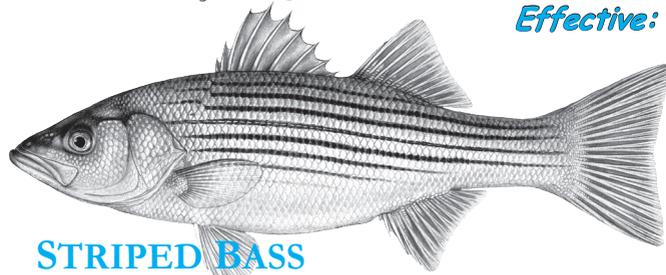


# MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

# SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS AND FISHING SEASONS

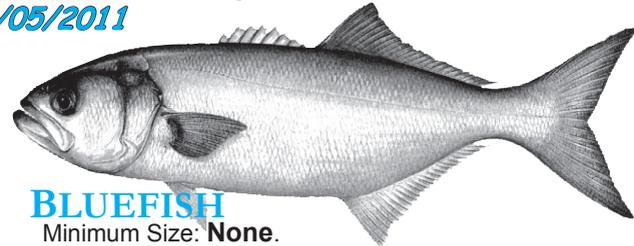
→ Regulations for certain Species have changed in 2011!  
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## STRIPED BASS

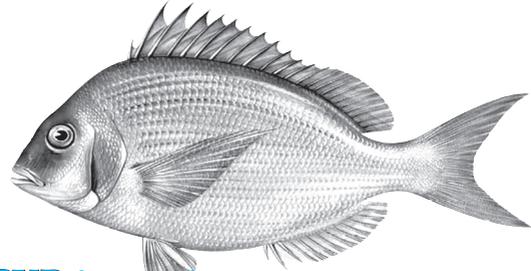
Minimum Size: **28 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **2 Fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**

**Special Note:** No spearing or gaffing. Head and tail have to remain intact and fish must not be made unidentifiable.



## BLUEFISH

Minimum Size: **None.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **10 Fish per Angler,**  
(including snapper bluefish).  
Open Season: **Year Round.**

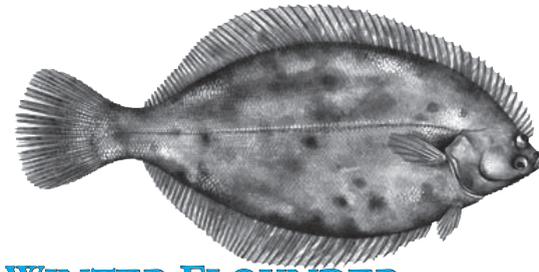


## SCUP (PORGY)

Minimum Size: **10-1/2 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **10 Fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **May 24 - September 26.**

**Except when fishing from a Party/Charter Boat:**

Minimum Size / Daily Creel Limit / Open Season  
**11 inches / 10 Fish per Angler / June 8 - September 6.**  
**11 inches / 40 Fish per Angler / Sept. 7 - October 11.**



## WINTER FLOUNDER

Minimum Size: **12 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **2 Fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **April 1 - May 30.**



## TAUTOG (BLACKFISH)

Minimum Size: **14 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit / Open Season  
**4 Fish per Angler / January 1 - April 30.**  
**2 Fish per Angler / July 1 - August 31.**  
**4 Fish per Angler / October 1 - December 6.**



## BLACK SEA BASS

Minimum Size: **13 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **25 Fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **July 1 - Oct. 1 & Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.**



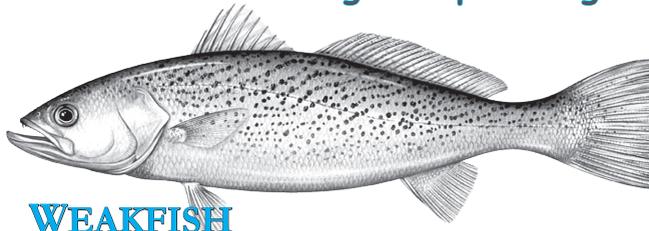
## SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)

Minimum Size: **18-1/2 inches.**  
Designated Shore Fishing Access Sites:  
**17 inches and One fish per angler.\***

Daily Creel Limit: **3 Fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **May 15 - September 5.**

\*Fish taken from designated SHORE FISHING SITES ONLY at a reduced size and creel limit. Fishing access sites listed in Appendix A.

\*See next page for Appendix A: Summer Flounder Shore Fishing Sites.



## WEAKFISH

Minimum Size: **16 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **1 fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**



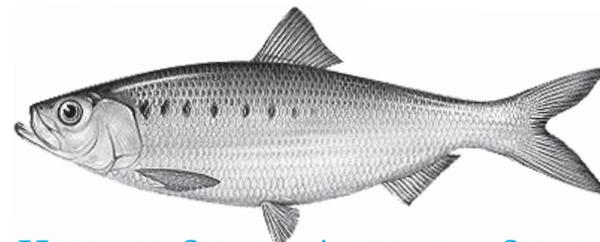
## ALEWIFE & BLUEBACK HERRING

The Taking of Alewife and Blueback Herring is Prohibited!



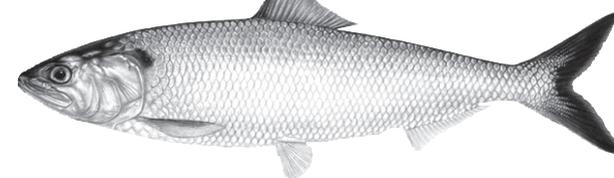
## AMERICAN EEL

Minimum Size: **6 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **50 fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**  
**Special Note:** Use of Eel Pots is limited to 2 pots per person, personal use only.



## HICKORY SHAD & AMERICAN SHAD

Minimum Size: **None.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **6 fish per Angler,**  
(both species in aggregate).  
Open Season: **Year Round.**  
**Special Note:** Pawcatuck River, open season for American Shad follows Rhode Island regulations, daily limit is 1 fish.



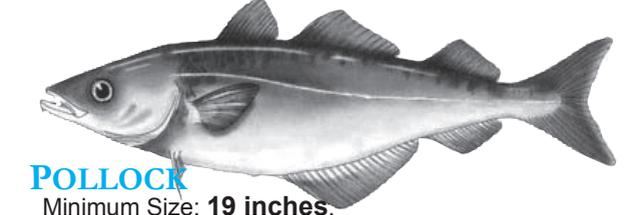
## ATLANTIC COD

Minimum Size: **22 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **10 per Angler,**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**



## HADDOCK

Minimum Size: **18 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **None.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**



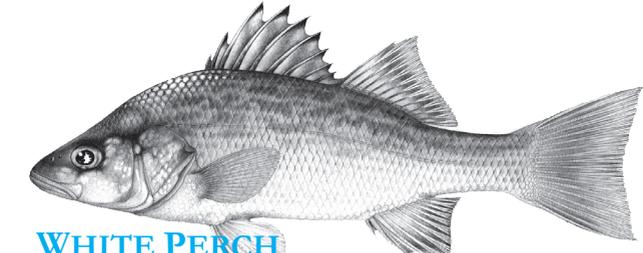
## POLLOCK

Minimum Size: **19 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **None.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**



## SEA-RUN TROUT (Brown, Brook, Rainbow)

Minimum Size: **15 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **2 fish per Angler** (all species in aggregate).  
Open Season: **Year Round.**



## WHITE PERCH

Minimum Size: **7 inches.**  
Daily Creel Limit: **30 fish per Angler.**  
Open Season: **Year Round.**

## APPENDIX A: SUMMER FLOUNDER SHORE FISHING SITES

Saint Mary's by the Sea, Bridgeport  
 Seaside Park, Bridgeport  
 Ash Creek Open Space, Fairfield  
 Jennings Beach, Fairfield  
 Penfield Beach, Fairfield  
 Penfield Reef, Fairfield  
 Calf Pasture Beach, Norwalk  
 Maritime Aquarium Park, Norwalk  
 Bond's Dock, Stratford  
 Long Beach, Stratford  
 Point-No-Point, Stratford  
 Russian Beach, Stratford  
 Short Beach Park, Stratford  
 Sherwood Island State Park, Westport  
 South Cove Causeway, Old Saybrook  
 Branford Point, Branford  
 Chaffinch Island Park, Guilford  
 Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison  
 Connecticut Audubon Center, Milford  
 Gulf Beach, Milford  
 Silver Sands State Park (CT DEP), Milford

Criscuolo Park, New Haven  
 East Shore Park, New Haven  
 Fort Nathan Hale Park, New Haven  
 Bradley Point Park, West Haven  
 Sandy Point, West Haven  
 Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary, West Haven  
 Cini Memorial Park, East Lyme  
 Hole-in-the-Wall Beach, East Lyme  
 McCook Park, East Lyme  
 Rocky Neck State Park, East Lyme  
 Eastern Point Beach, Groton  
 City Pier / Fort Trumbull State Park, New London  
 Marine Headquarters - Ferry Landing State Park, Old Lyme  
 Mystic River Park, Mystic  
 Stonington Point, Stonington  
 Stonington Town Dock Fishing Pier, Stonington  
 Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford  
 Jordans Cove Water Access, Waterford  
 Mago Point Park, Waterford  
 Waterford Beach Park, Waterford

## MARINE VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY

The Marine Fisheries Division is seeking marine recreational anglers who will volunteer to participate in the Connecticut **Volunteer Angler Survey (VAS)**. The VAS Program is designed to collect fishing trip and catch information from marine recreational (hook and line) anglers who volunteer to record their angling/fishing activities via a logbook. **VAS anglers contribute extremely valuable fisheries-specific information** concerning striped bass, fluke, scup, tautog, bluefish, and other important gamefish species used in monitoring and assessing fish populations in Connecticut marine waters.

The angler logbook is easy to fill out and complete. Participating anglers are assigned a personal code for confidentiality. Recording instructions are provided on the inside cover of the logbook. When completed, simply tape the pre-postage paid logbook shut and drop it off in the mail. Anglers returning logbooks are rewarded with a **VAS magnet** and updated results of this important program. When logbooks are all computer entered, the logbooks are returned to the angler for their own records. Thank you.

**Interested in participating in the survey?**

Contact: Rod MacLeod at 860.434.6043

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1. See page 52 for info. on "Recreational Fishing for Bait Species, Blue Crab, Shellfish" and "Lobster Regulations".
2. See pages 53, 54 for "Boat Launches along the Coast" & "Shore Fishing in Coastal Parks".
3. See pages 55-57, "Saltwater Record Fish" and "Trophy Fish Award Program".

The Angler's Guide, updated regulations, fishing updates, permit forms, and more can be found online at:  
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