



Notice to Commercial Fishermen

NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS

NOAA Fisheries recently reduced the minimum size limits on several groundfish species occurring predominantly in federal waters. For consistency, Departmental regulations governing minimum size in commercial fisheries now incorporate the federal regulations by reference to 50 CFR § 648.83(a) available online at:

<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/regs/fr.html>. The current published minimum sizes are as follows: Atlantic cod (19"), yellowtail flounder (12"), haddock (16"), Pollock (19"), witch flounder (13"), American plaice (12") and redfish (7").

For current commercial fishery trip limits see:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/commercial/connecticut_commercial_trip_limits.pdf

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Division by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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