

**R.I. Marine Fisheries Regulations
PART VII - FINFISH**

7.8 Winter Flounder (Blackback):

7.8.1 Recreational:

(B) Season: Beginning on the fourth Saturday in April and continuing for 30 days, and beginning on the last Saturday in September and continuing for 30 days, March 1 through December 31 annually.

7.11 Scup

7.11.1 Recreational:

(D) Special shore-fishing provision:

(1) Locations: India Point Park, Providence; Conimicut Park, Warwick; **Rocky Point, Warwick; Stone Bridge, Tiverton; East and West Walls (Harbor of Refuge), Narragansett; Fort Wetherill, Jamestown; and Fort Adams, Newport;**

(2) Minimum size: Nine inches (9") total length.

(3) Season: May 1 through December 31.

(4) Possession limit: Thirty (30) Scup per person per calendar day.

7.14 Black Sea Bass:

7.14.1 Recreational:

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) June ~~15~~ 29 through August 31: Three (3) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

(2) September 1 through December 31: ~~Three (3)~~ **Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.**

7.24 Coastal Sharks

7.24.21 Recreational:

Table 7.53: Recreational Minimum Size Limits

<u>No Minimum Size</u>	<u>Minimum Fork Length of 54 inches (4.5 Feet)</u>	<u>Minimum Fork Length of 78 inches (6.5 Feet)</u>
<u>Smooth Dogfish (Smoothhound)</u> <u>Atlantic sharpnose</u> <u>Finetooth</u> <u>Blacknose</u> <u>Bonnethead</u>	<u>Tiger</u> <u>Blacktip</u> <u>Spinner</u> <u>Bull</u> <u>Lemon</u> <u>Nurse</u>	<u>Shortfin mako</u> <u>Porbeagle</u> <u>Common thresher</u> <u>Oceanic whitetip</u> <u>Blue</u>
		<u>Scalloped hammerhead</u> <u>Smooth hammerhead</u> <u>Great hammerhead</u>

7.24.42 Commercial:

7.24.1-1(A) Commercial Species Groupings: Species managed under the ASMFC Interstate Fishery Management Plan (IFMP) for Atlantic Coastal Sharks shall be grouped into ~~six~~ **eight** commercial “species groups” for management purposes, hereafter referred to as: Prohibited Species, Research Species, Smoothhound Sharks, ~~Small Coastal Sharks, Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks,~~ **Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks, Blacknose Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks,** and Pelagic Sharks. These groupings apply to all commercial shark fisheries in state waters.

(C) Commercial Possession Limits: Possession limits, quotas, and seasonal periods for commercial shark fisheries will be established annually either through the NOAA Fisheries, the ASMFC, or the DFW in accordance therewith:

(1) Properly licensed commercial fishermen may possess any of the species of sharks listed in Table 7.4 below in the Smoothhound Sharks, ~~Small Coastal Sharks, Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks,~~ **Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks, Blacknose Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks,** and Pelagic Sharks species groups.

~~b.~~**(2)** There are no commercial trip limits or possession limits for Smoothhound Sharks or for the sharks listed in the Small Coastal Sharks and the Pelagic Species groups.

~~c.~~**(3)** No person shall possess more than thirty six (36) sharks, per vessel per calendar day, regardless of species, from the ~~Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks~~ **Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks or Hammerhead Sharks** species group.

Table 7.14: Sharks in the Smoothhound Sharks, ~~Small Coastal Sharks, Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks,~~ **Non-Blacknose Small Coastal**

Sharks, Blacknose Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks, and Pelagic **Sharks** Species Groups.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Smoothhound Sharks	
Smooth Dogfish	<i>Mustelus canis</i>
Florida smoothhound	<i>Mustelis norrisi</i>
Small Coastal Sharks	
<u>Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks</u>	
Atlantic sharpnose	<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>
Finetooth	<i>Carcharhinus isodon</i>
Bonnethead	<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>
Small Coastal Sharks	
<u>Blacknose Sharks</u>	
Blacknose	<i>Carcharhinus acronotus</i>
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	
<u>Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks</u>	
Silky	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>
Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>
Blacktip	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>
Spinner	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>
Bull	<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>
Lemon	<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>
Nurse	<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	
<u>Hammerhead Sharks</u>	
Scalloped hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>
Great hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>
Pelagic Sharks	
Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>
Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>
Common thresher	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>
Oceanic whitetip	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>
Blue	<i>Prionace glauca</i>