

This table is designed to serve as a reference for discussions around potential management measures. It includes both existing measures that are currently used (or have been implemented in the past), potential measures recently discussed by the NEFMC's Recreational Advisory Panel, as well as new measures utilized in other fisheries or the commercial fleet.

<b>Recreational Management Measures Tool Box</b>	
<b>Measure</b>	<b>Options</b>
<b><i>Existing Measures</i></b>	
Bag Limits	Single species, combination of species, separate measures by mode, etc.
Season Limits	Temporal closures, shoulder seasons
Size Limits	Minimum fish size
Closed Areas	Gulf of Maine (Whaleback) Cod Spawning Protection Area and Winter Massachusetts Bay Spawning Protection Area
<b><i>Potential Measures</i></b>	
Separate Measures	By mode - private angler, charter, and party (this is allowed under Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan)
Tags	# tags/angler or # tags/boat or trip
Zero Retention/ No Possession	No possession of certain species, can be seasonal, or on a trip basis, or for a specific area
Full Retention	Retain all catch
Gear Modifications	In-line circle hooks (or other gear), # of hooks/line, Special Access Program (SAP)
Effort Controls	Limited entry, # days, # trips, (balance input and output controls – increase bag limits and decrease # trips)
Experimental Fishery	Temporary Exempted Fishing Permit to test certain measures, areas, or gear
Closed Areas	Spatial closures – permanent or temporary, with potential for near real-time, pending data availability
Boat Limits	Specific # fish for the boat overall or per person, can be single or mixed species
Size Limits	Slot limits, minimum size, maximum size