



NE Multispecies Information Sheet– Landing/Possession Limits



This summary is not a substitute for the regulations; rather it provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements. You are strongly encouraged to read the regulations in conjunction with this information sheet to fully understand how this fishery is managed. The regulations described here can be found at 50 CFR 648.82, 648.83, 648.85, and 648.86, and 648.88 and will be updated when regulations are revised.

Beginning May 1, 2012, common pool vessels are subject to the trip limits listed below. Under FW 44, the Regional Administrator has the authority to revise trip limits for common pool vessels to ensure that ACLs allocated to the common pool are not exceeded.

Species	Minimum Size	Stock Area ¹	A DAS	Handgear A	Handgear B	Regular B DAS Program	
						Separator or Ruhle Trawl ⁴	Non-Trawl Gear
Cod	22"	GOM	650 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip	300 lb/trip ³	75 lb/trip ³	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip	
		OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	2,000 lb/DAS, up to 20,000 lb/trip (outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area) ²	300 lb/trip ³	75 lb/trip ³		
			500 lb/DAS, up to 5,000 lb/trip (E. U.S./Canada Area)				
		1,000 lb/trip Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock SAP -or- Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP (for targeting haddock)					
Haddock	18"	GOM	1,000 lb/trip				
		OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	10,000 lb/trip				
Pollock	19"	All Areas	Unlimited			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip	
Redfish	9"	All Areas	Unlimited				
White hake	none	All Areas	1,500 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip	
Atlantic halibut	41"	All Areas	1 fish/trip				
Yellowtail flounder	13"	GOM, IN GB	500 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip			25 lb/DAS to 250 lb/trip	
		SNE	1,500 lb/DAS, up to 4,500 lb/trip				
		OFF GB	500 lb/trip				
American plaice (dabs)	14"	All Areas	Unlimited			100 lb/DAS for each stock, up to 500 lb/trip of all flatfish combined	100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip
Witch flounder (gray sole)	14"	All Areas	250 lb/trip				100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip
Winter flounder	12"	OFF GB	1,000 lb/trip				100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip
		GOM	250 lb/trip			250 lb/trip	
Windowpane Flounder		All Areas	Zero – possession prohibited⁵				
Ocean Pout			Zero – possession prohibited				
Atlantic Wolffish			Zero – possession prohibited				

¹ Broad Stock Areas: Gulf of Maine (GOM), Inshore Georges Bank (IN GB), Offshore Georges Bank (OFF GB), and Southern New England (SNE)

² Vessel must submit GOM Cod Trip Limit Exemption Form via VMS

³ Unless otherwise revised by the Regional Administrator

⁴ Gear performance trip limits of 500 lb all flatfish combined, 500 lb whole monkfish (unless restricted by the monkfish FMP), 500 lb whole skate, and zero lobsters also apply

⁵ A vessel may transit the InGB and SNE areas with GOM or OffGB winter flounder on board, provided that fishing gear is properly stowed.