



FY 2016 Groundfish Landing/Possession Limits Common Pool Fishery



These landing/possession limits are subject to change during the fishing year. This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; the regulations described here can be found at 50 CFR 648.82, 648.83, 648.85, 648.86, and 648.88.

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Species	Minimum Size	Stock Area ¹	A DAS	Handgear A	Handgear B	Regular B DAS Program	
						Separator or Ruhle Trawl ³	Non-Trawl Gear
Cod	19"	GOM	25 lb per DAS up to 100 lb per trip	25 lb per trip	25 lb per trip	25 lb per trip	
		OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	25 lb per DAS, up to 50 lb per trip (outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area) ²	25 lb per trip	25 lb per trip	25 lb per DAS, up to 50 lb per trip	
			25 lb per DAS up to 50 lb per trip (E. U.S./Canada Area) 50 lb per trip Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock SAP -or- Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP (for targeting haddock)				
Haddock	16"	GOM	200 lb per DAS, up to 600 lb per trip				
		OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	100,000 lb per trip				
Pollock	19"	All Areas	Unlimited				
Redfish	7"	All Areas	Unlimited				
White hake	none	All Areas	1,500 lb per trip				
Atlantic halibut	41"	All Areas	1 fish per trip				
Yellowtail flounder	12"	GOM, IN GB	750 lb per DAS up to 1,500 lb per trip			25 lb per DAS to 250 lb per trip	
		SNE	500 lb per DAS, up to 1,000 lb per trip				
		OFF GB	100 lb per trip			500 lb per trip of all flatfish combined. However, may not exceed A-DAS limit for any stock	
American plaice (dabs)	12"	All Areas	1,000 lb per trip				
Witch flounder (gray sole)	13"	All Areas	250 lb per trip				
Winter flounder	12"	OFF GB	250 lb per trip				
		IN GB, SNE	2,000 lb per DAS, up to 4,000 lb per trip				
		GOM	2,000 lb per trip				
Windowpane Flounder		All Areas	Zero – possession prohibited				
Ocean Pout							
Atlantic Wolffish							

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 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