

R.I. Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations
PART VII - MINIMUM SIZES OF FISH/SHELLFISH

7.7.4 Summer Flounder Recreational Regulations:

7.7.4-1 Size and Possession – No person fishing recreationally shall possess a summer flounder less than eighteen ~~and one half~~ inches (18.5”) total length, and no person fishing recreationally shall possess, per calendar day, more than eight (8) summer flounder whether caught within the jurisdiction of this state or otherwise. Compliance with the possession limit aboard vessels will be determined by dividing the number of fish on a vessel by the number of recreational fishermen onboard said vessel.

7.7.4-2 Season – The recreational season for summer flounder in Rhode Island waters is open from May 1 through December 31.

7.11.4 Scup - Recreational

7.11.4-1 - No person fishing recreationally shall possess scup less than ten ~~and one half~~ inches (10.5”) total length, and no person fishing recreationally shall possess, per calendar day, more than ~~twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) scup, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise except as provided in section 7.11.4-3. Compliance with the possession limit aboard vessels will be determined by dividing the number of fish on board a vessel by the number of fishermen on board said vessel.

7.11.4-2 – The recreational season for scup in Rhode Island waters will be open from May 1 through December 31 annually.

7.11.4-3 – While fishing on a party or charter boat, no person shall possess scup less than ~~eleven inches (11”)~~ ten inches (10”) total length, and no person fishing while on a party or charter boat shall possess, per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise, more than ~~twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) scup from May 1 through August 31, and more than forty ~~five (45)~~ scup from September 1 through October 31 and shall possess no more than ~~twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) scup from November 1 through December 31. Compliance with the possession limit aboard vessels will be determined by dividing the number of fish on board a vessel by the number of fishermen on board said vessel.

7.11.4-4 – Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, while fishing from the shore at India Point Park in Providence, RI; Conimicut Park in Warwick, RI; or at Stone Bridge in Tiverton, RI; no person shall possess scup less than nine inches (9”) total length, and no person fishing from the shore while at the designated sites set forth above shall possess, per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise, more than thirty (30) scup from May 1 through December 31.

7.14.2 Black Sea Bass - Recreational Harvest

7.14.2-1 – Legal Minimum Size and possession limit -- No person fishing recreationally shall possess a black sea bass less than thirteen inches (13”) total length, and no person fishing recreationally shall possess, per calendar day, more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ **three (3)** black sea bass whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise, **from June 15 through August 31, and shall possess not more than four (4) black sea bass from September 1 through December 31.** Compliance with the possession limit aboard vessels will be determined by dividing the number of fish on a vessel by the number of recreational fishermen onboard said vessel. **Total length measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.**

7.14.2-2 – Recreational Season – The recreational season for black sea bass in Rhode Island waters will be open from June 15 at 12:01 a.m. through 11:59 p.m. on December 31, annually.