

Changes to Recreational Groundfish Rules

NOTICE

The National Marine Fisheries Service has issued new regulations for the recreational cod fishery in federal waters. Connecticut state waters recreational cod regulations, which recreational anglers must abide by when landing cod in Connecticut regardless of where the cod were caught, are specified to be identical to federal waters regulations. Therefore, recreational regulations for cod in Connecticut are now:

Open Season: May 1 – May 31 and September 1 – April 30 (Closed June 1 – August 31).

Possession Limit: 5 fish

Minimum Size: 23 inches

This action is expected to limit the catch of cod from the Georges Bank stock to the Annual Catch Target established in Framework 65 to the New England Fisheries Management Council's Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan. For more information see:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-17321/fisheries-of-the-northeastern-united-states-northeast-multispecies-fishery-fishing-year-2023>

For complete information on commercial fishing regulations please see: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/commercial/marinecircpdf.pdf>, or contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or leaving a voicemail at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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