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Saltwater Fun

As the Director of the NH Fish and Game Department it is my pleasure to welcome you to our digest of regulations for saltwater fishing on our seacoast. Our coastal anglers can experience sport fishing at its finest including: striped bass, bluefish, mackerel, flounder, tuna, haddock, black sea bass, and more. Our shoreline may be short, but the opportunities are great.

New Hampshire's estuarine and saltwater species, including fish, lobsters, clams, and oysters, are managed by Fish and Game's Marine Fisheries Division, based in Durham. Our biologists work closely with other state and federal agencies to protect and maintain our marine resources and habitats for both recreational and commercial fisheries. To read more about some of their important work visit wildlife.nh.gov/saltwater-fisheries-new-hampshire

Our staff are busy out and about as well and you can help. If you encounter Fish and Game's trained survey staff at one of the many saltwater fishing access sites along New Hampshire's seacoast or on the ice this winter, I encourage you to take a few minutes to speak with them and participate in the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey or the Winter Smelt Survey. Fish and Game also invites striped bass anglers to report catch and effort online as well. Find out about these and other survey efforts involving the public at wildlife.nh.gov/saltwater-fisheries-new-hampshire

So whatever your interest, or if you are new to saltwater angling, enjoy the beauty of the New Hampshire coast and all that we have to offer in our small state. See you on the water!

Scott R. Mason
Executive Director
N.H. Fish and Game Department



N.H. Fish and Game — Our Mission

As the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to:

- Conserve, manage and protect these resources and their habitats;
- Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
- Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

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ON THE COVER:
Proud angler with mackerel.

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New Hampton, NH 03256
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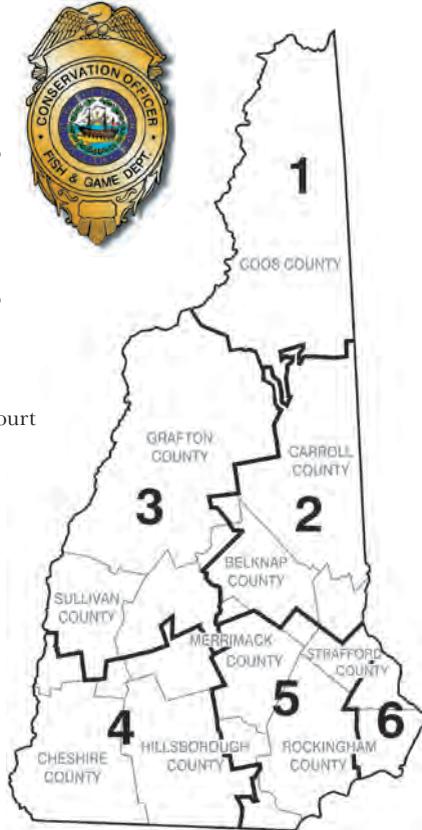
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11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301
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Lt. Adam P. Cheney

District 6

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Durham, NH 03824-4732
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N.H. Fish & Game Commissioners

The numbers on this page are the home phone numbers of Fish and Game Commissioners. Please use discretion with the timing of your calls. For emergency calls after hours, call N.H. State Police or your local police. For questions about N.H. fishing laws, call (603) 271-3127.

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(978) 314-5193

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N.H. Fish & Game Telephone Numbers

Law Enforcement

Dispatch — To reach a N.H. Fish and Game Officer... (603) 271-3361
Questions about N.H. Fish and Game Law Regulations... (603) 271-3127
Off Highway Recreational Vehicle
(Laws and Regulations) (603) 271-3129

To Report Violations 24 Hours a Day

Operation Game Thief 1-800-344-4262
or wildnh.com/ogt

N.H. Fish and Game

Headquarters/License Office (603) 271-3421
Executive Director's Office (603) 271-3511
Inland Fisheries (603) 271-2501
License Agent Accounting/OHRV Registry (603) 271-2743
Marine Fisheries (603) 868-1095
Nuisance Wildlife Questions (603) 223-6832
Public Affairs (603) 271-3211
Wildlife Programs (603) 271-2461

Regional Offices

Region 1: Lancaster (603) 788-3164
Region 2: New Hampton (603) 744-5470
Region 3: Durham (603) 868-1095
Region 4: Keene (603) 352-9669

Coastal Resource Contacts

N.H. Fish and Game Marine Fisheries Division

225 Main St., Durham, NH 03824

Hours: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri. (603) 868-1095

Aquaculture

Contact N.H. Fish and Game Department
for rules and statutes. (603) 868-1095

Clam Flat Hotline

Current open or closed condition of
Hampton Harbor and other shellfishing areas..... 1-800-43-CLAMS

Maine Marine Resources (Maine Marine Patrol)..... (207) 624-6581

Marine Mammals, Seals, Porpoises, Whales

Federal regulations prohibit harassment of marine mammals.
Stranded or dead mammals should be reported to the
Seacoast Science Center at (603) 997-9448

Massachusetts Marine Fisheries..... (617) 626-1520

Massachusetts Environmental Police..... 1-800-632-8075

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

(greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov)

For information on federal regulations and federal permits:
Regulations..... (978) 281-9315
Permits (978) 281-8438

New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services

Shellfish Program (603) 559-1509

New Hampshire Dept. of Safety—Marine Patrol

Boating regulations (603) 293-2037
Boat registration (603) 227-4030

Portsmouth Harbor Coast Guard

For U.S. Coast Guard information (603) 436-4415

Wildlife Services

Animal Damage Control (603) 223-6832

Buying a License

Fishing (saltwater and freshwater) and hunting licenses, valid January 1 to December 31 of each year, may be purchased online via fishnh.com, from license agents, at Fish and Game Department headquarters in Concord, Fish and Game Region 1, 2 and 4 Offices and some town or city clerks. Applicants must purchase their own licenses. A \$2 transaction fee is charged for each license form (\$2.75 for Internet purchases).

Lost Licenses

Regular hunting and fishing licenses, including recreational saltwater, clam, and oyster, may be reprinted at the original issuing agent or at N.H. Fish and Game in Concord. If purchased at a license agent, and it is at least one week from the date of issue, the license can be reprinted from the online sales site. There is no charge for reprints, however there is a limit on the number of reprints allowed. For all other miscellaneous licenses, duplicates are issued only at Fish and Game in Concord.

Residents Age 68 or Older

New Hampshire residents age 68 and over who would like a clam or oyster license must obtain a free, permanent Clam/Oyster License at Fish and Game Headquarters or by mail.

Residency Requirements

To obtain a license at resident rates, the person must present to the issuing agent a valid New Hampshire driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card issued by the N.H. Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles. Whenever the applicant is under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the applicant shall be a resident and present their valid New Hampshire driver's license or non-driver's picture identification.

Note: Any person who is no longer a legal resident of the state, but still retains a valid New Hampshire driver's license, is guilty of a misdemeanor if they try to obtain a resident fishing, hunting or trapping license based on this driver's license.

The following Permanent Disabled Licenses may be available to qualified N.H. residents: Disabled Veteran License, Paraplegic License, Blind Fishing License, Complimentary Fishing for Developmentally Disabled. Visit fishnh.com for information and application forms.

Violation/Revocation

Conviction for violation of any fishing law or rule, littering, or criminal trespass (RSA 214:19; 207:36-b; 635:2) may result in the revocation of your fishing license or privilege.

Carry Your License

The license must be carried on your person when fishing or hunting. For fishing licenses, a pdf or other fixed image of a valid license visible on a smart phone is sufficient to comply with the law, as long as a Conservation Officer can view the information contained on the license and a photo ID can be presented. While clamming, your license must be displayed in plain view (see page 20).



FISHING LICENSE TYPE	CATEGORY	FEE	STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	AVAILABLE AT CONCORD HEADQUARTERS OR VIA MAIL ONLY (HQ)* OR CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE (O)
Recreational Saltwater Fishing^{1,**} Allows taking, possessing, or transporting finfish from N.H. coastal and estuarine waters. Exempt if fishing on licensed charter or party boat.	Resident or nonresident ages 16 and older (including permanent licenses)	\$11.00	No	O
Resident Softshell Clam^{**} N.H. residents only. See page 20 for rules.	Age 6-67	\$30.00	No	O
	68 years and older — see above	Free	No	HQ
Resident Oyster^{**} N.H. residents only. See page 20 for rules.	Age 0-67	\$30.00	No	O
	68 years and older — see above	Free	No	HQ
Saltwater Fishing Charter Boat¹ Allows a for-hire vessel less than 100 gross tons and USCG licensed to carry 6 or fewer passengers to provide recreational saltwater fishing opportunity to take, possess, or transport finfish from N.H. coastal and estuarine waters.	Resident or nonresident	\$51.00 per vessel	No	HQ
Saltwater Fishing Party Boat¹ Allows a vessel holding a valid USCG Certificate of Inspection to carry passengers for-hire to provide recreational saltwater fishing opportunity to take, possess, or transport finfish from N.H. coastal and estuarine waters.	Resident or nonresident	\$101.00 per vessel	No	HQ
Resident Commercial Sea Clam		\$300.00	Yes	HQ
Resident Lobster and Crab Required to take lobsters and crabs from state waters. All persons eligible for Commercial or Limited Commercial licenses must purchase a license or submit an affidavit by June 30 each year in order to maintain eligibility for the license.	Recreational: 5 pots maximum	\$40.00 ⁸	Yes	HQ
	Part-time Commercial ² : 100 pots maximum	\$125.00 ⁸		
	Limited Commercial ³ : 600 pots maximum	\$200.00 ⁸		
	Commercial ³ : 1,200 pots maximum	\$350.00 ⁸		
	Helper's License ⁴	\$20.00		
Nonresident Lobster and Crab⁵ Prohibited if applicant's state excludes nonresident harvest.	Part-time Commercial 100 pots maximum	\$350.00 ⁸	Yes	HQ
	Limited Commercial: 600 pots maximum	\$400.00 ⁸		
	Commercial: 1,200 pots maximum	\$600.00 ⁸		
	Helper's License	\$20.00		

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LICENSES: FEES & REQUIREMENTS

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FISHING LICENSE TYPE	CATEGORY	FEE	STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	AVAILABLE AT CONCORD HEADQUARTERS OR VIA MAIL ONLY (HQ)* OR CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE (O)
Retail Trade of Lobster Meat and Crab Meat Separate license required for any markets, stores, restaurants, vehicles or other facilities where lobsters and crabs are sold.	Resident	\$50.00	No	HQ
	Nonresident	\$75.00		
Landing License for Lobster and Crab Required to transport lobsters and crabs from outside the state's jurisdiction to land and/or sell in N.H., unless a N.H. Lobster and Crab license or either N.H. resident or non-resident Commercial Saltwater License is held.	Resident	\$50.00	No	HQ
	Nonresident	\$500.00		
Resident Commercial Saltwater Required to take, land, transport or possess marine species with the intent to sell, regardless of method. Does not allow taking lobsters or crabs from state waters or taking, possession, landing or transport of northern shrimp. Includes operator and unlimited helpers. License is not issued to a vessel, it is issued to an individual.	Resident	\$50.00 ⁸	Yes, Menhaden, dogfish and herring dealers	HQ
Nonresident Commercial Saltwater Required to take, land, transport or possess marine species with the intent to sell, regardless of method. Includes operator and unlimited helpers. Allows for the landing of lobsters taken from areas outside the jurisdiction of New Hampshire. License is not issued to a vessel; it is issued to an individual. Does not allow for the taking, possession, landing or transportation of northern shrimp. Taking of sea urchins, clam worms, river herring and scallops is prohibited if applicant's state excludes nonresident harvest.	Nonresident	\$500.00 ⁸		
Commercial Shrimp License Required to take, possess, land or transport northern shrimp on the waters of the state for sale, regardless of where catch was taken.	Resident	\$100.00	Yes	HQ
	Nonresident	\$500.00		
Wholesale Marine Species Required to buy, sell, process and transport marine species if wholesaling marine species. A separate extra facility license shall be required for each market, store, vehicle or facility where marine species are bought or sold at wholesale. Vehicles used solely for the transportation of marine species are not required to be licensed as an extra facility, as long as the wholesale marine dealer is licensed. Cannot transport lobster and crab taken outside of the state by boat with this license. Need to obtain either a Commercial Saltwater License or Landing License.	Resident	\$130.00	Yes— Lobster, Shrimp, Crab, Menhaden and Dogfish Dealers	HQ
	Nonresident	\$260.00		
	Resident Extra Facility	\$75.00		
	Nonresident Extra Facility	\$100.00		
Harvest Permit Required to take finfish by seine, net, weir, pot or trap, horseshoe crab by any method, or American eel by any method but angling, from coastal and estuarine waters of N.H. Also required to take any species, except lobsters and crabs, for commercial purposes from state waters, unless reporting that catch via vessel trip reports to NOAA Fisheries. Available at Durham office.		Free	Yes	Contact Marine Fisheries
Shrimp Processing Permit Required to possess shrimp during closed season. Available at Durham office.		Free	No	Contact Marine Fisheries
Sea Herring Possession Permit Required to possess sea herring. Available at Durham office.		Free	No	Contact Marine Fisheries
Aquaculture License Marine-related aquaculture licenses are issued by N.H. Fish and Game, Marine Fisheries Division. Contact Marine Fisheries directly at (603) 868-1095.		\$200.00 ^{6,8}	Yes	Contact Marine Fisheries
Scientific Permit Marine-related scientific permits are issued by N.H. Fish and Game, Marine Fisheries Division. Contact Marine Fisheries directly at (603) 868-1095.		\$25.00 ⁷	Yes	Contact Marine Fisheries
Limited Annual Saltwater License for Lifetime Licensees Allows for persons holding a lifetime fishing or combination license purchased before 2011 to take saltwater smelt, saltwater shad, or saltwater salmonids. Contact N.H. Fish and Game in Concord or download an application from fishnh.com/marine .	Resident	Free	No	HQ

* See fishnh.com/marine to print and mail an application or buy a license.

** A \$2 transaction fee is charged for each recreational license form. (\$2.75 online)

*** License obtained at Fish and Game in Concord only in person or by mail.

1. See page 5 for more on saltwater license types, including information on reciprocity between states.
2. New license holders limited to 100 traps maximum.
3. Limited entry licenses — for further information, contact the Marine Fisheries Division at (603) 868-1095.

4. Helper's license required for each helper (no residency requirement for helpers).
5. Eligible only if applicant's state provides reciprocal licensing privileges.
6. Additional fees associated with license.
7. Fee waiver only for educational and nonprofit institutions and government agencies.
8. A \$15 derelict fishing gear surcharge will be applied to this license. A licensee shall be exempted from the surcharge if the licensee engages in satisfactory participation in the previous year's department qualifying coast clean program(s). For aquaculture license, only applies to 5-year aquaculture license.

RECREATIONAL LICENSES

NH Recreational Saltwater License

Cost

\$11 (N.H. resident and nonresident)

Recreational fishing licenses are available for purchase online or through any of 200+ N.H. license agents statewide.

Who Needs the License?

All persons ages 16 and older participating in recreational saltwater fishing who wish to take, possess, or transport finfish from coastal and estuarine waters of New Hampshire. This includes anglers, spearfishers, and persons using other gear types to take marine finfish for personal use and which are not sold.

There is no exemption for persons over age 68 from the recreational saltwater license. This is because we need to collect the name, address, and phone number of all those fishing in saltwater each year in order to obtain an exemption for N.H. license holders from the National Saltwater Angler Registry and the associated fee.

Exemptions

You do not need the recreational fishing license to fish from a licensed charter or party boat.

Persons who purchased a Lifetime Fishing or Combination License prior to 2011 may obtain a Limited Annual Saltwater License for Lifetime Licensees to fish for saltwater smelt, American shad, trout, and salmon in coastal and estuarine waters. This permit must be applied for each year by mail or at Fish and Game in Concord and is good only for the fish listed above. If you wish to fish for other fish species such as striped bass, flounder, cod, etc. you must purchase a N.H. Recreational Saltwater License.

Angler Reciprocity

Resident anglers possessing a valid N.H. Recreational Saltwater License can legally fish in all tidal and estuarine areas of Massachusetts and in Maine. Reciprocity will be granted in N.H. for those nonresident anglers possessing a valid Maine or Mass. saltwater license.

Charter and Party Boat License

Cost

- Charter boat: \$51
- Party boat: \$101

Who Needs the License?

A charter or party boat license is required for party boats, charter boats, dive boats, head boats, and other boats hired by persons to engage in recreational saltwater fishing opportunities which includes the taking of any marine finfish, by any means for personal use only and which are not sold.

Charter boat is a vessel less than 100 gross tons that meets the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard to carry 6 or fewer passengers for hire.

Party boat or head boat is a vessel that holds a valid Certificate of Inspection issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire.

Passengers hiring a licensed party or charter boat do not need to have a Recreational Saltwater Fishing license while fishing from the vessel.

Charter and Party Boat Reciprocity

New Hampshire law provides reciprocity for Maine and Massachusetts licensed charter and party boats, but only if those states provide

Charter & Party Boat Operators: Please Note

Operators of vessels with a N.H. party or charter boat license operating in coastal and estuarine waters of the state are exempt from the need to obtain a N.H. Guide License if:

1. They possess a U.S. Coast Guard-issued Master License or "6-pack" License, and
2. They or a crew member on board the vessel has current certification (with practical exam) in basic first aid and CPR, and
3. They obtain a federal party/charter permit if fishing in federal waters (>3 miles from shore). Call (978) 281-9370.

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reciprocity for N.H. licensed vessels. At this time, *only* Massachusetts provides reciprocity for N.H. licensed charter and party boat vessels; licensed N.H. vessels may operate and fish in Mass. state waters, but may not pick up or drop off passengers or land fish in Mass.

RESTRICTIONS

Sale Prohibited

Seaweed, rockweed, or sea moss of N.H. origin may not be sold outside the state. Softshell clams and oysters of N.H. origin, striped bass regardless of origin, and quahogs, littlenecks, and cherrystones (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) less than 1 inch in shell thickness cannot be sold.

It Is Unlawful to:

- Import any living marine plant or animal for release without a permit;
- Set a net so it extends beyond the thread of the stream. The thread of stream means the center of the main channel;
- Set a net within 1,000 feet of another net, measured along the thread of the stream;
- Molest, pull, tend, possess or disturb gear used or marine species raised in a marine aquaculture operation;
- Take lobsters by diving, angling, spearing or dipping;
- Dump dead or injured fish or fish parts within bays, rivers, harbors or upon the shores. This does not restrict the use of fish or fish parts

for chum or bait, nor the releasing of dead or injured undersized fish taken by angling;

- Be on a fishway without permission;
- Take salmon or striped bass by netting, except when landing by use of hand-held dip nets;
- Take finfish, horseshoe crabs, American eels or other species for commercial purposes (excluding lobster/crab) without obtaining a harvest permit, as further specified on page 19.
- Take or possess oysters, clams, or mussels from a licensed aquaculture site that is properly marked with yellow buoys at each corner.
- Use more than two lines to take finfish.

Law Enforcement

Prohibition

It is unlawful to throw, dump, destroy or otherwise dispose of any fish, lobsters, crabs, or shellfish when a Conservation Officer has informed a person his boat, motor vehicle, wharf, dock or landing, or contents thereof, are about to be inspected. The same applies to any pot, trap, car, or any other receptacle used to catch or store lobsters or

crabs. Any person who refuses or attempts to refuse to stand by for such inspection is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any lobsters or crabs, thrown or dumped or caused to be thrown or dumped, are prima facie evidence they were illegally taken. A person is guilty of a violation for each lobster or crab thrown or dumped.

Leave Lobster Pots Alone

Lobster pots, traps, warps (ropes), cars or buoys are private property, regardless of the location. This includes on the beach and on the rocks. No person except the owner or a Conservation Officer may possess, lift, molest or disturb them. To do so may result in a fine of \$2,000 and up to 1 year in jail.



DEFINITIONS

New Rules

- Recreational Atlantic cod season — closed season Nov. 1 – Aug. 31 (page 7)
- Striped bass — length limit ≥ 28 inches to < 31 inches; same length for fish rack with head and tail intact. (page 7)
- Sharks:
 - » Porbeagle — recreational catch only (no sale) (page 7)
 - » Porbeagle — Commercial — No take in state waters (page 18)
 - » Additional list of sharks with no possession allowed not common to NH waters — gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/fis600.html Fis 603.20 (pages 7 and 18)
- Atlantic menhaden:
 - » Only small gear or non-directed gears permitted in state waters—call (603) 868-1095 for list of allowable gears (page 18)
 - » No licensee shall receive menhaden from a harvester vessel while at sea (page 18)
 - » Closed season January 1–June 14 (page 18)
- Restrictions on certain clam species — No shell discards in state waters if harvesting surf clams, sea clams, hen clams, black clams, or mahogany quahogs by dredge. (page 20)

Angling: The taking of fish by line in hand or rod in hand to which is attached a cast of artificial flies, or an artificial bait, or hooks, or other devices for the attachment of bait. A person may use up to two lines. Rod holders are permitted.

Circle Hook (non-offset): A hook where the point and barb are turned perpendicularly back to the shank to form a circular shape. When laid on flat surface, all parts lie flat on the surface (pg. 13).

Coastal and estuarine waters: All water within the rise and fall of the tide, and water below any fishway or dam which normally divides tide water and freshwater, or below any legally established tidal bound in streams flowing into the sea.

Commercial fisherman: Any person who takes, possesses, lands or transports, on the waters of New Hampshire, any marine species by any method for the purpose of sale.

Curved fork length (CFL): The length of an intact fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

Finfish: Includes all species and subspecies of fish listed under the definition of fish.

Fish: A member of any of the following classes: cyclostomata, including, but not limited to, hagfishes and lampreys; elasmobranchii, including, but not limited to, sharks, skates and rays; and pisces, including, but not limited to, trout, perch, bass, minnows and catfish; including any part, product, egg or offspring thereof, or the dead body or parts thereof, excluding fossils.

Fork Length: The straightline measurement of a fish from the midpoint of the anterior edge of the fish to the fork of the caudal fin (not along the curve of the body).

Groundfish: A group of fish which includes Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), Atlantic wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*), Atlantic halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*), ocean pout (*Zoarces americanus*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), pollock (*Polachius virens*), American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*), redfish (*Sebastes marinus*), white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*), summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), yellowtail flounder (*Pleuronectes ferruginea*), winter flounder (*Pleuronectes americanus*), windowpane flounder (*Scophthalmus aquosus*), and witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*).

Inclusion dates: Whenever a period is named during which an act is permitted or prohibited, both the first and second dates named will be included within such period.

Marine species: Includes all fish which inhabit salt water, and all shellfish, lobsters, crabs, shrimps, clams, marine worms, other marine invertebrates and marine plants found in the coastal and estuarine waters.

Mobile gear: Includes, but is not limited to, otter trawls, mid-water trawls, beam trawls, pair trawls, drag seines in any form, purse seines and Scottish seines. Does not include cast nets, dip nets held in hand, hook and line, seines less than 50 sq. ft. and stationary gill nets anchored on each end.

Net: Any open fabric constructed of string, cord, thread, wire, etc., knotted or woven together in such a way as to be capable of entraining or entrapping finfish.

Nonresident: All persons not coming within the definition of resident (see below).

Person: Includes co-partnership, association and corporation, and also principal, agent or employee.

Resident: A resident of the state, as defined in RSA 21:6, except that no person shall be deemed to be a resident who claims residence in any other state for any purpose.

Resident and nonresident corporations: The word “resident,” when applied to a corporation, is a corporation organized under the laws of this state. The word “nonresident,” when applied to a corporation, is a corporation organized under the laws of another state.

Possession: Actual or constructive possession, and any control of things referred to.

Salters: Any species of trout which spends part of its life cycle in brackish or saltwater.

Seaweed: Any marine algae in the classes *Chlorophyceae*, *Xanthophyceae*, *Phaeophyceae* and *Rhodophyceae*, including rockweeds and sea moss.

Seine: A net that is rectangular or square and is pulled through the water to entrap organisms.

Sell and Sale: Includes the barter, exchange, and offering or exposing for sale.

Single hook artificial lure: Lure with 1 single hook with not more than 3 hook points.

Waters under the jurisdiction of the state: Those waters within the 3-mile territorial sea.

Take or taking: Includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring and netting wildlife, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying, worrying, wounding or placing, setting, drawing, or using any net or other device commonly used to take wildlife, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take wildlife, provided that whenever taking is allowed by law, reference is made to taking by lawful means and in lawful manner.

Total length (TL): The straight-line distance from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail (caudal fin) while the fish is lying on its side, normally extended.

Transport and transportation: All carrying or moving, or causing to be carried or moved.

Weir: A fixed position fish trap consisting of a lead of net strung from poles, usually wooden, with a pocket of net within which the fish are contained.

Wildlife: Refers to all species of mammals, birds, fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians, reptiles or their progeny or eggs which, whether raised in captivity or not, are normally found in a wild state.

About This Publication

This publication is a summary of fishing regulations. It is not the full laws or rules. It is intended only as a guide to seasons and other necessary marine information.

For more detailed information concerning regulations, consult the New Hampshire Fish and Game Law Book, *Fish and Game Administrative Rules*, or contact your local Conservation Officer. Fish and Game laws and rules may be viewed at any Fish and Game office (see page 2 for phone numbers); Legislative Services, Administrative Rules, in the State House Annex, 25 Capitol St., Room 219, Concord, NH 03301; and at fishnh.com or nh.gov.

RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING—FINFISH

Recreational saltwater fishing in New Hampshire provides diverse opportunities. Saltwater anglers can cast a line from boats, bridges, jetties or the beach. Many saltwater fish species are available along the coast and in our rivers and bays. Recreational saltwater fishing in N.H. requires a recreational saltwater license. See page 5 for details.

Below are species that have rules or laws that apply to recreational anglers or spearfishers while fishing in state waters.

Additional regulations apply in federal waters for most of the below-listed species — contact NOAA Fisheries at (978) 281-9315 or [fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-regulations-species](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-regulations-species) directly if you have questions regarding fishing in federal waters.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH (TOTAL LENGTH)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SPECIAL RULES
American Eel	No closed season (except surrounding fishways)	9 inches	25 fish per day	Fishway closures apply October 2 – June 14 (see Coastal Harvest Section, page 19)
American Plaice*	No closed season	14 inches	No bag limit	
American Shad	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	All shad must be immediately released
Atlantic Cod*	Nov. 1 – Aug. 31	22 inches	1 fish per day	• Head and tail intact, unless fillet is ≥14 inches minimum • See Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area map on page 8
Atlantic Halibut	No closed season	41 inches	1 fish per trip/vessel	Head and tail intact while on or leaving waters of the state
Atlantic Mackerel	No closed season	No minimum length	20 fish harvest or possession per day	
Atlantic Sea Herring	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	Federal regulations apply in federal waters
Atlantic Salmon (Sea-run)	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	All sea-run Atlantic salmon caught on coastal and estuarine waters must be immediately released
Atlantic Wolffish	Closed year round	Possession is prohibited	Possession is prohibited	
Black Sea Bass	No closed season	16.5 inches	4 fish per day	Length does not include filament/tail extension
Bluefin Tuna	No closed season	27 inches CFL**	Variable; see website	Federally managed — follow federal regulations (call 1-888-USA-TUNA) or visit hmspermits.noaa.gov
Bluefish	No closed season	No minimum length	Recreational — 3 fish per day For-Hire — 5 fish per day	Non-offset, corrodible circle hooks required if angling with bait.
Dogfish, Spiny	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	Finning prohibited
Haddock*	March 1 – March 31	18 inches (for-hire) 17 inches (private)	15 fish per day (for-hire) 10 fish per day (private)	Head and tail intact, unless fillet is ≥10 inches minimum
Monkfish	No closed season	17 inches	No bag limit	
Pollock*	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	19 inches, if taken in federal waters
Ocean Pout	Closed year round	Possession is prohibited	Possession is prohibited	
Rainbow Smelt (Saltwater)	No closed season	No minimum length	4 liquid quarts	Head and tail must remain intact
Redfish*	No closed season	9 inches	No bag limit	
River Herring (Alewife/Blueback Herring)	Closed to all harvest in NH waters	No minimum length	No bag limit	
Salters (Sea-run Trout) see definition on page 6	No closed season	No minimum length	1 fish per day	• Recreational angling only • In Berry Brook**** : Single-hook artificial lures and flies only. Immediate release required. • In Winnicut River : The salter daily limit applies only downstream of the B&M Railroad bridge
Sharks — Blue, Thresher, and Porbeagle	No closed season	No minimum length	No bag limit	• All sharks — head, fins and tail must remain attached through landing. • Non-offset, corrodible circle hooks required if angling with bait. • Additional federal regulations apply in federal waters (call 1-978-281-9315).
Sharks — Shortfin Mako	Closed year round	Possession is prohibited	Possession is prohibited	See Fis 603.20 for additional species not common to NH waters.
Striped Bass	No closed season	28 inches to less than 31 inches	1 fish per day	• Gaffing and culling are prohibited; No sale allowed, regardless of origin. • Non-offset, corrodible circle hooks required if angling with bait. • Head and tail must be intact while on or leaving the waters or shores of the state except may possess up to 2 fillets with skin intact if also possess fish rack ≥ 28" and less than 31" TL with head/tail intact that fillets came from.
Sturgeon	Closed year round	Possession is prohibited	Possession is prohibited	
Summer Flounder*	No closed season	15 inches	No bag limit	Sale is prohibited
White Perch	No closed season	No minimum length	25 fish per day	Sale is prohibited
Windowpane Flounder	No closed season	No minimum length	Possession is prohibited	
Winter Flounder*	No closed season	12 inches	8 fish per day	
Yellowtail Flounder*	No closed season	13 inches	No bag limit	

* All groundfish species that are filleted and skinned must retain at least 2 square inches of contiguous skin intact for identification purposes.

** Curved fork length — See definition on page 6.

*** Fork length — See definition on page 6.

**** Anglers fishing **Berry Brook** in **Rye**: All fish species caught must be immediately released.

COD SPAWNING PROTECTION AREA

Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area

The Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area (CSPA) is located in both state and federal waters south of the Isles of Shoals and is closed to all fishing, as well as take and possession of groundfish, in April, May and June, with the following exceptions:

In state waters (area depicted with red lines):

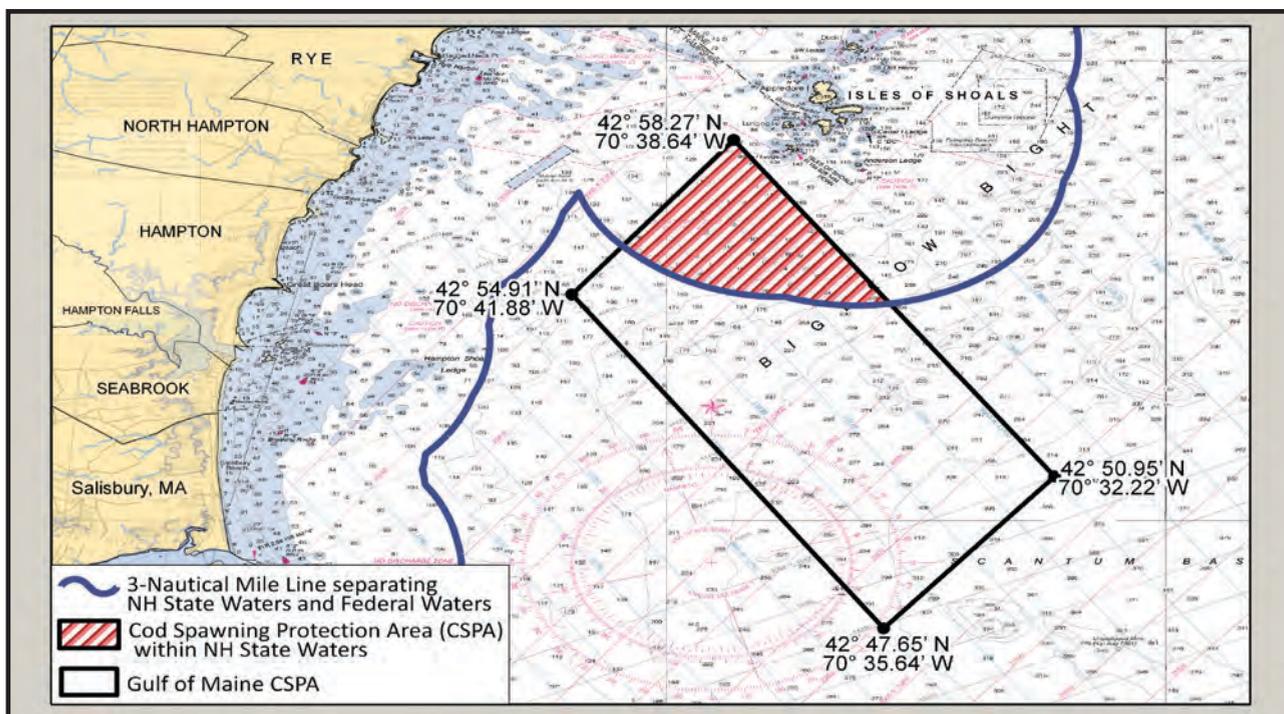
- All cod caught in New Hampshire waters must be immediately released.
- Fishing with either line or rod in hand with gear that has no more than 1 ounce of artificial weight or a single artificial lure weighing one ounce or less. (Note: In the federal waters portion of the CSPA, the use of any weights or weighted lures is prohibited.)

- Commercial vessels using gear described in 50 CFR 648.2.
- Private recreational or charter/party vessels that are **transiting** the area with groundfish caught outside the CSPA must have all bait and hooks removed from fishing rods or handlines and groundfish species on board must have been gutted.
- Commercial vessels that are **transiting** the area with groundfish caught outside the CSPA must have gear stowed in accordance with the provisions of 50 CFR 648.23.

Additional federal rules may apply within the federal waters of the Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area. Contact NOAA Fisheries at (978) 281-9315.

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Catch & Release

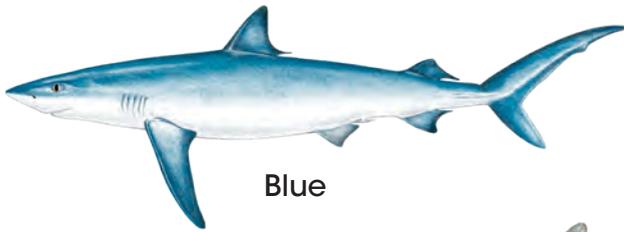
- Time is of the essence. Play and release the fish as quickly and carefully as possible. An overplayed fish may become too weak to recover.
- When landing fish, use a net with fine mesh to avoid injury. Keep the fish in the water as much as possible. A fish out of water is suffocating and could be injured.
- When releasing a fish, try not to touch it when removing the hook and releasing it. When handling the fish, do not let it flop around or squeeze it. The fish can be gently held around the middle and upside down while removing the hook. This position calms the fish and deters it from moving around.
- Remove the hook with small pliers or by using the thumb and forefinger to loosen and back out the hook. If a hook cannot be easily removed, cut the leader as close as possible to the hook. The hook will rust or fall out in a short time.
- To revive a tired fish, hold it in a swimming position with one hand under its bottom jaw and the other hand grasping the fish in front of the tail. Gently move the fish back and forth through the water until it is able to swim away.

Non-offset circle hooks are mandatory for striped bass, sharks, and bluefish when using bait. NH Fish and Game recommends that anglers using live or cut bait use circle hooks for all other species to reduce mortality on fish that will be released. Studies comparing baited circle hooks to the standard J hooks used by most anglers show a substantial reduction in post-release hooking mortality when circle hooks are used. See page 13 for more information on circle hooks.

For more information, contact Fish and Game Marine Fisheries Division weekdays (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at (603) 868-1095.

SHARKS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

A variety of sharks are found in coastal waters off New Hampshire. There are federal and state regulations around the harvest of sharks in both federal and state waters. Below are sharks species that have state regulations in New Hampshire (see pages 7 and 18).



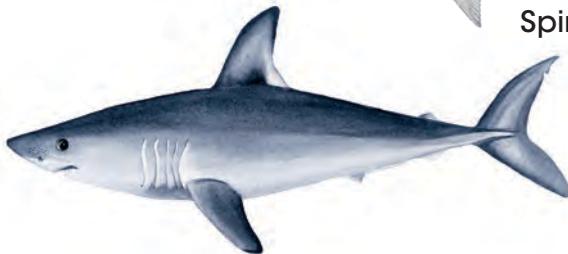
Blue



Shortfin mako



Spiny dogfish



Porbeagle



Thresher

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GREAT BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE



The **Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** (GBNERR) was designated in 1989 and is part of a network of 29 Reserves across the nation. The Great Bay Reserve is managed by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The program sets aside important estuarine areas for long-term research, education and stewardship.

The Great Bay Reserve includes all of Great Bay, Little Bay and the tidal portions of the Bellamy, Oyster, Lamprey, Squamscott and Winnicut Rivers. In addition, there are 2,935 acres of upland that comprise the boundary of the Reserve. All Reserve lands are open to the public for hunting and fishing. Go to greatbay-partnership.org to view maps highlighting all conservation lands in the Great Bay area.

The efforts of the Reserve are focused at the Great Bay Discovery Center and the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center in Greenland off Route 33. The 50-acre site includes a 1,300-foot boardwalk, a high tide and cartop only boat access, and indoor and outdoor exhibits featuring the cultural and natural history of the Great Bay Estuary, as well as antique coastal hunting and fishing artifacts. The interpretive centers are open May to October and are free of charge.

Year round, the Reserve holds a number of special programs, including interpretive kayak tours and programs for children. The Reserve

provides technical training for coastal decision makers through its Coastal Training Program and conducts coastal research and monitoring. The facilities feature a number of innovative technologies for managing stormwater and reducing energy consumption, including a porous pavement parking lot, composting toilets, solar roofing and a geothermal heating and cooling system.

The Reserve is also supported by a local friends group, the Great Bay Stewards. Learn more at greatbaystewards.org. For more information about all the Reserve's programs, visit greatbay.org.

Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
N.H. Fish and Game Department
225 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824
(603) 868-1095



The Great Bay Discovery Center serves as the educational headquarters for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**Great Bay Discovery Center/
Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center**
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(603) 778-0015

Volunteer for Great Bay!

Share your passion for the Great Bay and join the volunteer family at the Great Bay Discovery Center. Volunteers are needed to help implement the school and summer programs, staff the exhibit rooms, work on special events, help with research projects, and keep the grounds and gardens looking great.

Call the Great Bay Discovery Center at (603) 778-0015 or visit greatbay.org for more information.



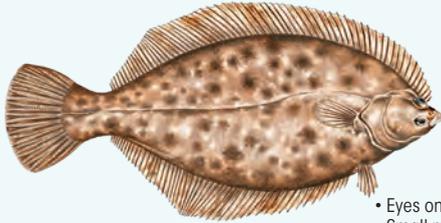
FLOUNDER AND HERRING IDENTIFICATION

A few features help distinguish the flounder caught recreationally along New Hampshire's coast that have size regulations: Orientation of the eyes (right- or left-eyed); mouth size; and shape of the lateral line or tail. Recreational saltwater anglers in New Hampshire most commonly catch winter flounder, followed by yellowtail, summer flounder and American plaice. While not often caught, Atlantic halibut are the largest flounder found in the Gulf of Maine.



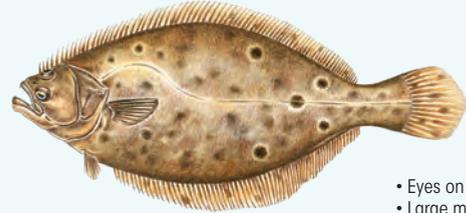
American plaice

- Eyes on right side
- Large mouth



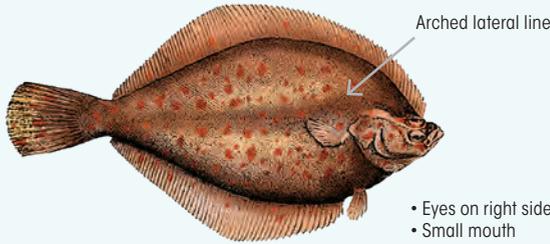
Winter flounder

- Eyes on right side
- Small mouth
- Scales between eyes



Summer flounder

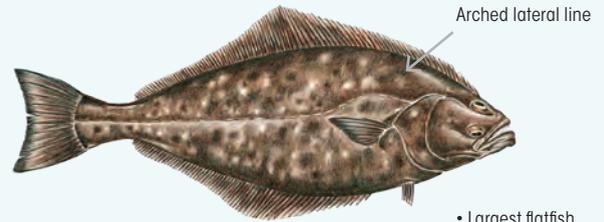
- Eyes on left side
- Large mouth
- Sharp teeth



Yellowtail flounder

Arched lateral line

- Eyes on right side
- Small mouth



Atlantic halibut

Arched lateral line

- Largest flatfish
- Eyes on right side
- Tail concave

Herring of New Hampshire

A variety of herring frequent New Hampshire coastal and estuarine waters and can be confusing to identify. River herring (alewife and blueback herring) and American shad are generally seen during spring spawning runs. Menhaden and Atlantic herring may appear in our estuaries during coastal migration in the summer or early fall.

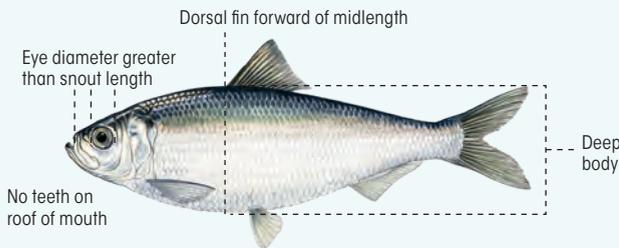


Atlantic sea herring

Dorsal fin at midlength

Teeth on roof of mouth

Narrow body



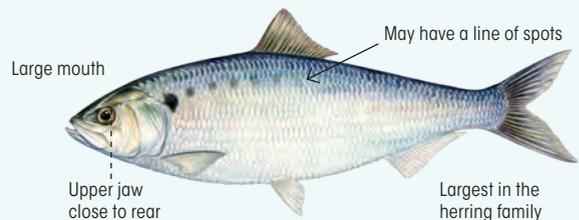
Alewife

Dorsal fin forward of midlength

Eye diameter greater than snout length

Deep body

No teeth on roof of mouth



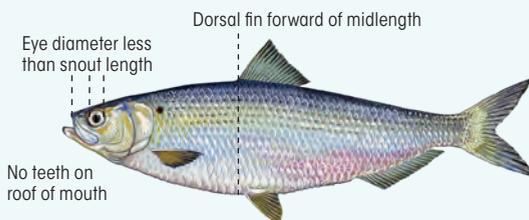
American shad

Large mouth

May have a line of spots

Upper jaw close to rear edge of eye

Largest in the herring family



Blueback herring

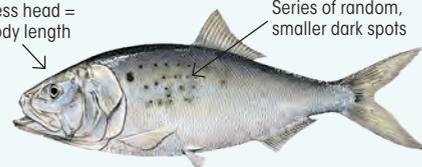
Dorsal fin forward of midlength

Eye diameter less than snout length

No teeth on roof of mouth

Scaleless head = 1/4 of body length

Series of random, smaller dark spots



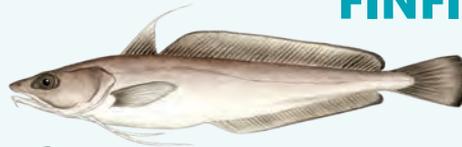
Atlantic menhaden

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FINFISH IDENTIFICATION



Bluefish



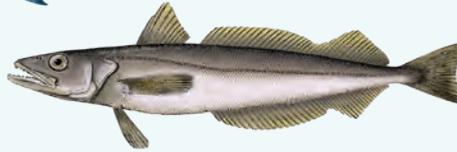
White hake



Bluefin tuna



Atlantic salmon



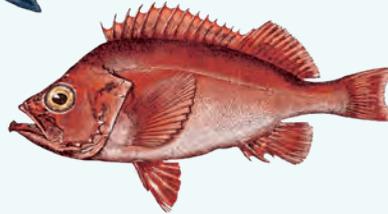
Silver hake



Rainbow smelt



Brown trout



Redfish



Black sea bass



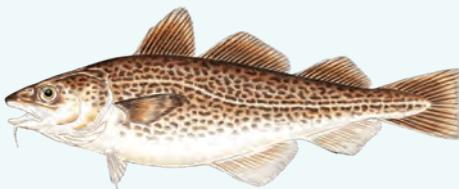
Monkfish



Atlantic wolffish



Striped bass



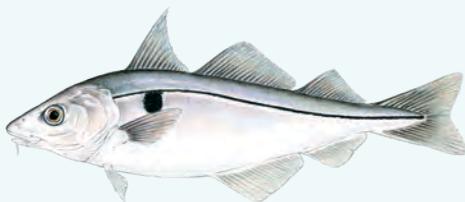
Atlantic cod



Cusk



Atlantic mackerel



Haddock



American eel



Pollock



Atlantic sturgeon

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SALTWATER RIGGING BASICS

Chunk Bait Bottom Rig

Chunk Bait Bottom Rig Setup

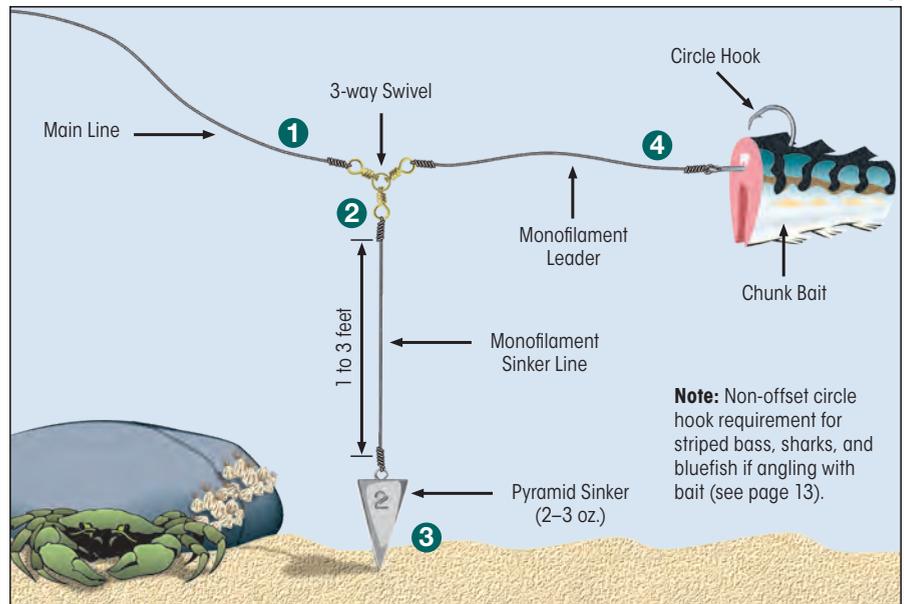
To create a setup that will allow you to present cut bait (herring, Atlantic mackerel, or clams) to predatory fish patrolling the surf:

1. Attach a 3-way swivel to the main line using a clinch knot
2. To the bottom-facing swivel ring, tie a stretch of monofilament (1 to 3 feet)
3. To the end of this line, tie a pyramid sinker
4. Tie your leader line and hook to the remaining swivel ring

This configuration will allow the bait to remain near the bottom where the pyramid sinker is resting, but the swells and current will pull the chunk bait a few feet up in the water column. By keeping the bait above the bottom, its movement imitates a swimming prey fish and helps to keep it out of reach of bottom-dwelling crabs and lobsters.

Hint: When fishing around rocky shorelines, use a lower pound test monofilament than the main line and leader, so that in the event of a snag in a rock crevice, only the weight is lost and will need to be retied.

Alternative floating setup: Helps keep crabs at bay. Tie a circle hook on your line, using a clinch knot. Attach a bobber about 3 feet above it. Clamp a small weight on the line in between, about a foot above the hook. Bait the hook with a live fish hooked through the lip or the back just below the dorsal fin.



Mackerel Rig Setup

Atlantic mackerel are a common catch from shore or by boat in New Hampshire. This small schooling fish is great for bait, dinner or just some fun, and especially good as an introduction to saltwater fishing for younger anglers. Mackerel are commonly caught on “sabiki” rigs, and for mackerel, this typically consists of a 1 oz. diamond jig or spoon with a number of 1/0 size hooks above it, which can have colorful tubes or flies attached. These are easy to find “prefab” in coastal bait shops, but you can make your own using dropper loops on a leader. When jigged, these look like a school of smaller fish being chased by a bigger fish. If fishing from shore, cast the rig out and, after it settles, lift with a jerk, reel in, and repeat. When fishing from a bridge or boat, drop the rig down into the water, allowing it to go out of sight, 15-20 feet down. Jig it by lifting with a jerk and allowing it to settle before lifting again; if you are not getting any action, change the depth of the rig.

Mackerel Rig



Landowner Protection

New Hampshire State law provides certain protections for landowners who open their land to those using it for outdoor recreation. For more information, visit wildlife.nh.gov/hunting-nh/landowner-relations-program.



Seacoast Fishing Guide

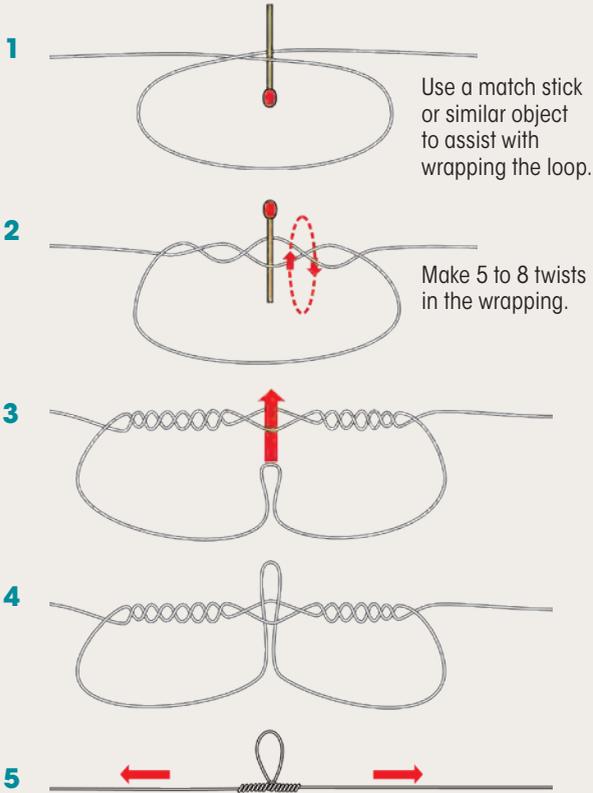
For fishing tips and places to cast your line on New Hampshire's beautiful coast, check out the Seacoast Fishing Guide.

Also available: shoreline fishing guides to the Manchester/Nashua Region, the Lakes Region, the Great North Woods, Southeastern and Southwestern NH, Upper Valley, and the Concord/Capital Region.

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Dropper Loop Knot (use to attach a second hook)



Use Circle Hooks

Non-offset corrodible hooks are mandatory to fish for striped bass, sharks, or bluefish if angling with bait.

To conserve fisheries, many sport anglers now release the fish they catch. Using circle hooks instead of standard J-hooks can significantly reduce mortality. Experienced striped bass anglers find that baited circle hooks, because the point is turned inward, almost always hook fish in the lip or jaw. Points on J-hooks, in contrast, are more exposed and can lodge in the gills, throat or stomach—internal organs where injuries can be fatal.

Because of its design, you don't need to "set" a circle hook as you would a J-hook; simply let the fish "take" the bait and then start reeling to get a hook-up. Many longtime anglers believe they actually catch more fish with circle hooks than J-hooks, once they've learned to use them properly.



circle hook



standard "J" hook

For more saltwater fishing tips and information, visit

wildlife.nh.gov/saltwater-fisheries-new-hampshire

Let's Go Fishing! Classes with N.H. Fish and Game

Want to learn how to fish, enhance your fishing skills, help turn a friend into a fishing buddy? Check out *Let's Go Fishing* classes from N.H. Fish and Game's Aquatic Resources Education team! Courses are offered throughout the state by trained volunteer instructors who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to help anglers get started.

Courses for adults and children are free of charge and designed to teach basic ecological concepts, fishing skills, and new ways to enjoy the outdoors together. Courses cover basic techniques for year-round fishing in ponds, lakes, streams and the ocean. A typical course offers hands-on instruction, plus a field trip to put your new skills to the test on the water. Let's Go Fishing also offers specialty clinics and weekend workshops on fly fishing, saltwater fishing, fly tying, ice fishing and more. For a class schedule, visit fishnh.com.

2024 Free Fishing Days —

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A **Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA)** between the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Law Enforcement Division and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Law Enforcement provides federal funding and resources for patrols, equipment, training and public outreach initiatives that help N.H. Conservation Officers enforce federal marine fisheries regulations.

The key is preventing and detecting marine violations. Through a combination of at-sea patrols, dockside inspections and public outreach, the JEA focuses on increasing voluntary compliance. It also encourages enforcement of state marine fisheries regulations in nearshore waters, including groundfish, lobster, striped bass and tuna patrols. This joint agreement improves our level of service to commercial harvesters and recreational anglers, as well as other coastal organizations and constituents. It significantly enhances Fish and Game's ability to conserve, manage and protect our marine fisheries resources for future generations.

Fixed Gear Harvesters — Prevent Whale Entanglement

One of the priorities of the JEA is expanding awareness of state and federal regulations now in effect to minimize whale entanglements in buoy lines and other fixed gear. The primary laws in place that affect fixed gear harvesters include vertical line marking, weak rope and/or weak rope inserts, plastic weak inserts, and groundlines. For a full description of the requirements, see page 25.



To learn more about general trap/pot requirements please scan the QR code with your phone's camera.

Examples of weak link and weak rope/inserts configurations:

- Weak links — required for gill nets only. Examples shown in images to the right.
- Weak rope/inserts — required for trap/pot gear — to view examples visit fisheries.noaa.gov/alwtrp or scan the QR code above.



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JANUARY 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	2:47	7.1	2:51	7.6	8:35	1.3	9:06	0.7	7:12	4:16	
2	3:31	7.1	3:38	7.2	9:23	1.4	9:48	0.9	7:12	4:16	
3	4:15	7.1	4:28	6.9	10:13	1.5	10:32	1.1	7:12	4:17	
4	5:01	7.2	5:21	6.7	11:06	1.5	11:19	1.3	7:12	4:18	☾
5	5:48	7.3	6:18	6.5			12:01	1.3	7:12	4:19	
6	6:38	7.4	7:17	6.5	12:09	1.4	12:59	1.1	7:12	4:20	
7	7:29	7.7	8:14	6.7	1:02	1.4	1:55	0.8	7:12	4:21	
8	8:20	8.0	9:06	6.9	1:56	1.3	2:47	0.3	7:12	4:22	
9	9:09	8.5	9:55	7.2	2:47	1.0	3:36	-0.1	7:12	4:23	
10	9:58	8.9	10:43	7.5	3:36	0.7	4:24	-0.5	7:11	4:24	
11	10:47	9.3	11:31	7.9	4:25	0.3	5:11	-0.9	7:11	4:26	☀
12	11:37	9.5			5:15	0.0	5:59	-1.1	7:11	4:27	
13	12:19	8.2	12:27	9.6	6:06	-0.2	6:47	-1.3	7:10	4:28	
14	1:07	8.4	1:18	9.5	6:58	-0.4	7:35	-1.2	7:10	4:29	
15	1:57	8.5	2:11	9.2	7:51	-0.4	8:25	-1.0	7:09	4:30	
16	2:49	8.6	3:07	8.8	8:48	-0.3	9:18	-0.6	7:09	4:31	
17	3:44	8.6	4:08	8.3	9:49	-0.1	10:13	-0.2	7:08	4:33	
18	4:41	8.5	5:12	7.8	10:53	0.0	11:11	0.3	7:08	4:34	☾
19	5:40	8.4	6:19	7.4	11:59	0.1			7:07	4:35	
20	6:42	8.3	7:27	7.1	12:12	0.7	1:08	0.1	7:06	4:36	
21	7:44	8.3	8:31	7.1	1:17	0.9	2:13	0.1	7:06	4:38	
22	8:42	8.3	9:28	7.2	2:19	1.0	3:10	0.0	7:05	4:39	
23	9:35	8.4	10:19	7.3	3:14	0.9	4:01	-0.1	7:04	4:40	
24	10:24	8.4	11:04	7.3	4:04	0.8	4:48	-0.2	7:03	4:42	
25	11:08	8.5	11:46	7.4	4:49	0.8	5:30	-0.2	7:02	4:43	☀
26	11:49	8.4			5:30	0.7	6:07	-0.1	7:02	4:44	
27	12:24	7.4	12:27	8.3	6:09	0.7	6:42	0.0	7:01	4:46	
28	12:59	7.5	1:03	8.2	6:46	0.7	7:15	0.1	7:00	4:47	
29	1:33	7.5	1:39	7.9	7:23	0.8	7:48	0.3	6:59	4:48	
30	2:08	7.5	2:17	7.6	8:02	0.9	8:23	0.5	6:58	4:50	
31	2:44	7.4	2:57	7.3	8:43	1.0	9:00	0.8	6:57	4:51	

Daylight Savings Time has been incorporated into these tables (in red).

Lunar Phases: ☀ = New ☾ = Last Quarter
 ☀ = Full ☽ = First Quarter

FEBRUARY 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	3:22	7.4	3:43	6.9	9:28	1.0	9:41	1.1	6:56	4:52	
2	4:04	7.4	4:32	6.6	10:17	1.1	10:27	1.3	6:55	4:54	☾
3	4:51	7.4	5:28	6.4	11:10	1.1	11:18	1.5	6:53	4:55	
4	5:43	7.4	6:29	6.3			12:09	1.0	6:52	4:56	
5	6:42	7.6	7:34	6.5	12:15	1.5	1:13	0.8	6:51	4:58	
6	7:44	8.0	8:34	6.8	1:17	1.4	2:14	0.4	6:50	4:59	
7	8:42	8.4	9:29	7.2	2:17	1.0	3:10	-0.1	6:49	5:01	
8	9:37	9.0	10:20	7.8	3:13	0.5	4:01	-0.7	6:47	5:02	
9	10:29	9.4	11:09	8.3	4:06	0.0	4:50	-1.1	6:46	5:03	☀
10	11:21	9.7	11:57	8.7	4:59	-0.5	5:38	-1.4	6:45	5:05	
11			12:12	9.8	5:51	-0.9	6:25	-1.5	6:43	5:06	
12	12:45	9.0	1:02	9.7	6:42	-1.1	7:12	-1.4	6:42	5:07	
13	1:33	9.2	1:54	9.3	7:35	-1.1	8:01	-1.1	6:41	5:09	
14	2:22	9.2	2:49	8.7	8:30	-0.9	8:51	-0.6	6:39	5:10	
15	3:15	8.9	3:48	8.1	9:28	-0.5	9:46	0.0	6:38	5:11	
16	4:11	8.6	4:52	7.5	10:30	-0.2	10:45	0.6	6:36	5:13	☾
17	5:12	8.3	5:59	7.1	11:37	0.2	11:49	1.1	6:35	5:14	
18	6:17	8.0	7:09	6.8			12:47	0.4	6:33	5:15	
19	7:25	7.8	8:15	6.8	12:58	1.3	1:56	0.4	6:32	5:17	
20	8:27	7.9	9:12	7.0	2:05	1.3	2:55	0.3	6:30	5:18	
21	9:22	8.0	10:01	7.1	3:02	1.1	3:46	0.2	6:29	5:19	
22	10:09	8.1	10:44	7.3	3:50	0.9	4:29	0.1	6:27	5:21	
23	10:52	8.2	11:22	7.5	4:34	0.7	5:08	0.0	6:26	5:22	
24	11:30	8.2	11:57	7.7	5:13	0.6	5:42	0.0	6:24	5:23	☀
25			12:05	8.2	5:49	0.5	6:13	0.1	6:22	5:25	
26	12:29	7.8	12:39	8.0	6:23	0.4	6:43	0.2	6:21	5:26	
27	1:00	7.8	1:13	7.8	6:57	0.4	7:13	0.4	6:19	5:27	
28	1:30	7.8	1:47	7.6	7:32	0.5	7:45	0.6	6:18	5:29	
29	2:01	7.8	2:25	7.3	8:09	0.5	8:20	0.8	6:16	5:30	

TIDE TABLE TIME ADJUSTMENTS (HOURS:MINUTES)		
LOCATION	HIGH	LOW
Piscataqua River		
Dover Point	+1:11	+1:10
Salmon Falls River	+1:13	+1:35
Squamscott River	+1:57	+2:24
Hampton Harbor	-0:08	+0:15

TIDE TABLES: PORTSMOUTH HARBOR

MARCH 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	2:37	7.7	3:06	7.0	8:50	0.6	9:00	1.1	6:14	5:31	
2	3:18	7.6	3:54	6.7	9:37	0.8	9:47	1.3	6:13	5:32	
3	4:06	7.6	4:49	6.5	10:30	0.9	10:40	1.5	6:11	5:34	☾
4	5:02	7.6	5:52	6.4	11:30	0.9	11:40	1.5	6:09	5:35	
5	6:05	7.7	7:01	6.5			12:37	0.8	6:07	5:36	
6	7:14	8.0	8:06	7.0	12:47	1.3	1:44	0.4	6:06	5:37	
7	8:18	8.5	9:03	7.5	1:53	0.9	2:43	-0.2	6:04	5:39	
8	9:17	9.0	9:55	8.2	2:53	0.3	3:36	-0.7	6:02	5:40	
9	10:11	9.4	10:45	8.8	3:49	-0.4	4:25	-1.1	6:00	5:41	
10			12:03	9.7	5:42	-0.9	6:13	-1.4	6:59	6:42	☀
11	12:32	9.3	12:55	9.7	6:34	-1.3	7:00	-1.4	6:57	6:44	
12	1:19	9.6	1:45	9.5	7:25	-1.5	7:47	-1.2	6:55	6:45	
13	2:06	9.7	2:37	9.1	8:16	-1.4	8:35	-0.8	6:53	6:46	
14	2:55	9.5	3:30	8.5	9:09	-1.1	9:25	-0.2	6:52	6:47	
15	3:46	9.1	4:28	7.9	10:06	-0.7	10:20	0.4	6:50	6:49	
16	4:43	8.6	5:31	7.4	11:07	-0.1	11:20	1.0	6:48	6:50	
17	5:44	8.1	6:37	6.9			12:12	0.3	6:46	6:51	☾
18	6:51	7.7	7:46	6.7	12:25	1.4	1:22	0.7	6:44	6:52	
19	8:01	7.6	8:51	6.8	1:36	1.6	2:31	0.8	6:43	6:53	
20	9:05	7.6	9:47	7.0	2:44	1.5	3:30	0.7	6:41	6:55	
21	9:59	7.7	10:34	7.3	3:42	1.3	4:19	0.5	6:39	6:56	
22	10:46	7.9	11:15	7.5	4:30	1.0	5:00	0.4	6:37	6:57	
23	11:27	8.0	11:51	7.8	5:12	0.7	5:36	0.3	6:35	6:58	
24			12:05	8.0	5:50	0.5	6:09	0.3	6:34	7:00	
25	12:24	8.0	12:41	8.0	6:25	0.3	6:39	0.4	6:32	7:01	☀
26	12:55	8.1	1:15	7.9	6:58	0.2	7:09	0.5	6:30	7:02	
27	1:25	8.2	1:48	7.7	7:31	0.2	7:39	0.6	6:28	7:03	
28	1:54	8.2	2:23	7.5	8:05	0.2	8:12	0.8	6:26	7:04	
29	2:26	8.1	2:59	7.3	8:41	0.3	8:48	1.0	6:25	7:06	
30	3:02	8.0	3:40	7.0	9:22	0.4	9:30	1.2	6:23	7:07	
31	3:45	7.9	4:29	6.8	10:09	0.5	10:18	1.4	6:21	7:08	

APRIL 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	4:36	7.9	5:25	6.7	11:04	0.7	11:14	1.5	6:19	7:09	
2	5:35	7.8	6:28	6.7			12:04	0.7	6:17	7:10	☾
3	6:40	7.9	7:35	6.9	12:17	1.4	1:09	0.6	6:16	7:11	
4	7:49	8.1	8:40	7.4	1:25	1.2	2:15	0.3	6:14	7:13	
5	8:56	8.5	9:37	8.1	2:33	0.7	3:15	-0.2	6:12	7:14	
6	9:56	8.9	10:29	8.7	3:35	0.1	4:09	-0.6	6:10	7:15	
7	10:52	9.2	11:18	9.3	4:32	-0.6	4:58	-0.9	6:09	7:16	
8	11:45	9.4			5:25	-1.1	5:47	-1.0	6:07	7:17	☀
9	12:06	9.7	12:37	9.3	6:17	-1.5	6:34	-0.9	6:05	7:19	
10	12:53	9.9	1:28	9.1	7:07	-1.6	7:22	-0.7	6:03	7:20	
11	1:41	9.8	2:19	8.8	7:58	-1.4	8:10	-0.2	6:02	7:21	
12	2:29	9.5	3:12	8.3	8:49	-1.1	9:01	0.3	6:00	7:22	
13	3:20	9.0	4:08	7.7	9:44	-0.5	9:55	0.8	5:58	7:23	
14	4:16	8.5	5:09	7.3	10:43	0.0	10:55	1.3	5:57	7:25	
15	5:17	8.0	6:11	7.0	11:45	0.5	11:59	1.6	5:55	7:26	☾
16	6:22	7.6	7:15	6.8			12:50	0.8	5:53	7:27	
17	7:27	7.4	8:16	6.9	1:06	1.7	1:54	1.0	5:52	7:28	
18	8:30	7.4	9:10	7.1	2:13	1.6	2:51	1.0	5:50	7:29	
19	9:25	7.4	9:56	7.4	3:11	1.4	3:39	0.9	5:48	7:31	
20	10:13	7.6	10:36	7.7	4:00	1.1	4:20	0.8	5:47	7:32	
21	10:55	7.6	11:13	8.0	4:42	0.8	4:56	0.7	5:45	7:33	
22	11:35	7.7	11:46	8.2	5:21	0.5	5:29	0.7	5:44	7:34	
23			12:13	7.7	5:56	0.3	6:02	0.8	5:42	7:35	☀
24	12:19	8.3	12:50	7.6	6:31	0.1	6:34	0.9	5:40	7:37	
25	12:51	8.4	1:25	7.6	7:05	0.1	7:08	0.9	5:39	7:38	
26	1:23	8.4	2:01	7.4	7:41	0.0	7:44	1.0	5:37	7:39	
27	1:59	8.4	2:40	7.3	8:20	0.1	8:24	1.1	5:36	7:40	
28	2:38	8.4	3:23	7.2	9:03	0.2	9:09	1.3	5:34	7:41	
29	3:24	8.3	4:14	7.1	9:52	0.3	10:00	1.3	5:33	7:43	
30	4:17	8.2	5:11	7.0	10:46	0.4	10:58	1.3	5:32	7:44	

MAY 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	5:18	8.1	6:11	7.2	11:45	0.4			5:30	7:45	☾
2	6:22	8.1	7:13	7.5	12:01	1.2	12:46	0.3	5:29	7:46	
3	7:29	8.2	8:14	8.0	1:08	1.0	1:47	0.1	5:27	7:47	
4	8:35	8.4	9:11	8.6	2:16	0.5	2:46	-0.1	5:26	7:48	
5	9:37	8.6	10:03	9.1	3:18	-0.1	3:41	-0.3	5:25	7:50	
6	10:33	8.7	10:53	9.6	4:15	-0.7	4:32	-0.4	5:23	7:51	
7	11:28	8.8	11:42	9.8	5:09	-1.1	5:21	-0.4	5:22	7:52	
8			12:21	8.8	6:00	-1.3	6:11	-0.3	5:21	7:53	☀
9	12:30	9.8	1:12	8.6	6:51	-1.3	6:59	0.0	5:20	7:54	
10	1:18	9.7	2:03	8.3	7:41	-1.1	7:48	0.3	5:18	7:55	
11	2:07	9.3	2:54	8.0	8:31	-0.7	8:38	0.7	5:17	7:56	
12	2:57	8.9	3:47	7.6	9:23	-0.3	9:31	1.1	5:16	7:58	
13	3:51	8.4	4:43	7.3	10:18	0.2	10:28	1.4	5:15	7:59	
14	4:48	8.0	5:40	7.1	11:14	0.6	11:28	1.7	5:14	8:00	
15	5:47	7.6	6:36	7.1			12:10	0.9	5:13	8:01	☾
16	6:46	7.3	7:31	7.1	12:29	1.8	1:05	1.1	5:12	8:02	
17	7:44	7.2	8:22	7.3	1:31	1.7	1:58	1.2	5:11	8:03	
18	8:41	7.1	9:09	7.6	2:29	1.5	2:47	1.2	5:10	8:04	
19	9:32	7.2	9:51	7.9	3:21	1.2	3:30	1.2	5:09	8:05	
20	10:18	7.2	10:29	8.1	4:06	0.9	4:10	1.2	5:08	8:06	
21	11:01	7.3	11:06	8.3	4:46	0.6	4:47	1.2	5:07	8:07	
22	11:42	7.4	11:42	8.5	5:25	0.3	5:24	1.1	5:06	8:08	
23			12:23	7.4	6:02	0.1	6:01	1.1	5:05	8:09	☀
24	12:19	8.6	1:02	7.4	6:41	0.0	6:40	1.1	5:05	8:10	
25	12:57	8.7	1:42	7.4	7:21	-0.1	7:22	1.1	5:04	8:11	
26	1:38	8.7	2:25	7.4	8:03	-0.1	8:06	1.1	5:03	8:12	
27	2:22	8.7	3:11	7.4	8:48	-0.1	8:54	1.1	5:03	8:13	
28	3:11	8.7	4:02	7.5	9:38	-0.1	9:48	1.0	5:02	8:14	
29	4:05	8.6	4:57	7.6	10:31	0.0	10:47	1.0	5:01	8:15	
30	5:05	8.4	5:54	7.9	11:26	0.0	11:49	0.9	5:01	8:16	☾
31	6:07	8.3	6:51	8.2			12:22	0.1	5:00	8:16	

JUNE 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	7:11	8.2	7:49	8.5	12:54	0.6	1:20	0.1	5:00	8:17	
2	8:16	8.1	8:46	8.9	1:59	0.3	2:19	0.1	4:59	8:18	
3	9:19	8.1	9:40	9.2	3:02	-0.1	3:15	0.2	4:59	8:19	
4	10:18	8.2	10:31	9.5	4:00	-0.5	4:09	0.2	4:58	8:19	
5	11:13	8.2	11:22	9.5	4:54	-0.8	5:00	0.3	4:58	8:20	
6			12:07	8.2	5:46	-0.9	5:51	0.4	4:58	8:21	☀
7	12:11	9.5	12:58	8.1	6:37	-0.9	6:41	0.5	4:57	8:22	
8	1:01	9.3	1:47	7.9	7:26	-0.7	7:29	0.7	4:57	8:22	
9	1:49	9.1	2:35	7.7	8:14	-0.4	8:18	1.0	4:57	8:23	
10	2:36	8.7	3:23	7.5	9:01	-0.1	9:07	1.2	4:57	8:23	
11	3:25	8.4	4:13	7.4	9:49	0.3	9:58	1.4	4:57	8:24	
12	4:15	8.0	5:03	7.3	10:37	0.6	10:52	1.6	4:57	8:24	
13	5:07	7.6	5:51	7.3	11:24	0.8	11:46	1.7	4:57	8:25	
14	6:00	7.3	6:39	7.4			12:11	1.1	4:57	8:25	☾
15	6:54	7.0	7:27	7.5	12:41	1.6	12:58	1.3	4:57	8:26	
16	7:50	6.9	8:15	7.6	1:38	1.5	1:46	1.4	4:57	8:26	
17	8:45	6.8	9:00	7.8	2:32	1.3	2:34	1.5	4:57	8:26	
18	9:36	6.9	9:44	8.1	3:22	1.0	3:20	1.5	4:57	8:27	
19	10:24	7.0	10:26	8.3	4:08	0.7	4:04	1.4	4:57	8:27	
20	11:10	7.1	11:08	8.5	4:51	0.4	4:47	1.3	4:57	8:27	
21	11:54	7.2	11:51	8.8	5:34	0.2	5:31	1.			

TIDE TABLES: PORTSMOUTH HARBOR

JULY 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	8:00	7.8	8:24	8.9	1:43	0.2	1:55	0.5	5:02	8:28	
2	9:05	7.7	9:21	9.0	2:48	0.0	2:55	0.6	5:02	8:27	
3	10:06	7.6	10:16	9.1	3:48	-0.2	3:52	0.7	5:03	8:27	
4	11:02	7.7	11:08	9.1	4:43	-0.4	4:46	0.7	5:03	8:27	
5	11:54	7.7	11:59	9.1	5:35	-0.4	5:37	0.8	5:04	8:26	●
6			12:44	7.7	6:25	-0.4	6:26	0.8	5:05	8:26	
7	12:46	9.0	1:30	7.7	7:11	-0.3	7:12	0.9	5:05	8:26	
8	1:32	8.8	2:13	7.6	7:54	-0.1	7:57	1.0	5:06	8:25	
9	2:15	8.6	2:55	7.6	8:35	0.1	8:41	1.1	5:07	8:25	
10	2:57	8.3	3:37	7.5	9:15	0.3	9:26	1.2	5:08	8:24	
11	3:41	7.9	4:19	7.5	9:55	0.6	10:13	1.3	5:08	8:24	
12	4:27	7.6	5:02	7.5	10:36	0.8	11:01	1.4	5:09	8:23	
13	5:15	7.2	5:46	7.5	11:18	1.1	11:51	1.5	5:10	8:23	☾
14	6:05	6.9	6:30	7.5			12:01	1.4	5:11	8:22	
15	6:58	6.7	7:18	7.6	12:44	1.4	12:48	1.6	5:12	8:21	
16	7:55	6.6	8:09	7.7	1:39	1.4	1:40	1.7	5:13	8:21	
17	8:53	6.6	9:00	8.0	2:36	1.2	2:33	1.7	5:14	8:20	
18	9:46	6.7	9:50	8.3	3:29	0.9	3:25	1.5	5:15	8:19	
19	10:36	7.0	10:39	8.6	4:18	0.5	4:15	1.2	5:16	8:18	
20	11:25	7.3	11:27	9.0	5:06	0.1	5:04	0.9	5:16	8:17	
21			12:12	7.6	5:53	-0.3	5:53	0.6	5:17	8:16	☽
22	12:16	9.3	12:59	7.9	6:39	-0.6	6:43	0.3	5:18	8:16	
23	1:05	9.5	1:46	8.3	7:25	-0.8	7:34	0.0	5:19	8:15	
24	1:54	9.5	2:33	8.6	8:11	-0.9	8:26	-0.1	5:20	8:14	
25	2:45	9.3	3:22	8.8	8:59	-0.8	9:20	-0.2	5:21	8:13	
26	3:38	9.0	4:14	8.9	9:49	-0.6	10:18	-0.1	5:23	8:12	
27	4:36	8.6	5:08	8.9	10:41	-0.3	11:18	0.0	5:24	8:10	
28	5:37	8.1	6:04	8.8	11:36	0.1			5:25	8:09	☾
29	6:40	7.7	7:03	8.7	12:21	0.1	12:34	0.5	5:26	8:08	
30	7:47	7.4	8:06	8.6	1:28	0.2	1:37	0.9	5:27	8:07	
31	8:54	7.3	9:08	8.6	2:35	0.2	2:41	1.0	5:28	8:06	

AUGUST 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	9:55	7.3	10:06	8.7	3:37	0.1	3:41	1.0	5:29	8:05	
2	10:50	7.4	10:58	8.7	4:33	0.0	4:36	1.0	5:30	8:03	
3	11:41	7.5	11:47	8.7	5:24	-0.1	5:25	0.9	5:31	8:02	
4			12:26	7.6	6:10	-0.1	6:11	0.8	5:32	8:01	●
5	12:31	8.7	1:08	7.6	6:51	0.0	6:54	0.8	5:33	8:00	
6	1:12	8.6	1:46	7.7	7:29	0.1	7:34	0.8	5:34	7:58	
7	1:51	8.4	2:22	7.7	8:04	0.2	8:13	0.9	5:35	7:57	
8	2:29	8.1	2:57	7.7	8:38	0.4	8:52	1.0	5:37	7:56	
9	3:07	7.8	3:33	7.7	9:12	0.7	9:34	1.0	5:38	7:54	
10	3:48	7.5	4:11	7.7	9:49	0.9	10:17	1.2	5:39	7:53	
11	4:32	7.1	4:53	7.6	10:29	1.2	11:04	1.2	5:40	7:51	
12	5:20	6.8	5:37	7.6	11:13	1.5	11:55	1.3	5:41	7:50	☾
13	6:13	6.6	6:27	7.6			12:01	1.7	5:42	7:48	
14	7:10	6.5	7:22	7.7	12:50	1.3	12:54	1.7	5:43	7:47	
15	8:11	6.5	8:21	7.9	1:51	1.2	1:53	1.7	5:44	7:45	
16	9:11	6.7	9:19	8.3	2:52	0.9	2:52	1.4	5:46	7:44	
17	10:05	7.1	10:13	8.8	3:47	0.5	3:48	1.0	5:47	7:42	
18	10:55	7.5	11:04	9.2	4:38	0.0	4:41	0.5	5:48	7:41	
19	11:44	8.1	11:55	9.5	5:26	-0.5	5:33	0.0	5:49	7:39	☽
20			12:32	8.6	6:13	-0.9	6:24	-0.4	5:50	7:37	
21	12:46	9.7	1:19	9.0	6:59	-1.1	7:16	-0.7	5:51	7:36	
22	1:36	9.7	2:06	9.3	7:46	-1.1	8:08	-0.8	5:52	7:34	
23	2:27	9.4	2:54	9.4	8:33	-0.9	9:02	-0.8	5:53	7:32	
24	3:21	9.0	3:46	9.3	9:23	-0.5	9:59	-0.6	5:55	7:31	
25	4:19	8.5	4:42	9.1	10:17	0.0	11:00	-0.3	5:56	7:29	
26	5:21	7.9	5:41	8.8	11:14	0.5			5:57	7:27	☾
27	6:26	7.5	6:44	8.5	12:04	0.1	12:16	0.9	5:58	7:26	
28	7:34	7.2	7:51	8.3	1:12	0.3	1:23	1.2	5:59	7:24	
29	8:41	7.1	8:56	8.3	2:21	0.4	2:31	1.3	6:00	7:22	
30	9:42	7.2	9:54	8.4	3:25	0.4	3:32	1.2	6:01	7:20	
31	10:35	7.4	10:45	8.4	4:19	0.3	4:25	1.0	6:02	7:19	

SEPTEMBER 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	11:21	7.5	11:30	8.5	5:06	0.2	5:11	0.8	6:07	7:16	
2			12:02	7.7	5:47	0.2	5:54	0.7	6:09	7:15	
3	12:11	8.4	12:39	7.8	6:24	0.2	6:32	0.6	6:10	7:13	●
4	12:49	8.3	1:13	7.9	6:57	0.3	7:09	0.6	6:11	7:11	
5	1:25	8.2	1:45	8.0	7:29	0.4	7:44	0.6	6:12	7:09	
6	2:01	7.9	2:17	8.0	8:00	0.6	8:20	0.7	6:13	7:08	
7	2:36	7.7	2:49	7.9	8:32	0.9	8:57	0.8	6:14	7:06	
8	3:14	7.4	3:25	7.8	9:08	1.1	9:38	0.9	6:15	7:04	
9	3:55	7.1	4:05	7.7	9:47	1.4	10:24	1.1	6:16	7:02	
10	4:42	6.8	4:52	7.6	10:32	1.6	11:15	1.2	6:17	7:00	
11	5:35	6.6	5:46	7.6	11:23	1.7			6:18	6:59	☾
12	6:33	6.5	6:45	7.7	12:12	1.2	12:19	1.8	6:19	6:57	
13	7:37	6.6	7:49	7.9	1:14	1.1	1:21	1.6	6:21	6:55	
14	8:39	6.9	8:51	8.4	2:18	0.8	2:25	1.2	6:22	6:53	
15	9:36	7.4	9:49	8.8	3:16	0.3	3:25	0.7	6:23	6:51	
16	10:27	8.1	10:42	9.3	4:08	-0.2	4:20	0.1	6:24	6:50	
17	11:15	8.7	11:34	9.6	4:57	-0.7	5:13	-0.5	6:25	6:48	
18			12:03	9.2	5:44	-1.0	6:05	-1.0	6:26	6:46	☽
19	12:25	9.7	12:50	9.6	6:31	-1.1	6:57	-1.3	6:27	6:44	
20	1:17	9.6	1:38	9.8	7:18	-1.0	7:48	-1.3	6:28	6:42	
21	2:09	9.3	2:27	9.7	8:07	-0.7	8:42	-1.1	6:29	6:41	
22	3:03	8.8	3:19	9.4	8:58	-0.2	9:38	-0.7	6:30	6:39	
23	4:01	8.3	4:16	9.0	9:53	0.3	10:40	-0.3	6:32	6:37	
24	5:04	7.7	5:19	8.6	10:53	0.8	11:45	0.2	6:33	6:35	☾
25	6:10	7.4	6:25	8.2	11:58	1.2			6:34	6:33	
26	7:17	7.1	7:33	8.0	12:54	0.5	1:07	1.4	6:35	6:32	
27	8:23	7.1	8:38	8.0	2:02	0.6	2:16	1.4	6:36	6:30	
28	9:21	7.3	9:35	8.1	3:03	0.6	3:16	1.2	6:37	6:28	
29	10:10	7.5	10:24	8.1	3:54	0.5	4:07	1.0	6:38	6:26	
30	10:53	7.8	11:07	8.2	4:38	0.4	4:51	0.7	6:39	6:25	

OCTOBER 2024											
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set	
1	11:31	8.0	11:47	8.1	5:16	0.4	5:31	0.6	6:40	6:23	
2	12:05	8.1			5:50	0.5	6:08	0.4	6:42	6:21	●
3	12:24	8.0	12:38	8.2	6:22	0.6	6:43	0.4	6:43	6:19	
4	1:00	7.9	1:09	8.2	6:53	0.7	7:16	0.4	6:44	6:17	
5	1:34	7.7	1:39	8.2	7:24	0.9	7:50	0.4	6:45	6:16	
6	2:09	7.5	2:11	8.1	7:57	1.1	8:27	0.5	6:46	6:14	
7	2:45	7.2	2:47	8.0	8:33	1.3	9:07	0.7	6:47	6:12	
8	3:26	7.0	3:29	7.8	9:13	1.5	9:52	0.8	6:49	6:11	
9	4:13	6.8	4:18	7.7	10:00	1.7	10:45	1.0	6:50	6:09	
10	5:07	6.6	5:14	7.7	10:54	1.7	11:43	1.0	6:51	6:07	☾
11	6:06	6.7	6:16	7.8	11:53	1.7			6:52	6:05	
12	7:09	6.9	7:22	8.0	12:44	0.9	12:57	1.4	6:53	6:04	
13	8:10	7.3	8:26	8.4	1:46	0.6	2:03	1.0	6:54	6:02	
14	9:07	8.0	9:26	8.8	2:45	0.2	3:05	0.4	6:56	6:00	
15	9:58	8.6	10:21	9.1	3:38	-0.3	4:01	-0.3	6:57	5:59	
16	10:47	9.3	11:14	9.3	4:28	-0.6	4:54	-0.9	6:58	5:57	
17	11:35	9.8			5:16	-0.8	5:46	-1.4	6:59	5:56	☽
18	12:06	9.4	12:23	10.0	6:04	-0.8	6:38	-1.6	7:00	5:54	
19	12:59	9.2	1:12	10.0	6:53	-0.7	7:30	-1.5	7:02	5:52	
20	1:51	8.9	2:02	9.8	7:42	-0.3	8:22	-1.2	7:03	5:51	
21	2:45	8.5	2:54	9.4	8:34	0.1	9:18	-0			

TIDE TABLES: PORTSMOUTH HARBOR

NOVEMBER 2024												
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.	
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set		
1	12:02	8.3			5:46	0.9	6:16	0.2	7:18	5:34	●	
2	12:34	7.6	12:35	8.3	6:19	1.0	6:50	0.2	7:19	5:32		
3	1:10	7.5	12:08	8.3	5:52	1.1	6:25	0.2	6:20	4:31		
4	12:46	7.3	12:42	8.2	6:28	1.2	7:03	0.3	6:22	4:30		
5	1:23	7.2	1:20	8.2	7:06	1.3	7:44	0.4	6:23	4:29		
6	2:04	7.0	2:04	8.1	7:48	1.4	8:30	0.5	6:24	4:28		
7	2:51	6.9	2:54	8.0	8:37	1.5	9:22	0.6	6:26	4:26		
8	3:46	6.9	3:51	7.9	9:32	1.5	10:18	0.6	6:27	4:25		
9	4:44	7.0	4:53	7.9	10:33	1.4	11:16	0.5	6:28	4:24	☾	
10	5:43	7.3	5:58	8.0	11:37	1.1			6:29	4:23		
11	6:42	7.8	7:03	8.2	12:15	0.3	12:43	0.7	6:31	4:22		
12	7:39	8.4	8:05	8.4	1:14	0.1	1:46	0.1	6:32	4:21		
13	8:32	9.0	9:02	8.7	2:09	-0.2	2:44	-0.5	6:33	4:20		
14	9:22	9.5	9:57	8.8	3:01	-0.4	3:38	-1.1	6:35	4:19		
15	10:11	9.9	10:50	8.8	3:51	-0.5	4:30	-1.4	6:36	4:18	☉	
16	11:01	10.0	11:43	8.7	4:41	-0.4	5:22	-1.5	6:37	4:17		
17	11:51	9.9			5:31	-0.3	6:13	-1.4	6:38	4:16		
18	12:35	8.5	12:41	9.6	6:22	0.0	7:05	-1.0	6:40	4:16		
19	1:27	8.2	1:33	9.2	7:13	0.4	7:58	-0.6	6:41	4:15		
20	2:22	7.8	2:28	8.7	8:07	0.8	8:55	-0.1	6:42	4:14		
21	3:19	7.5	3:27	8.2	9:06	1.1	9:53	0.3	6:43	4:13		
22	4:18	7.3	4:28	7.8	10:07	1.4	10:51	0.7	6:44	4:13		
23	5:16	7.2	5:29	7.5	11:10	1.5	11:47	0.9	6:46	4:12	☾	
24	6:12	7.2	6:28	7.3	12:13	1.5			6:47	4:12		
25	7:05	7.4	7:26	7.2	12:41	1.0	1:13	1.3	6:48	4:11		
26	7:53	7.6	8:18	7.2	1:32	1.1	2:06	1.1	6:49	4:10		
27	8:37	7.8	9:05	7.2	2:17	1.1	2:53	0.8	6:50	4:10		
28	9:16	8.0	9:49	7.2	2:58	1.1	3:34	0.5	6:52	4:10		
29	9:53	8.2	10:30	7.3	3:36	1.1	4:13	0.3	6:53	4:09		
30	10:30	8.3	11:09	7.3	4:12	1.1	4:50	0.2	6:54	4:09		

Daylight Savings Time has been incorporated into these tables (in red).

Lunar Phases: ● = New ☾ = Last Quarter
 ○ = Full ☽ = First Quarter

TIDE TABLE TIME ADJUSTMENTS (HOURS:MINUTES)		
LOCATION	HIGH	LOW
Piscataqua River		
Dover Point	+1:11	+1:10
Salmon Falls River	+1:13	+1:35
Squamscott River	+1:57	+2:24
Hampton Harbor	-0:08	+0:15

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DECEMBER 2024												
Date	HIGH				LOW				SUN		MOON Qtr.	
	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	A.M.	Hgt.	P.M.	Hgt.	Rise	Set		
1	11:06	8.4	11:48	7.3	4:48	1.1	5:27	0.1	6:55	4:09	●	
2	11:43	8.4			5:25	1.1	6:05	0.0	6:56	4:08		
3	12:26	7.2	12:21	8.5	6:04	1.1	6:44	0.0	6:57	4:08		
4	1:05	7.2	1:02	8.5	6:45	1.1	7:26	0.0	6:58	4:08		
5	1:47	7.2	1:47	8.4	7:30	1.1	8:12	0.1	6:59	4:08		
6	2:33	7.2	2:37	8.3	8:19	1.1	9:01	0.1	7:00	4:08		
7	3:25	7.3	3:32	8.2	9:15	1.0	9:54	0.1	7:01	4:07		
8	4:20	7.6	4:33	8.0	10:15	0.9	10:49	0.2	7:02	4:07	☾	
9	5:17	7.9	5:36	7.9	11:18	0.7	11:45	0.2	7:03	4:07		
10	6:14	8.2	6:41	7.9	12:23	0.4			7:04	4:08		
11	7:12	8.6	7:46	7.9	12:44	0.2	1:28	-0.1	7:04	4:08		
12	8:08	9.0	8:47	8.1	1:43	0.1	2:29	-0.5	7:05	4:08		
13	9:02	9.4	9:44	8.2	2:39	0.1	3:25	-0.9	7:06	4:08		
14	9:54	9.6	10:38	8.2	3:32	0.0	4:18	-1.2	7:07	4:08		
15	10:45	9.6	11:30	8.2	4:24	0.0	5:10	-1.2	7:07	4:08	☉	
16	11:36	9.5			5:15	0.1	6:00	-1.1	7:08	4:09		
17	12:21	8.1	12:26	9.3	6:06	0.2	6:50	-0.8	7:09	4:09		
18	1:10	7.9	1:15	9.0	6:55	0.4	7:38	-0.5	7:09	4:09		
19	1:59	7.7	2:04	8.6	7:45	0.7	8:26	-0.1	7:10	4:10		
20	2:49	7.5	2:55	8.1	8:37	1.0	9:15	0.3	7:11	4:10		
21	3:39	7.4	3:48	7.7	9:31	1.2	10:04	0.6	7:11	4:11		
22	4:30	7.3	4:43	7.2	10:27	1.4	10:53	1.0	7:12	4:11	☾	
23	5:20	7.3	5:39	6.9	11:25	1.4	11:42	1.2	7:12	4:12		
24	6:10	7.3	6:37	6.7	12:23	1.4			7:12	4:13		
25	7:00	7.4	7:34	6.6	12:33	1.4	1:21	1.2	7:13	4:13		
26	7:49	7.6	8:28	6.7	1:25	1.5	2:14	1.0	7:13	4:14		
27	8:35	7.7	9:16	6.8	2:13	1.5	3:00	0.7	7:13	4:15		
28	9:18	8.0	10:01	6.9	2:58	1.4	3:43	0.4	7:14	4:15		
29	10:00	8.2	10:43	7.1	3:40	1.3	4:24	0.2	7:14	4:16		
30	10:41	8.4	11:25	7.2	4:21	1.1	5:04	0.0	7:14	4:17	●	
31	11:22	8.6			5:02	0.9	5:45	-0.2	7:14	4:18		



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Tidal Region Mooring Regulations

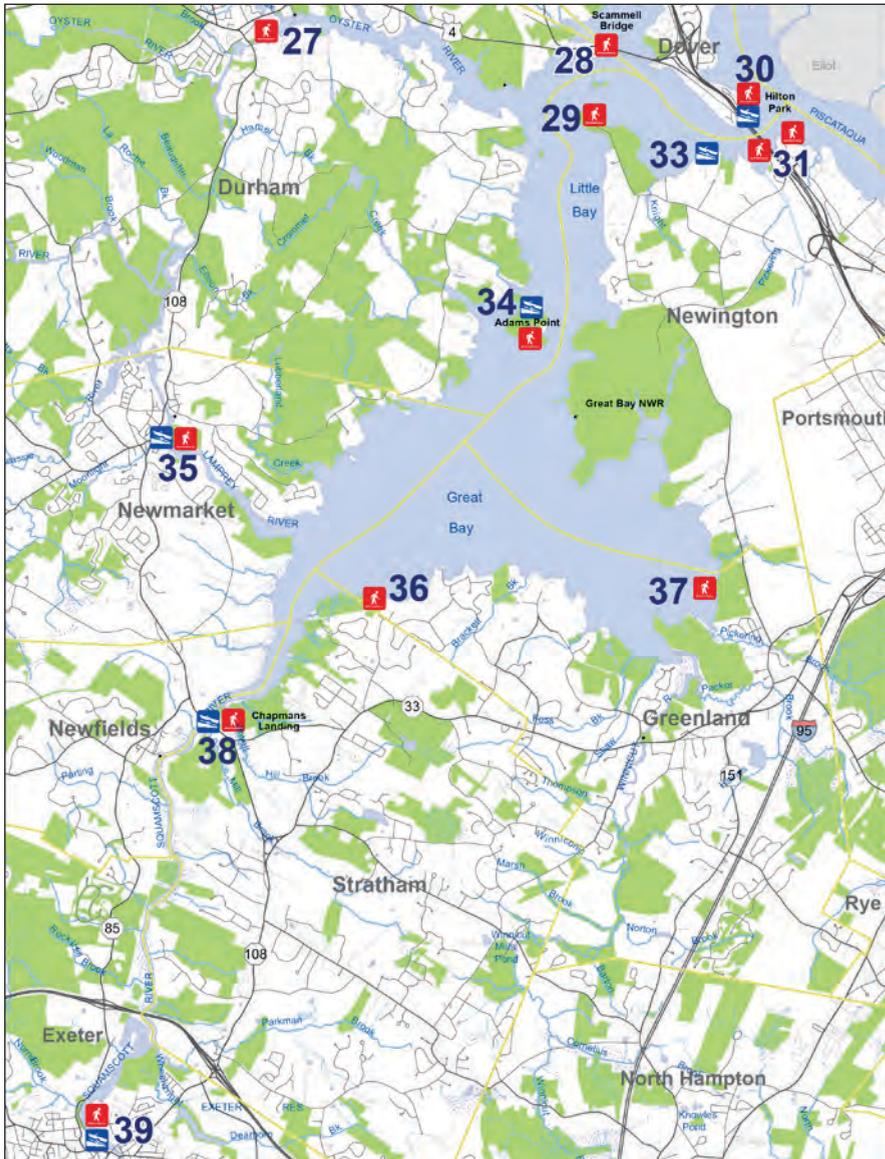
The Pease Development Authority — Division of Ports and Harbors ("DPH") regulates moorings in N.H. tidal waters. DPH is the only agency that can permit moorings for use in the state's tidal waters.

A person may apply for a mooring in the following classifications: general use mooring, shorefront property mooring, commercial use mooring, and commercial mooring for hire. State agencies may apply for a non-revenue mooring permit. Applicants should refer to the N.H. Administrative Rules Pda 500—Moorings and Anchorages to determine what type of mooring permits they qualify for. The rules can be found on the DPH website at portofnh.org.

The mooring permit holder's last name (if an individual) or business name and mooring permit number must be on the mooring buoy in letters and numbers at least 2 inches high.

If no mooring is available, a mooring permit applicant may place his or her name on a wait list for the mooring area. A person may apply for more than one wait list area. Mooring permit applications and wait list applications may be obtained by contacting Pease Development Authority—Division of Ports and Harbors, 555 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. If you have questions, please call (603) 436-8500.

Great Bay Access Sites



Looking for Exciting Sportfishing?

Surf fishing is great along New Hampshire's sandy beaches and rocky coastline. Use the map on this page to find shore and boat access points for saltwater fishing in the Great Bay Estuary and its tidal river tributaries. For prime coastal access points, see pages 16–17.

Legend

- Boat ramp/Marina
- Shore fishing access
- Town boundary
- Conservation
- Road/Street
- Stream/Shoreline
- Waterbody
- Wetland

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SITE # ON MAP	NAME	FEE	PARKING	COMMENTS
27	Durham Town Landing	N	Ample	
28	Scammel Bridge	N	Ample	Parking at both ends of bridge
29	Fox Point	N	Limited	Newington resident access only
30	Hilton Park	N	Ample	Boat ramp not accessible at low tide
31	Bloody Point	N	Limited	Bloody Point is a shore site at the end of Bloody Point Road
33	Great Bay Marine	Y	Ample	Marina; private docks; fuel dock and boat launch; restaurant.
34	Adams Point	N	Limited	Boat ramp not accessible at low tide
35	Newmarket Town Landing	N	Limited	Not accessible at all tides; also shore fishing access behind mill building
36	Great Bay Discovery Center/ Depot Road Boat Launch	N	Limited	Cartop only; not accessible at all tides
37	Great Bay Access	N	Limited*	No wheeled vehicles; no shoreside parking
38	Chapman's Landing	N	Ample	Accessible at all tides
39	Swazey Parkway/Exeter Downtown Boat Ramp	N	Ample	In center of downtown Exeter; limited trailer parking

* No shoreside parking

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COASTAL ACCESS SITES

SITE # ON MAP	NAME	FEE	PARKING	COMMENTS
1	Blackwater River	N	Limited	Parking along Route 286; fish from bridge and shoreline
2	Seabrook Town Boat Launch	N	Limited	Boat ramp use open to all, but parking for Seabrook residents only
3	Seabrook Beach Village**	N	Limited*	Parking along Route 1A (Ocean Blvd) on Seabrook side of bridge; Lot with limited spaces
4	Hampton Seabrook Bridge	N	Limited*	Parking along Route 1A (Ocean Blvd) or in state parks for a fee
5	Hampton Harbor State Park**	Y	Ample	Jetty and beach fishing access
6	Hampton Harbor State Marina	Y	Ample	Seasonal fees apply
7	Tide Mill Creek	N	Limited	Cartop boat access and shore fishing
8	Hampton North Beach**	N	Ample	Metered parking at state beach
9	North Hampton State Park**	N	Limited	Metered parking at state beach; Parking along Route 1A
10	Bass Beach	N	Limited	Parking along Route 1A
11	Jenness State Beach**	N	Limited	Metered parking at state beach; Parking along Route 1A
12	Rye Harbor State Marina	Y	Ample	Seasonal fees apply
13	Rye Harbor State Park	Y	Limited	Jetty and beach fishing access; Seasonal fees apply
14	Wallis Sands State Park**	Y	Ample	Seasonal fees apply
15	Berry's Brook	N	Limited	Sea-run brown trout fishery
16	Odiorne State Park Boat Ramp	N	Ample	Jetty and shore fishing access; Boat ramp not accessible at all tides
17	Odiorne State Park Jetty and Beach Access	Y	Ample	Jetty and beach access along trail at edge of parking lot; shore fishing access at other roadside parking; Seasonal fees apply
18	Portsmouth Marina	Y	Ample	Marina; private docks; Fuel dock and boat launch
19	Wentworth Marina	Y	Ample	Marina; private docks; Fuel dock
20	Fort Stark	N	Limited	Jetty and beach fishing access
21	Great Island Common	Y	Ample	Jetty and shore fishing access
22	Fort Constitution	N	Limited	Shore fishing access behind fort (open limited hours); Follow US Coast Guard Station signs and rules
23	Goat Island	N	Limited	Cartop launch area only
24	Peirce Island	Y	Ample	Seasonal fees apply
25	Four Tree Island	N	Ample	Jetty and shore fishing
26	Prescott Park	N	Limited	Temporary boat slips by reservation; Piers for shore fishing access

* May be no or limited parking in immediate vicinity of bridge and beach.

** The N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation may restrict fishing at swimming areas of State Park Beaches or municipalities may restrict fishing.

Managing Our Marine Resources

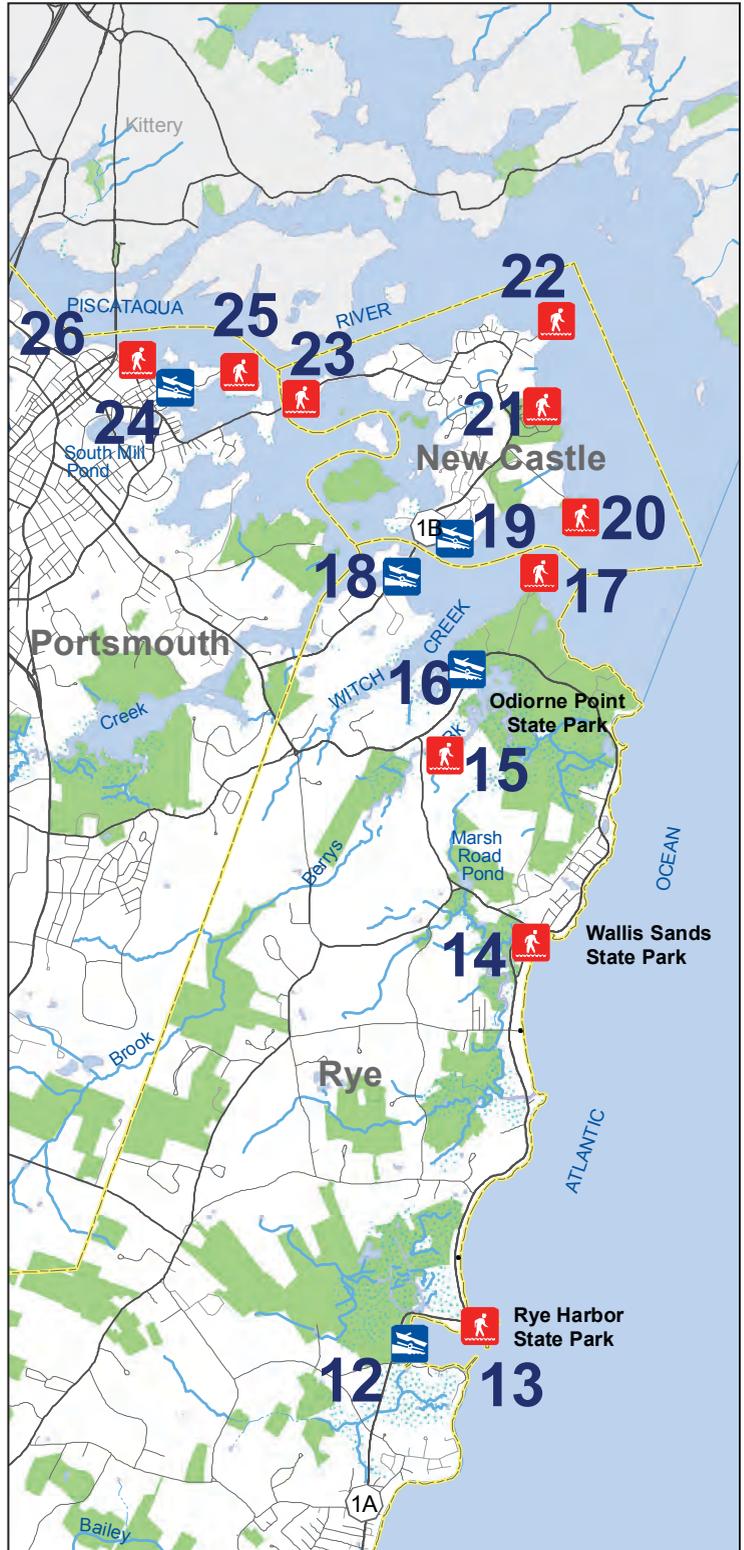
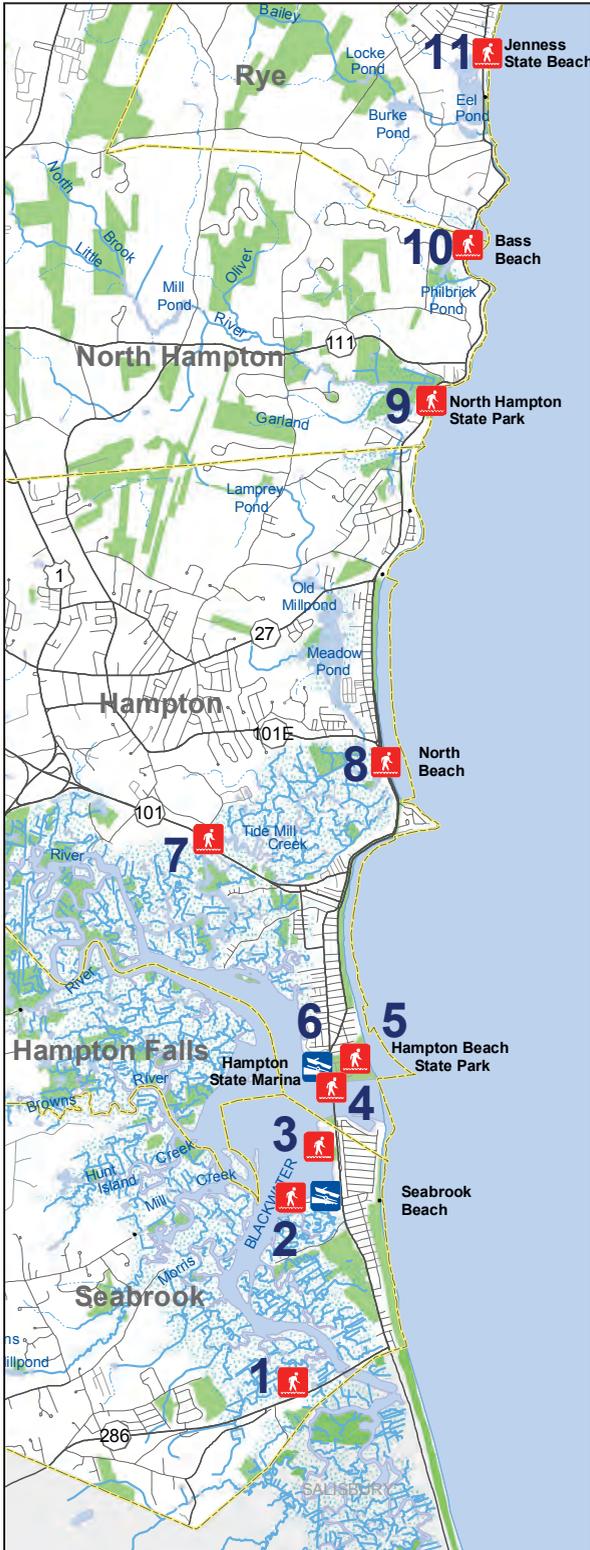
The Marine Fisheries Division of the N.H. Fish and Game Department is responsible for the regulation and promotion of recreational and commercial marine fishing in the salt waters of the state. State waters include all waters within 3 miles of the coastline; the area between 3 and 200 miles from shore is under the jurisdiction of the Federal government. The Marine Division conducts scientific investigations to monitor marine resources and habitat as well as the harvest of fishery resources within state waters. We also work with other states through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, as well as the New England Fisheries Management Council, to manage marine species throughout their range.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC.org) was formed by the 15 Atlantic coast states in 1942, in recognition that fish do not adhere to political boundaries. The Commission serves as a deliberative body, coordinating the conservation and management of the states' shared near-shore fishery resources – marine, shell, and diadromous – for sustainable use. The Commission's mission is to promote the better utilization of the fisheries of the Atlantic seaboard by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries, and by the prevention of physical waste of the fisheries from any cause. It currently manages more than 27 species, including lobster, striped bass, bluefish, Atlantic sea herring, spiny dogfish, northern shrimp, and river herring. New Hampshire is represented on the ASMFC by three commissioners, including one representative from Fish and Game's Marine Fisheries Division.

The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC.org) is one of eight regional fishery councils created in 1976. NEFMC manages the living marine resources in the Federal waters (between 3 and 200 miles offshore) off the New England coastline. The NEMFC includes three New Hampshire members – the head of the Marine Division, as well as two local fishermen. It has developed fishery management plans for groundfish (cod, haddock, flounders, etc.), scallops, Atlantic sea herring, monkfish, red crab, skates, Atlantic salmon, and habitat. The plans are approved by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and implemented by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service.



N.H. Coastal Access Sites



Legend

Boat ramp/Marina	Town boundary	Road/Street	Waterbody
Shore fishing access	Conservation	Stream/Shoreline	Wetland

COMMERCIAL SALTWATER FISHING — FINFISH

New Hampshire has an active commercial marine fishing industry. Commercial finfish harvesting occurs almost exclusively in federal waters. State licenses may be required to harvest, transport, sell, or possess.

Reporting Requirements: Any person holding a permit to net or harvest from coastal waters must submit a monthly report of fishing

activities. Forms are available from the Fish and Game Marine Division. Fishermen must also participate in the National Marine Fisheries Service Vessel Trip Report program, if they have a federal permit for specific species.

Groundfish: See tables below for specific information and page 6 for a list of groundfish species.

- No mobile gear may be used to take finfish or crustaceans in state waters.
- Minimum mesh size for gillnets and mobile gear is 6.5 inches to take, transport or possess groundfish.
- All federally permitted vessels must abide by current federal trip limits for groundfish.



NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMERCIAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES	MIN. LENGTH (TOTAL LENGTH)	LIMIT	CLOSED SEASON/ DAY	SPECIAL RULES
American Eel	9 inches	No limit	Fishway closures: October 2 – June 14	• See Coastal Harvest Section, page 19 • Harvest Permit required if taken by any method other than angling
American Plaice*	12 inches	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	
American Shad	No min. length	No limit	No closed season	• All shad taken in State waters must be immediately released • Commercial landing cannot exceed 5% of the total landing by weight per trip
Atlantic Cod*	19 inches	See footnote**	April 1 – June 30	• See Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area map on page 8
Atlantic Halibut*	41 inches	1 fish per trip/vessel	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	Head and tail intact
Atlantic Menhaden	No min. length	6,000 lbs./day once state quota harvested	Jan 1 – June 14	• Only non-directed or small scale gears permitted in state waters (call 868-1095 for list of allowable gears) • See gill net/small-scale purse seine restrictions (page 19) • No receiving menhaden from harvester at sea or transfer catch while at sea. • Daily electronic reporting requirement for menhaden dealers
Atlantic Sea Herring	No min. length	Contact Marine Division for current trip limits: (603) 868-1095	• September 23 – November 3 • Contact Marine Fisheries for prohibited landing days	• Fish and Game Director may revise closure dates • Max. incidental catch = 2,000 lbs./day during specific area closures • Permit required to possess herring (see page 4) • May be possessed without a permit for use as bait when tending lobster and crab pots and recreational fishing
Atlantic Wolffish	No min. length	No limit	Closed	Taking and possession prohibited
Black Sea Bass	11 inches	No limit	No closed season	• Length does not include filament/tail extension • If harvest with pots or traps call Marine Fisheries (603) 868-1095 for gear specifications
Bluefin Tuna	73 inches CFL***	Variable; see website	No closed season	Under federal management; contact NMFS — 1-888-USA-TUNA or hmspermits.noaa.gov ; Commercial saltwater license required for sale
Bluefish	No min. length	No limit	October 1 – June 30 (by any method)	
Dogfish, Spiny	No min. length	Contact Marine Division for current trip limits: (603) 868-1095	May 1 – June 30	• Subject to additional closures • Finning prohibited
Haddock*	16 inches	See footnote**	April 1 – June 30	Head and tail intact, unless fillet is 10 inches minimum
Monkfish	17 inches	No limit	No closed season	• Tails: minimum 11 inches; measured from the anterior portion of the fourth cephalic dorsal spine to the end of the caudal fin • Livers: shall not exceed 25% of the total weight of monkfish tails or 10% of the total weight of whole monkfish on any trip
Ocean Pout*		See footnote**	Closed	Take and possession prohibited
Pollock*	19 inches	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	
Rainbow Smelt (saltwater)	No min. length	4 liquid quarts/day	Net or Weirs: March 1 – December 15 Inland of Memorial Bridge (Portsmouth)	• Head and tail intact • Bow nets and dip nets held in hand may be used in: Oyster, Squamscott, Bellamy, and Lamprey Rivers • Harvest Permit required for nets (see Coastal Harvest Section, page 19) • Commercial saltwater license required to sell
Redfish*	7 inches	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	
River Herring (Alewife/ Blueback Herring)	No min. length	No limit	Closed to all harvest in NH waters	
Sharks — Blue and Thresher	No min. length	No limit	No closed season	• All sharks — head, fins and tail must remain attached through landing • Additional federal regulations apply in federal waters (call 1-978-281-9315)
Sharks — Shortfin Mako and Porbeagle		See Special Rules		• Shortfin Mako — no take or possession. • Porbeagle — No take in state waters. • See Fis 603.20 for additional species not common to NH waters.
Striped Bass	No min. length	No limit	Closed	Take by netting prohibited; sale prohibited
Sturgeon	No min. length	No limit	Closed	Take and possession prohibited
Summer Flounder*	No min. length	See footnote**	Closed	Take prohibited
White Hake*	No min. length	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	
White Perch	No min. length	No limit	Closed	Sale is prohibited
Windowpane Flounder*	No min. length	See footnote**	Closed	Take and possession prohibited
Winter Flounder *	12 inches	See footnote**	April 1 – June 30	If not federally permitted for groundfish, may possess up to 500 lbs./vessel
Witch Flounder*	13 inches	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	
Yellowtail Flounder*	12 inches	See footnote**	Gill net: April 1 – June 30	

* All groundfish species that are filleted and skinned must retain at least 2 square inches of contiguous skin intact for identification purposes.

** Non-federally permitted vessels fishing in state waters with a commercial saltwater license are restricted to current daily trip limits for common pool vessels pursuant to 50CFR648.86. Federally permitted vessels, current federal regulations and trip limits apply.

*** Curved fork length — See definition on page 6.



There are regulations relating to the harvest of many marine species from New Hampshire's coastal and estuarine waters, generally by means other than hook and line. Refer to the tables at right for general species regulations and gear restrictions for fish and invertebrates commonly harvested by coastal harvest permittees.

Harvest Permit: Required to take finfish by seine, net, weir, pot or trap, horseshoe crab by any method, or American eel by any method but angling, from coastal and estuarine waters of N.H. Also required to take any species, except lobsters and crabs, for commercial purposes from N.H. waters unless already reporting the catch to NOAA Fisheries via vessel trip reports. Available at Fish and Game Region 3 Office in Durham. Netting of river herring, when allowed, by residents only and non-residents holding a non-resident Commercial Saltwater License.

NOTE: If you are harvesting finfish for personal use only, you need to purchase a recreational saltwater license (see page 5). If you plan to sell your catch, you need a commercial saltwater license.

Reporting: Any person holding a permit to net or harvest from coastal waters is required to submit a monthly report of fishing activities. Forms are available from Fish and Game's Region 3 Office, Durham. Commercial fishermen are required to report catch information to the Department if fishing in state waters. Fishermen are also required to participate in the NOAA Fisheries Service Vessel Trip Report program, if fishing federal waters for specific species.

COASTAL HARVEST			
SPECIES	RESTRICTIONS		
	LENGTH	LIMIT	SEASON
American Eel	Minimum 9 inches	25 (recreational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No closed season Except the downstream portion of a fishway is closed from Oct. 2 – June 14
Atlantic Sea Herring	Refer to Commercial Fishing section (page 18)		
Dogfish, Spiny	Refer to Commercial Fishing section (page 18)		
Horseshoe Crab	Refer to Invertebrate section (page 26)		
Rainbow Smelt (see also Recreational Fishing section, page 7)	No min. length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 quarts liquid measure Head and tail intact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed March 1 – December 15 to the taking by net or weir, in state waters which lie inland of the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth
River Herring (Alewife/Blueback Herring)	No min. length	Closed to all harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed in NH waters

COASTAL HARVEST GEAR RESTRICTIONS		
GEAR	SIZE	OTHER
Gill Nets (to take, transport, or possess groundfish only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum mesh 6.5 in. Maximum length 300 ft. Limit of 25 gill nets per permittee 	Weak links with a breaking strength of 1,100 lbs. shall be used in gill net panels set seaward of the harbor entrances.
Gill Nets (used in waters inland of the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth, Little Harbor and Rye Harbor and their tributaries inland of the most seaward jetty, and inland of the Hampton Harbor Bridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum mesh 3 in. Maximum length 100 ft.; Maximum width 7 ft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted from April 16 – October 31 between 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset Netter must be within unaided eyesight of net It is not permitted to set a net so it extends beyond the thread of the stream A net may not be set within 1,000 feet of another net, measured along the thread of the stream
Gill Nets/ Small-Scale Purse Seines (Menhaden/coastal waters)	Call Marine Fisheries Division for current rules. (603) 868-1095, or see Fish and Game rule Fis 603.21 at www.fishnh.com .	
Mobile Gear	No size requirements	Not permitted for use in state waters to take finfish or crustaceans
Pots and Traps (used for taking finfish)	No size requirements with the exception of black sea bass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tending must be done between sunrise and sunset For black sea bass gear specifications contact Marine Fisheries at (603) 868-1095
Pots and Traps (used for taking American eels)	Minimum mesh 1/2 in. throughout.	Tending must be done between sunrise and sunset
Seines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not greater than 50 sq. ft. Minimum mesh 1/2 in. 	Shall only be drawn manually, pulled or dragged through water
Weir	No size requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest of smelt prohibited For more information, call Marine Fisheries (603) 868-1095

SPECIAL RIVER RESTRICTIONS

Fishways: No person is allowed to take finfish in fishways nor allowed in or on a fishway without permission. The waters surrounding any dam containing a fishway are closed to all fishing, except eels may be taken by traps, pots or spears within the tidal portions from June 15 – October 1:

AREA	RESTRICTION(S)
Cocheo River	Closed from the upstream side of Central Avenue Bridge to downstream side of Washington Street Bridge in Dover
Exeter River (downtown)	Closed from the upstream side of High Street (Great) Bridge to downstream side of Chestnut Street (String) Bridge (on Squamscott River) in Exeter
Lamprey River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No person shall use any type of net or weir for the taking of finfish from the downstream side of the Macallen Dam to a line perpendicular with the two riverbanks from the north side of the Newmarket boat launch ramp Closed from upstream side of Rte 108 Bridge to 275 feet below the downstream side of Macallen Dam (tidal water) in Newmarket In the Lamprey River, use of nets, except weirs, shall be restricted to the period of sunrise to sunset
Oyster River	Closed from the upstream side of dam and fishway, including a 50-foot radius in front of the fishway; closed to the taking of river herring from Mill Pond Dam, Durham, downstream to the river mouth in Little Bay
Piscataqua River	Including Great Bay estuary and tributaries inland of Memorial Bridge, closed to the use of gill nets with mesh larger than 3 inches
Salmon Falls River	Closed from the upstream side of the Route 4 Bridge to 150 feet downstream of South Berwick Dam
Squamscott River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to all harvest of river herring in NH waters
Taylor River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed from the railroad bridge to the head of tide dam in Hampton to the taking of river herring by netting of any method Closed from the upstream side of fishway and dams, including a 50-foot radius in front of the fishway on the upstream side, to a line perpendicular to south end of south overflow culvert at Route 95 to opposite side of river (east)
Winnicut River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to all fishing within a 25-foot radius of the downstream portion of the fishway and a 6-foot radius of the upstream portion of the fishway. Closed to the taking of all fish, except by angling, from the south side of the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge to the Route 33 bridge.

SHELLFISH

SPECIES	SEASON/DAY/TIME RESTRICTIONS	SIZE	LIMIT	LICENSE NEEDED	NOTES
RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH REGULATIONS*					
Blue Mussels (<i>Mytilus edulis</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No closed season except for Hampton/Seabrook Estuary Saturday only, 9AM–sunset, Little Bay, Bellamy River, Oyster River 	No limit	No limit	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents only Personal use only, no sale allowed Harvest by hand or handheld tools only Other mussel species (e.g. horse and ribbed mussel) may also be taken Hampton/Seabrook Estuary only: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays only, open Nov. 1 – May 31 Lower Little Bay (Dover Point to Fox Point/Durham Point), Oyster River, Bellamy River Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset. Upper Little Bay (Fox Point to Adams Point) Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset.
Oysters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Sept. 1 – June 30 Sunrise to sunset only, except Little Bay/Oyster River/Bellamy River Open Areas Saturday only, 9AM–sunset, Little Bay, Bellamy River, Oyster River. 	No limit	½ bushel unshucked/day	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents only Personal use only, no sale allowed May be taken by hand, hand rake or tongs only No taking through ice No shucked oysters may be possessed while on or leaving N.H. waters Oyster license number must be permanently marked on outside of container Must have oyster license on person No take during months of July & August Lower Little Bay (Dover Point to Fox Point/Durham Point), Oyster River, Bellamy River Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset. Upper Little Bay (Fox Point to Adams Point) Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset.
Sea Scallops	Open November 1 – April 14 by diving; December 1 – April 14 by dredge	Min. 3½ inches shell height	75 lbs. shucked meats or 625 lbs. unshucked (shell)/day	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal use only May be taken by diving or dredge Must be landed in shell if taken by hand
Softshell Clam (<i>Mya arenaria</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open the first Saturday after Labor Day – May 31 except for Hampton/Seabrook Estuary Saturday only ½ hr. before sunrise to sunset, except Little Bay/Oyster River/Bellamy River Open Areas Saturday only, 9AM–sunset, Little Bay, Bellamy River, Oyster River. 	No limit	10 liquid quarts unshucked/day	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents only (6 years of age or older) Personal use only, no sale allowed License must be displayed in plain view while clamming Clam license number must be permanently marked on outside of container Handheld tools only, with handles not exceeding 18 inches No shucked clams allowed on or while leaving N.H. waters Hampton/Seabrook Estuary only: Open Nov. 1 – May 31** Lower Little Bay (Dover Point to Fox Point/Durham Point), Oyster River, Bellamy River Open Areas: Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset. Upper Little Bay (Fox Point to Adams Point) Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset.
Quahog, little neck or cherrystone clam (<i>Mercentaria mercenaria</i>)	No open season	No limit	No limit	No	
Other Bivalve Mollusks (surf & razor clams, mahogany quahog)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No closed season except Little Bay/Oyster River/Bellamy River Open Areas Saturday only, 9AM–sunset, Little Bay, Bellamy River, Oyster River. 	No limit	No limit	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents only Harvest by hand or handheld tools only Harvest of surf clams and quahogs limited to approved water within 500 feet of low tide line No shell discards in state waters if harvest by dredge Lower Little Bay (Dover Point to Fox Point/Durham Point), Oyster River, Bellamy River Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset. Upper Little Bay (Fox Point to Adams Point) Open Areas: Open on Saturdays only from 9AM to sunset.
Whelks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No closed season Harvest only from 1 hr. before sunrise to sunset 	Min. 2½ inches	5/day	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal use only Residents only
COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH REGULATIONS*					
Sea Scallops	Open November 1 – April 14 by diving; December 1 – April 14 by dredge	Min. 3½ inches shell height	75 lbs. shucked meats or 625 lbs. unshucked (shell)/day	Yes ***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be taken by diving or one dredge only Must be landed in shell if taken by hand Helpers working under the Commercial Saltwater License shall not take by diving Dredge: width limit = maximum 4 feet., ring size = 4 inches, minimum mesh size = 10 inches No obstructions or liners attached in dredge Call Marine Fisheries (603) 868-1095 for chafing gear restrictions No possession of other marine species when dredging except surf clams and mahogany quahogs and only in accordance with species regulations
Other Bivalve Mollusks (surf and razor clams, mahogany quahog)	No closed season	No limit	500 unshucked bushels/day	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dredge blade/knife/manifold: maximum 48 inches. Monthly reporting required: Contact Marine Division (603) 868-1095
Whelks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No closed season Harvest only from 1 hr. before sunrise to sunset 	Min. 2½ inches	No limit	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest by pot, trap or other contrivance Each buoy and trap shall be marked with a "W" and the first initial and last name of licensee when fishing solely for whelks

* Temporary closures of shellfishing areas may occur due to high bacteria count or red tide or other pollution concerns. For updates, call the Clam Flat Hotline at 1-800-43-CLAMS.

** Due to unpredictable water quality in September and October, even in dry weather, the opening of the clam flats in Hampton-Seabrook Estuary is delayed until November 1.

*** If fishing state waters, a harvest permit is required.

SHELLFISH IDENTIFICATION

New Hampshire is fortunate to have a rich variety of molluscan shellfish. Some of the most frequently seen are easy to identify by their shell shape and color.



Blue Mussel



Sea Scallop



Surf Clam



Razor Clam



Softshell Clam



Ribbed Mussel



American Oyster



European Oyster



Mahogany Quahog



Horse Mussel



Waved Whelk



Stimpsons Whelk



Quahog
(*Mercenaria mercenaria*)

New Hampshire has oysters, clams and mussels available for recreational harvest.

License may be required.

- **Mollusks (clams, oysters, mussels, etc.)** may only be taken from approved areas. (See map on pages 22–23.)
- **Motor vehicles are prohibited on clam flats** (any tidal area, exposed at low tide, that is capable of growing clams).
- **Call 1-800-43-CLAMS for current open/closed status of N.H. shellfish areas.** Temporary closures during open seasons may occur due to high bacteria levels, red tide or other issues.
- **Sale prohibited.** Softshell clams and oysters of N.H. origin, and quahogs, littlenecks and cherrystones (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) less than 1 inch in shell thickness cannot be sold.

Note: Shellfish Closures May Change

Most of New Hampshire's coastal waters (up to 3 miles offshore) are open to shellfish harvest, with the exception of surf clams and mahogany quahogs, which can be harvested for consumption from the shoreline to 500 feet seaward of the low tide line. In addition, several small areas along the coast are closed due to pollution concerns. These areas include the outlets of Parsons Creek and Eel Pond in Rye, an unnamed creek near Bass Beach in Rye, and Chapel Brook. All waters within 750 feet of each outlet are closed to shellfish harvest. Additionally, all waters within 1,500 feet of Little River (near North Hampton State Beach), and

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waters 1,500 feet north of Great Boars Head in Hampton, are closed to shellfish harvest. Also closed are areas around the wastewater treatment plant outfalls at Wallis Sands State Park, the Town of Seabrook, and Star Island (Isles of Shoals).

Other areas may close temporarily at any time. For up-to-date information, call Fish and Game's Clam Flat Hotline at 1-800-43-CLAMS, check fishnh.com/marine and consult the information and maps at www4.des.state.nh.us/CoastalAtlas/Atlas.html.

Red Tide

Red tide is caused by the accumulation of toxins from one-celled organisms. The toxins may be stored in the bodies of filter-feeding bivalves, such as clams, mussels and oysters, which ingest the organisms. Humans who eat the shellfish may become afflicted with paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), which can cause death through respiratory paralysis. Mussel samples are tested weekly from April to October. If PSP toxins exceed state standards for consumption, shellfish harvesting areas are closed and public notice given via news media and the Fish and Game website. Contact Fish and Game Marine Fisheries Division at (603) 868-1095 or the Department of Environmental Services at (603) 559-1509, weekdays from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for updated information. Even when red tide closures are not in effect, some areas may be closed to the taking of shellfish (see *Shellfish Closures May Change*).

Aquaculture in Little Bay

Aquaculture of marine bivalves (mainly oysters) is a relatively new enterprise in New Hampshire. Currently, this activity is being pursued at a number of aquaculture operations in Upper and Lower Little Bay. Each area, ranging from 1 to 4.5 acres, is identified by yellow corner buoys. Recreational boaters and fishermen should use care in traversing these areas. **Remember, it is unlawful to disturb, molest, tend, or possess any aquaculture gear or marine species raised in a licensed marine aquaculture operation without the written permission of the licensee.** (RSA 211:62-e, II-a FIS 807.15)



SHELLFISH AREAS

Recreational harvest of various types of shellfish is an activity enjoyed by many New Hampshire residents. State licenses are required to harvest softshell clam and oysters; other shellfish may have certain restrictions on taking, but require no license. Softshell clams are dug from flats at or near low tide. For advice on proper clam digging techniques, see page 23. Oysters are brought up from their shallow beds using tongs or simply picked up by hand. For season, limit and take requirements for shellfish, see page 20.

Clam Flat Hotline

For the latest information on closed and open shellfishing areas, call Fish and Game's Clam Flat Hotline at **1-800-43-CLAMS**. The hotline is updated weekly on Friday afternoons, but harvesters should check back frequently for unscheduled updates. For those harvesting in Little Bay and Bellamy River open areas check the hotline after 9 a.m. on Saturdays for any updates. Information is also posted at fishnh.com and on the NH Coastal Atlas at www4.des.state.nh.us/CoastalAtlas/Atlas.html.

Shellfish Maps Online

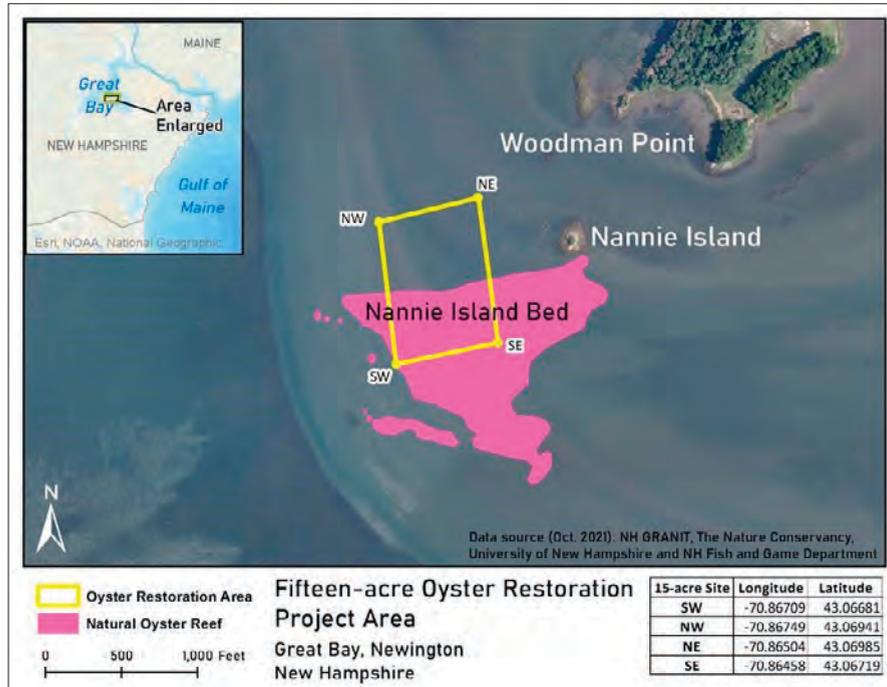
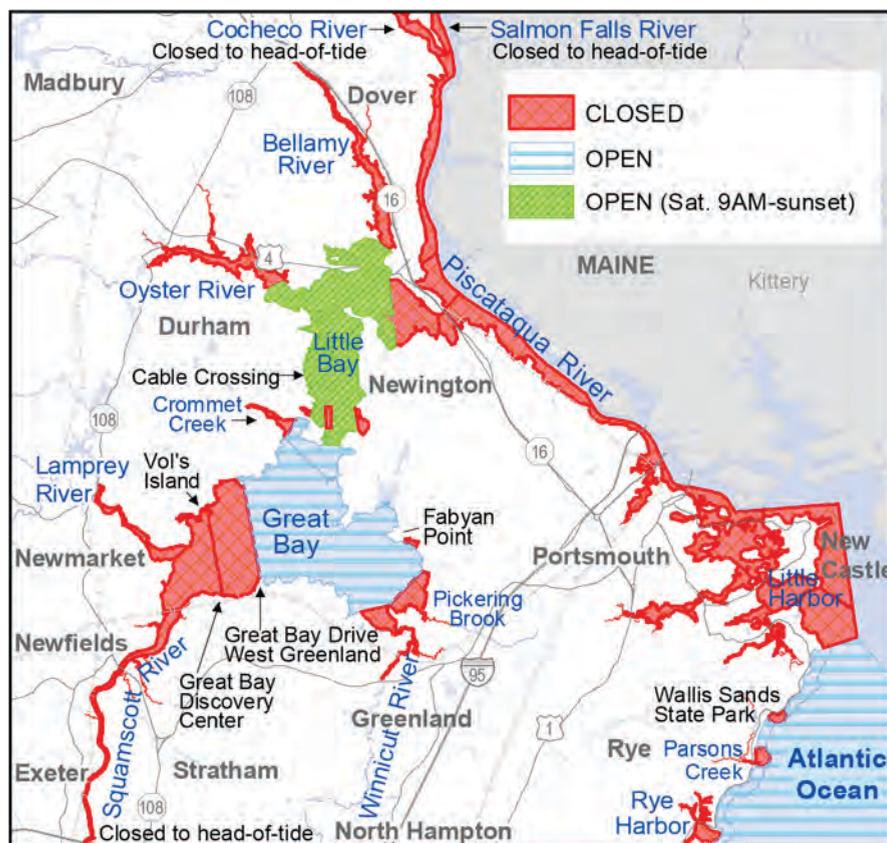
Shellfish harvesters have a great tool making it easier to find out what areas are open for harvest. You can now get updates on the status of the clam flats and other coastal areas, including red tide alerts, on your mobile phone or computer via an interactive website hosted by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services. Interactive maps show areas open for harvest. Use a personal computer to sign up for free text or email alerts at www4.des.state.nh.us/CoastalAtlas/Atlas.html. The information matches the weekly Clam Hotline message, but comes to you on the devices you use.

Did You Know?

Only New Hampshire residents are allowed to purchase licenses for the taking of clams and oysters.



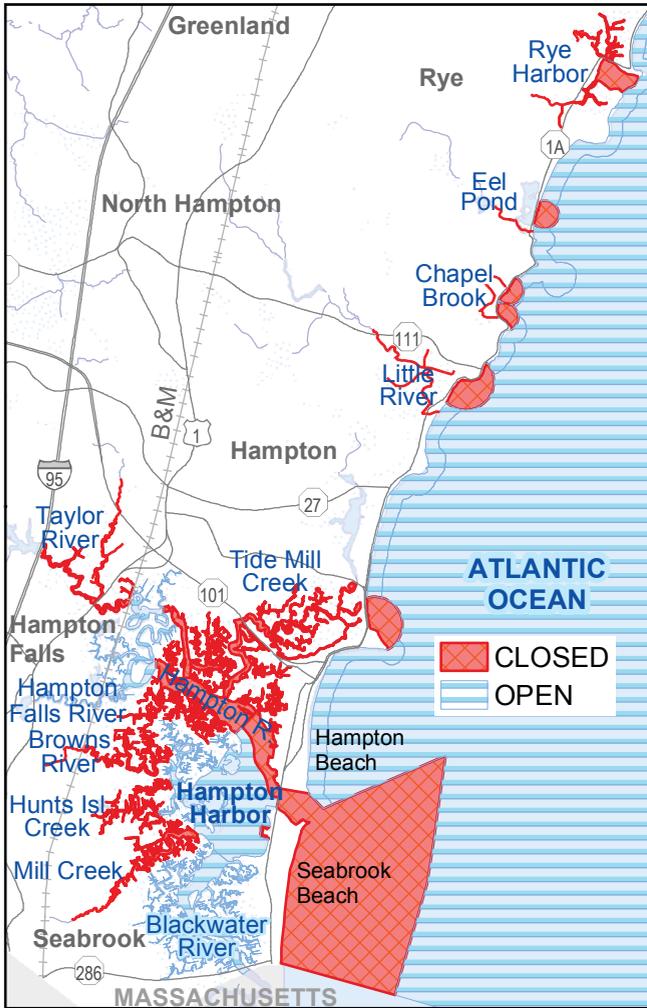
Great Bay Shellfish Open/Closed Areas



Oyster Reef Restoration Area

A fifteen-acre area near Nannie Island in Great Bay, shown on the map above, is closed to harvesting of clam, oyster, and other bivalve mollusk for a five-year period that extends through October 31, 2026. The closed area is marked with orange buoys labeled "Oyster Restoration Site" on the four corners of the site. The existing Woodman Point and Nannies Island natural oyster reef beds identified on the map remain open to shellfish harvesters. For more information, go to fishnh.com/marine.

N.H. Coast Shellfish Open/Closed Areas

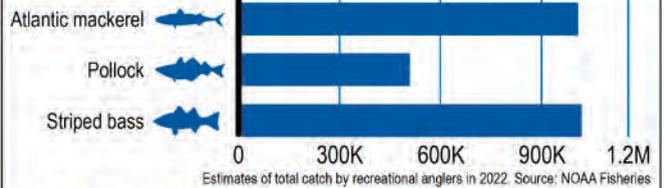


Your Fishing Counts!

When you share information about your saltwater fishing trip with NOAA Fisheries through the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, you play a key role in supporting sustainable fisheries.

Please note: Field interviewers play no role in law enforcement. We value your participation and privacy. Any personal information collected is kept confidential.

What's biting in New Hampshire?



We are committed to continually evaluating and improving our data collection methods to provide the most representative estimates.

One of America's favorite pastimes, saltwater recreational fishing contributes **hundreds of millions of dollars annually** to New England's coastal economies and working waterfronts:

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million
sales



\$260
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Data and photo source:
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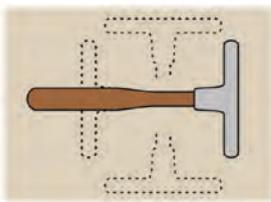
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Proper Clam Digging Techniques

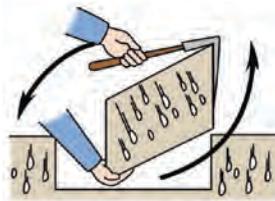
1. Select and cut a manageable section of flat on four sides.



2. Try to judge the location and depth of most clams of suitable size. Work fork into the flat with gentle rocking motion, adjusting angle of fork to move between and under the clam burrows.



3. Turn the piece of flat completely over and place it in the resulting furrow. (Placing the piece to one side may needlessly cover an undug area with small clams vulnerable to smothering.)



4. Pick out the exposed clams that are of suitable size.



5. With fork tines straight downward, gently break up the section of flat to expose the remaining clams.



6. When all harvestable clams have been taken from the piece, simply leave it as it lies in the furrow. This protects the remaining clams from predators such as crabs and gulls. Clams not harvested will gradually return to an upright feeding position.



LOBSTER & CRAB

Lobster is one of the most important fisheries in New Hampshire's marine waters. The following is a summary of licensing requirements and fishing and gear regulations for the harvest of lobster and crab.

License

A license is required to take lobster and crab (see page 3). Federal license required to fish in waters seaward of state waters. The more restrictive measure applies when fishing more than one management area.

Legal Length

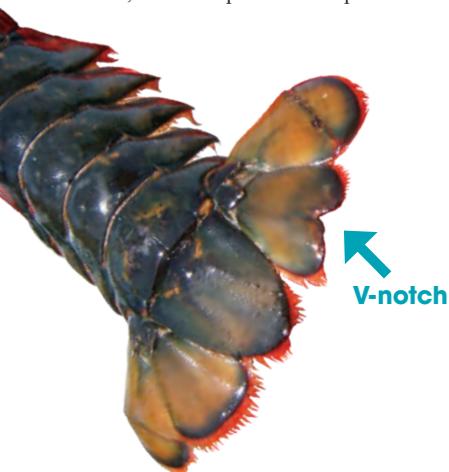
No lobster less than 3¼ inch carapace length, whether alive or dead, may be transported, bought, sold, given away, exposed for sale or possessed. No lobster greater than 5 inches carapace length may be possessed by any person holding a N.H. License to Take Lobsters (RSA 211:18).



How to Measure a Lobster

Measurements shall be made from the rear of the eye socket, along a line parallel to the center line of the body shell, to the rear end of the body shell. When lobster meat is removed from the shell, the tail meat must be whole, intact and not less than 4¼ inches, when laid straight and measured end to end (not including the small part that is on the body end of the tail meat). Possession of mutilated lobster, cooked or uncooked, will be prima facie evidence that they are not of legal length.

Lobster meat from outside the state must meet the minimum length requirements. Hermetically sealed cans of lobster, not requiring refrigeration and not weighing over 8 ounces net, are exempt from this provision.



LOBSTER FISHING

Season	No closed season
Fishing Time	1 hour before sunrise to sunset
Minimum Size	3¼ inch carapace length
Maximum Size	5 inch carapace length
Tail Meat Length	4¼ inch (must be cooked)
V-notch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egg bearing females must be V-notched • V-notched lobsters are illegal to possess (zero tolerance)
Egg Bearing Females	Illegal to possess
Spawn	Illegal to possess
Federally permitted vessels—Non-Trip Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 lobsters per day • Maximum of 500 lobsters per single trip 5 days or more • 100 lobsters for any fishing trip when the duration of the trip in number of hours cannot be documented by the Department

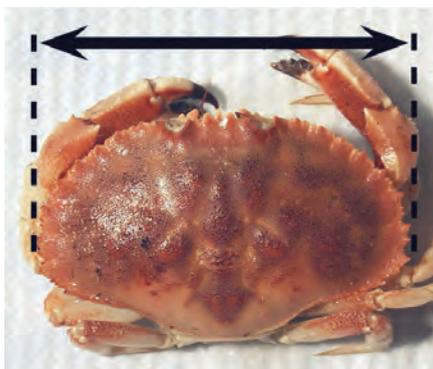
CRAB FISHING

License	License required to take more than 12 or by trap
Daily Limited without License	12 rock or Jonah crabs*
Daily Limit with Recreational License	50 rock or Jonah crabs*
Egg-bearing Females	Illegal to possess rock or Jonah crabs*
Whole Crab Restriction	Only whole Jonah crabs can be retained or sold*
Commercial Minimum Size	4¼ inch carapace width for Jonah crabs*
Commercial Trip Limit (non-lobster trap gear)	1,000 crabs per trip for Jonah crabs*
Commercial Trip Limit (lobster trap gear)	No Trip Limit
Green Crabs	May be taken in any quantity by any legal method

*For Jonah vs. Atlantic rock crab identification, see page 26.

How to Measure a Crab

The crab carapace width must be measured in a straight line through the widest part of the shell.



V-notched Lobster

Any female possessing a V-notched (notched right flipper next to the middle flipper when underside of female is down and its tail toward you) or mutilated right flipper must be immediately returned to the waters from which it was taken (**zero tolerance**). All commercial and limited commercial lobster licensees shall immediately V-notch and return to the water, all egg-bearing female lobster captured in the process of taking lobster.

Spawn

No person can remove spawn from any female lobster or crab or take, serve, have in his possession, sell or offer for sale any female lobster carrying spawn or any lobster or crab spawn.

Female Lobster

No person can take, buy, sell, or possess any female lobster bearing eggs. Female egg-bearing lobster must be immediately returned alive to the waters from which taken. This does not apply to lobster spawning in holding cars or pounds if, upon discovery, they are liberated alive in the coastal waters (call Fish and Game Law Enforcement at (603) 271-3361 when discovered).

Did You Know?

- Lobster may not be taken by diving, angling, spearing or dipping.
- If you have a lobster license, you are required to report catch and effort information. For more information, call Marine Fisheries Division at 603-868-1095.

Lobster and Crab Trap Tags

Persons licensed to take lobster and/or crab by trap are required to purchase trap tags up to the maximum allowed by their license (1,200 for commercial; 600 for limited commercial if license held prior to January 1, 2006; 100 for part-time commercial harvesters; 5 for recreational). Additional trap tags are allowed for routine trap losses. Lobster trap tags are valid for one year (June 1 – May 31 of the following calendar year). A valid lobster trap tag shall be securely attached to the frame of the lobster trap in a manner for which it was designed. No more than 2 traps tags shall be affixed to traps. For more detailed information, contact Fish and Game's Region 3 office, (603) 868-1095.

Lobster and Crab Gear

Lobster and crab may only be taken by traps in state waters, with the exception that up to 12 crab may be taken by angling, diving, or by hand without a license. **All trap and pot gear must be hauled at least once every 30 days.**

Escape Vents or Gaps

Must be in the parlor section of the trap and may be:

1. A rectangular or oblong escape vent at least 1¹⁵/₁₆ inches by 5³/₄ inches, located next to the bottom edge;
2. Two circular vents at least 2⁷/₁₆ inches in diameter;
3. A gap created by raising, modifying or separating the horizontal or vertical laths so that they create openings as described in 1) or 2) above;
4. A gap caused by separating both ends of 2 laths 1³/₄ inches on the top of the parlor section next to the middle bow or supporting frame and directly over the parlor head; or
5. Vents cut in the side or the end of a wire or plastic trap that comply with the dimensions in 1) and 2) above.

Biodegradable Escape Panels and Runners

Each trap must have escape panels and at least two runners or sills extending the entire length of the trap. Nothing may be placed in the parlor section of the trap that will obstruct the opening after disintegration of the fiber. The traps must be constructed in the following manner:

Rectangular Wire or Plastic Mesh Traps

1. Every trap must have at least 2 parallel runners or sills attached to the bottom of the trap, running along the entire length of the exterior.
2. Every trap must have an unobstructed escape panel which must be:
 - » Located in the parlor section on the sides or end;
 - » Hinged at the top of positively buoyant panels or at the bottom of negatively buoyant panels;

LOBSTER AND CRAB GEAR REQUIREMENTS

Volume	No more than 22,950 cubic inches
Escape Vent Size (in parlor section)	At least 1 ¹⁵ / ₁₆ inches x 5 ³ / ₄ inches or two circular vents at least 2 ⁷ / ₁₆ inches in diameter; see other options below
Escape Panels (in parlor section)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hinged at the top of positively buoyant or bottom of negatively buoyant panels • Tied with an untreated natural fiber not to exceed ³/₁₆ inches in diameter OR nonstainless, uncoated, ferrous metal wire not exceeding ³/₃₂ inches in diameter • Opening must be at least 3³/₄ inches by 3³/₄ inches when open or removed • See further details below
Runners or Sills	Must have at least 2 running the length of the bottom of the trap
Weak Line/ Inserts	1 weak insert 50% down the buoy line, or top half of vertical line being weak rope, or 100% weak rope. Contact NHFG Marine Division or fishnh.com for more information
Groundlines	Sinking if seaward of the harbors (see Tide Table Pull-out Section-A)
Vertical Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not have any portion floating on the surface • Must be marked with a three-foot solid yellow mark within the first two fathoms of the buoy at the surface system and two 12-inch yellow marks one in the top half and one in the bottom half • Rules are subject to change check the following website for changes. https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2021-11/NH%20Summary%2011152021.pdf
Trap and Trap Tag Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on license type: recreational (5 traps), or commercial (100, 600, or 1200 traps) • Season runs June 1 – May 31 • New tags must be affixed by June 1

GEAR MARKING REQUIREMENTS

All Fixed Gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently marked with the owner's name • Flags and pennants affixed to buoys marking a string of gear must be of uniform color
Pot or Trap Trawls	If 5 or more traps or pots, must be marked with buoys made of highly visible material set on both ends of the trawl
Lobster Buoy	Last name and initials, permanently marked (carved or branded); 2 buoys per 5 or more trap trawls
Lobster Trap	Last name and initials, permanently marked (carved or branded)
Lobster Car	Last name and initials; permanently marked (carved or branded)

- » Tied with an untreated natural fiber such as cotton, sisal, hemp or jute not exceeding ³/₁₆ inches in diameter before immersion in sea water, or a piece of non-stainless, uncoated ferrous metal wire not exceeding ³/₃₂ inches in diameter; and
- » Of sufficient size to create an opening of at least 3³/₄ inches x 3³/₄ inches when the panel is removed or opened.

Non-Rectangular Wire or Plastic Mesh Traps

Must have at least two runners and an escape panel which will create an opening of 3³/₄ inches x 3³/₄ inches when open. These construction designs must be approved in writing by the Fish and Game Director.

Wood Lath Traps—Half Round, Round or Rectangular

Every trap must have at least two runners and an escape panel. An escape panel can be created by one untreated, softwood lath running the full length of the parlor section. The lath must have the same dimensions as the other laths on the trap. It must not be located where it will rest on the sea bottom. After disintegration, it must leave a space of at least 3³/₄ inches x 3³/₄ inches between the adjacent laths. One can also be created by an opening of at least 3 inches between adjacent laths, running the length of the parlor section, which is laced with an untreated natural fiber such as cotton, sisal, hemp, or jute not exceeding ³/₁₆ inches in diameter before immersion in sea-water.

Note: The Fish and Game Director may exempt specific trap designs from the escape vent and escape panel requirements if it can be conclusively proven that the specific trap design will only take crabs and is incapable of catching lobster. Approval will be granted in writing only after inspection.

Gear Marking

Each lobster or crab license holder has a color scheme or special markings indicated on their license. These must be used to mark all buoys. These colors must also be displayed on the boat, either by painting an area at least 1 square foot on the port and starboard side of the bow or by setting a painted buoy on the highest point of the boat (excluding the mast) visible for 360 degrees. The buoy or colors must be permanently attached at all times while the lobster or crab gear is being fished.

How to Order Trap Tags

- **Trap tags are not based on a calendar year. Trap tags are valid from June 1 – May 31.**
- The new year tags must be affixed to traps by June 1.
- **Trap tags can take up to 8 weeks to arrive after ordering.**
- No more than 2 trap tags shall be affixed to traps.
- Recreational tags are ordered through N.H. Fish and Game Licensing Office — (603) 271-3422.
- All commercial and federal trap tags must be ordered through the Department's selected vendor.
- Order forms are available on the N.H. Fish and Game website fishnh.com or from the Department's Region 3 office after February 15.
- New commercial order forms are sent out to previous licensees in February each year.
- Any questions relating to trap tag orders must go through the Region 3 office (603) 868-1095 – **not the vendor.**

NORTHERN SHRIMP, OTHER INVERTEBRATES & MARINE PLANTS

Finfish and shellfish are not the only species that can be harvested from New Hampshire waters. The following are other species that can be harvested. Licenses may be required. See table below for details.

INVERTEBRATES/MARINE PLANTS					
SPECIES	LICENSE REQUIREMENT	SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY BAG LIMIT	GEAR REGULATIONS & SPECIAL RULES
Clamworms	Recreational: None	No closed season	None	1 quart/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents only For personal use only Only handheld tools with handles not to exceed 18 inches
	Commercial: Commercial Saltwater License	No closed season	None	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only handheld tools with handles not to exceed 18 inches
Horseshoe Crab	Harvest Permit	No closed season	None	10/day (either taken or in possession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting required
Sea Urchins	Personal use: None	By Hand or Pot: Oct. 1 – March 15	2 inches (longest diameter)	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sublegal sea urchins shall be culled immediately after capture and returned immediately to the sea
	Commercial: Commercial Saltwater License	By Hand or Pot: Oct. 1 – March 15 Sled: Dec. 15 – March 15	2 inches (longest diameter)	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sublegal sea urchins shall be culled immediately after capture and returned immediately to the sea Helpers working under the Commercial Saltwater License shall not take by diving No possession of other marine species including lobsters, finfish or shellfish if taken by sled Gear: Call Marine Fisheries Division for specific gear regulations — (603) 868-1095
Seaweeds	None	No closed season	None	3 bushels/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents or summer residents only May be taken below the high water mark during daylight hours only Do not detach or injure the holdfasts of the seaweed when cutting Owner's permission is required to take flats-weed or seaweed from saltmarsh or flats No seaweed may be piled below the high water mark to be hauled away Sale is prohibited outside the state
Northern Shrimp	Call Marine Fisheries Division for current rules — (603) 868-1095 or see Marine Fishing Rules Fis 607.01 at nh.gov				

Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey — Join Us!

Do you like to fish for striped bass in New Hampshire? Tell N.H. Fish and Game's Marine Division about your striped bass fishing — **and you could win a great prize!**

For the Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey, anglers are asked to provide information such as amount of time fished and length of fish caught. Completed trip logs may be sent by mail, or an electronic logbook can be filled out online at fishnh.com/surveys/striped-bass.html. Marine fisheries biologists use the results to assess the status of striped bass populations each year.

How do I get started? Contact the Marine Division at Reg3@wildlife.nh.gov or (603) 868-1095 to get your logbook by mail or e-mail. Submit your logs by November 1, for a chance to win raffle prizes.



Jonah vs. Atlantic Rock Crabs

Jonah crab
(*Cancer borealis*)



Atlantic rock crab
(*Cancer irroratus*)



- Front edge of carapace is jagged with undefined "teeth" (Jonah = jagged)



- Front edge of carapace has smooth defined "teeth"



- Local name "Jonah crab"
- Less aggressive when handled
- Larger than rock crabs (carapace width up to 7 inches)

- Local names include "sand" crab or "peekytoe"
- More aggressive when handled
- Smaller than Jonah crabs (carapace width up to 5 inches)

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FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES

Is it Safe to Eat the Fish?

Some ocean fish and shellfish contain varying levels of pollutants like mercury, PCBs and dioxins. Because of this, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services recommends the following guidelines:

Best Choices:

Cod, flounder, haddock, herring, light tuna (canned), pollock, sole, salmon, tilapia, shellfish (oysters, shrimp, crab, clams, scallops, lobster)—Pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant, and young children can safely eat **TWO** meals per week. For all others, no limit as part of a balanced diet.

Good Choices:

Halibut, red snapper, tuna steak, white tuna (canned)—Pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant, and young children can safely eat **ONE** meal per week. For all others, no limit as part of a balanced diet.

Cautions:

Bluefish, Striped Bass

Pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant, and young children should avoid consumption. For all others, eat no more than **ONE** meal per month.

King Mackerel, Swordfish, Shark, Tilefish

Pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant, and young children should avoid consumption. For all others, limit to **TWO** meals per month.

Lobster Tomalley (green substance in lobster)

Everyone avoid consumption. All other parts of the lobster, no limits as part of a balanced diet.

Stick to the lowest weekly or monthly limits when combining freshwater fish, ocean fish and shellfish. Do not add limits. For more freshwater and saltwater guidelines, contact:

N.H. Department of Environmental Services, Environmental Health Program (603) 271-1370

www.des.nh.gov/home-and-recreation/boating-and-fishing/fish-consumption



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BOATING IN N.H.

Ten Tips for Safe Boating

- 1. Don't Overload** Carry only the specified limit for your craft and don't sit on the gun-wales or the transom.
- 2. Wear Life Jackets or Vests** State law requires one wearable life preserver for each person in a boat. Kids 12 and under must wear a life preserver.
- 3. Know the Water** Always carry a chart (map) of the waters you are boating on.
- 4. In an Accident** Your first obligation is to save lives and help the injured. Call N.H. Marine Patrol: (603) 293-2037.
- 5. Water and Alcohol Don't Mix** Sixty percent of recent boating fatalities in N.H. are alcohol-related. Don't drink and boat — the .08 law applies to boaters, too!
- 6. Use Your Lights** All boats operating after sunset must display lights to be visible to other boaters.
- 7. Use Caution** When passing within 150 feet of another boat, swimmers, rafts, shore, docks, or mooring fields, you must be at headway speed.
- 8. Don't Use the Water as a Dump** It is illegal to litter or discharge sewage into the water.
- 9. Don't Harass Wildlife** All wildlife are protected on the state's waters, subject to strict hunting and fishing regulations.
- 10. Take a Boating Safety Course** For info call Boating Education at (603) 267-7256 or 1-888-254-2125.



Diver There, Please Beware

N.H. State law requires boaters to stay at least 150 feet away from a red flag with a white stripe or other flags in the water. They signal that scuba divers are in the area.



Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire

The official non-profit partner of the N.H. Fish and Game Department, the Wildlife Heritage Foundation raises money and works with wildlife professionals and conservation education partners to fund Fish and Game's conservation of wildlife and natural places. The foundation has supported a wide range of projects, including tracking and mapping of ovigerous female lobsters and monitoring river herring passage over the breached Wadleigh Falls Dam on the Lamprey River. Funding for the foundation's grants program comes from individual and corporate donors and from the annual auction of fish and game permits and licenses. The foundation accepts general and targeted cash donations, as well as planned gifts and tangible assets; in most cases, contributions are tax-deductible.

To learn more about the foundation or make an online donation, visit nhwildlifeheritage.org or contact (603) 496-2778 or admin@nhwildlifeheritage.org. Thanks for your support!

General Boating Information

N.H. Department of Safety, Marine Patrol Headquarters
(603) 293-2037

Motor Restrictions
Division of Safety Services
(603) 293-2037 or
www.nhsp.dos.nh.gov/our-services/field-operations-bureau/marine-patrol

See "Restricted Bodies of Water"

Boating Safety Courses

- Classes offered year-round by N.H. Marine Patrol
- Many locations throughout the state.
- Open to any boater over 14 years of age.
- Online study materials: boat-ed.com/nh
- NASBLA approved.
- Satisfies requirements of mandatory boating education law.
- For class schedule, call N.H. Marine Patrol at 1-888-254-2125.
- Be smart — boat safe!

It's the Law: Clean & Drain

To avoid the spread of aquatic invasives, N.H. state law requires boaters to drain their boat and other equipment that holds water, including live wells and bilges, when leaving a waterbody (including saltwater).

Share your love of fishing— Become a Volunteer "Let's Go Fishing" Instructor!

For more information on the "Let's Go Fishing" program, call (603) 271-3212.

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Your actions help protect marine species!

GO SLOW

Slower vessel speeds give boaters and animals more time to react.

GIVE SPACE

Safe distances reduce risks of illegal disturbance and dangerous collisions.

REPORT

For entangled or injured marine mammals and sea turtles call (866) 755-6622;

For dead or injured sturgeon call (978) 281-9328 or email noaa.sturg911@noaa.gov

STAY INFORMED

Scan the QR code or search "NOAA Whale Watching and Wildlife Viewing Guidelines New England and Mid Atlantic"





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