 8/31/14 and 11/1/14 to 2/28/15	9/1/14 to 10/31/14 and 3/1/15 to 4/30/15	<i>See Cod interim action</i>
2015	372	381.9	102.7	17	3	5/1/15 to 8/31/15 and 11/1/15 to 2/29/16	9/1/15 to 10/31/15 and 3/1/16 to 4/30/16	
2016	928	887.0	95.6	17	15	5/1/16 to 2/28/17 and 4/15/17 to 4/30/17	3/1/17 to 4/14/17	
2017	1,160	795.0	68.5	17	15	5/1/17 to 2/28/18 and 4/15/18 to 4/30/18	3/1/18 to 4/14/18	Replaced by final rule effective 7/27/17
				17	12	5/1/17 to 9/16/17 and 11/1/17 to 2/28/18 and 4/15/18 to 4/30/18	9/17/17 to 10/31/17 and 3/1/18 to 4/14/18	

Fishing Year	Sub-Annual Catch Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	Percent of catch limit taken (%)	Minimum Size (inches)	Bag Limit Fish per angler - daily	Season Open	Season Closed	Additional Measures/Notes
2018	3,358			17	12	5/1/18 to 9/16/18 and 11/1/18 to 2/28/19 and 4/15/19 to 4/30/19	9/17/18 to 10/31/18 and 3/1/19 to 4/14/19	First Year: Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area: From November 1 through January 31 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 Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area. <sup>1</sup>
2019	3,194			17	15	5/1/19 to 2/29/20 and 4/15/20 to 4/30/20	3/1/20 to 4/14/20	Previous year's regulations were in effect until July 5, 2019, when these measures were implemented. The possession limit increased from 12-15 fish, and the fall closure has been removed to increase access to this healthy stock.