

# Recreational Atlantic Cod Management

## Stock Status and Rebuilding

Based on 2019 assessments, the Gulf of Maine cod and Georges Bank cod stocks are overfished with overfishing occurring, and subject to rebuilding plans with rebuild by dates of 2024 and 2026, respectively.

## Recreational

- Angler and For-Hire (party/charter)
- Bag limits
- Seasons
- Minimum fish size
- Spawning closure
- For-Hire Reporting
- Marine Recreational Information Program
- Annual Catch Limit for GOM cod
- Catch Target for GB cod

### **GOM Cod --- In Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area**

#### **Open season:**

- Private Anglers - September 15-30; April 1 - 14
- Party/Charter Anglers - September 8 - October 7; April 1 - 14

**Minimum size:** 21 inches

#### **Possession limit:**

- Private Anglers - 1 fish per day.
- Party/Charter Anglers - 1 fish per day

### **GB Cod --- Outside of Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area**

**Open season:** All year

**Minimum size:** 21 inches

#### **Possession limit:**

- Private Anglers - 10 fish per day.
- Party/Charter Anglers - 10 fish per day

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