



Notice to Recreational Anglers

NEW SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP AND BLACK SEA BASS RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2022

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) have taken action to reduce the recreational harvest of black sea bass and scup and provide more opportunity to harvest summer flounder in 2022.

CT black sea bass recreational regulations for 2022:

Minimum length: 16 inches (change from 15-inch min. length limit in 2021)
Open season: May 19 – December 1 (change from May 19 – December 31 in 2021)
Bag limit: 5 (same as 2021)

For paying passengers on Party / Charter vessels:

Minimum length: 16 inches (change from 15-inch min. length limit in 2021)
Open season: May 19 – December 31 (same as 2021)
Bag limit: 5 fish from May 19 – August 31 (same as 2021)
7 fish from September 1 – December 31 (same as 2021)

CT scup recreational regulations for 2022:

Minimum length: 10 inches (change from 9-inch min. length limit in 2021)
Open season: year-round (same as 2021)
Bag limit: 30 fish (same as 2021)

For paying passengers on Party / Charter vessels:

Minimum length: 10 inches (change from 9-inch min. length limit in 2021)
Open season: year-round
Bag limit: 30 fish from January 1 – August 31 (same as 2021)
50 fish from September 1 – October 31 (same as 2021)
30 fish from November 1 – December 31 (same as 2021)

At Enhanced Opportunity Shore Sites, the minimum length limit is 9 inches.

NOTE: NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service has proposed closing federal waters for scup recreational harvest in 2022. For more information and to comment on this proposed rule, please see: [NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comments on a Proposed Rule to Implement 2022 Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com)

CT summer flounder recreational regulations for 2022:

Minimum length: 18.5 inches (change from 19-inch min. length limit in 2021)

Open season: May 1 – October 9 (change from May 4 – September 30 in 2021)

Bag limit: 4 fish (same as 2021)

At Enhanced Opportunity Shore sites, the minimum length limit is 17.5 inches.

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043.

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