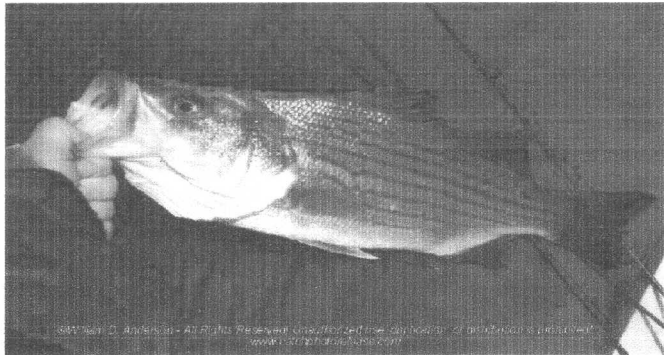
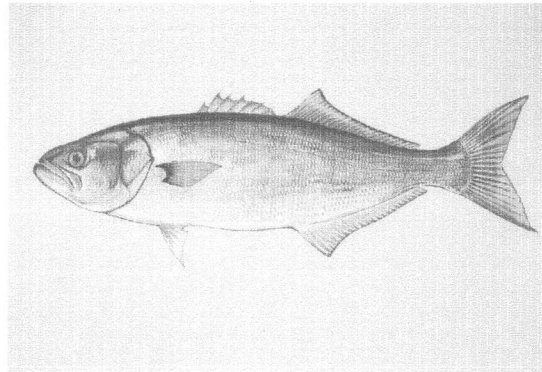


SOME OF THE FISH CAUGHT IN THE WATERS
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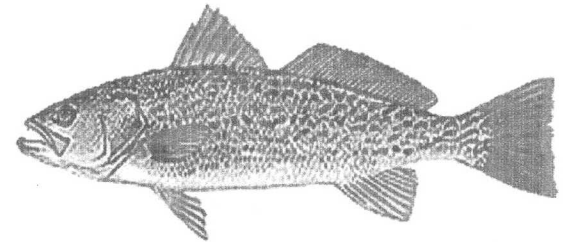
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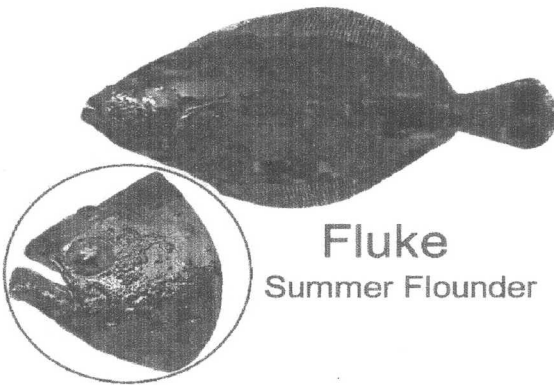
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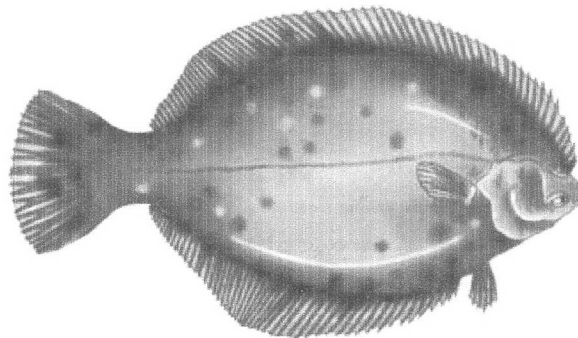
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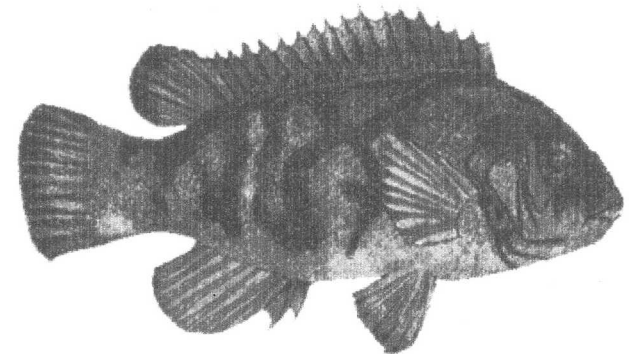
WEAKFISH



Fluke
Summer Flounder



WINTER FLOUNDER



TAUTOG (BLACKFISH)

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MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING LAWS AND REGULATIONS 2003



Laws and regulations are frequently amended by the Legislature or DEC. You should check with the Marine Fisheries office to ensure that the requirements set forth in this notice remain in effect. The last changes to this summary were made on

APRIL 4, 2003

SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS (Total Length in Inches)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (Number of Fish)	OPEN SEASONS
Summer flounder (fluke)*	17	7	All year ✓
Winter flounder	11	15	All state waters: 3rd Sat in March thru June 30 & Sept 15 thru Nov 30
Tautog (blackfish)	14	1 fish from June 1 to Oct 6 10 fish from Oct 7 to May 31	All year
Bluefish (including "snappers")	No Size Limit	10	All year
Weakfish	16 10" filleted/12" dressed	6	All year
Atlantic cod	21	Any number	All year
Pollock	19	Any number	All year
Haddock	21	Any number	All year
Striped bass (marine waters**)	28	1	April 15 - Dec 15 ✓
Red drum	14	2 greater than 32"	All year
Spanish mackerel	14	15	All year
King mackerel	23	3	All year
Cobia	37	2	All year
Atlantic sturgeon	Moratorium	Moratorium now in effect	Moratorium now in effect
Black Sea Bass	11.5	25	All year
Scup (Porgy)	10	50	All year ✓
American eel	6	50	All year
Monkfish (goosefish)	21 14 tail length	Any number	All year
American shad	No Size Limit	5	All year
Hickory shad	No Size Limit	5	All year
Yellowtail flounder	13	Any number	All Year
Crabs***	No Size Limit	50	All year
American lobster*** (Rec. permit required)	3 1/4" carapace length	6	All year



June 18, 2003

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN NEW REGULATIONS ADOPTED

Effective July 2, 2003

Changes to regulations governing the harvest, sale, or possession of marine finfish in New York's marine district have been filed in the New York State Register and will go into effect on July 2nd, 2003. A full copy of the text of the new rules is available at the above address or by calling (631) 444-0435.

The following is a summary of the new regulations:

Summer flounder and Scup Recreational Fishing

- implements a year-round open recreational fishing season for both species.
- revises summer flounder recreational fillet requirements to improve compliance and enforcement

Black Sea Bass

- implements a new recreational minimum size limit of 12" total length, and establishes an open recreational fishing season of January 1 through September 1 and September 16 through November 30.
- implements a state quota management system for the commercial harvest of black sea bass, including adjustable trip limits, quota periods and directed fishery thresholds, consistent with the Black Sea Bass FMP.

Tautog

- sets a new open recreational fishing season for tautog of October 1 through May 31, with a 10 fish possession limit.

Weakfish

- for weakfish commercial net fisheries only, the rule increases to 300 pounds the amount of bycatch that can be retained during the closed season, provided that an equal poundage of other species of foodfish are taken and landed by the vessel. (The new rule **does not include** changes to the net mesh requirements. At all times, trawl and gill net vessels that have on board more than 150 pounds of weakfish are presumed to be engaged in a directed weakfish fishery. Trawl vessels participating in a directed weakfish fishery may use only nets with cod ends having a minimum mesh of at least 4.5" diamond or 4.0 inches square mesh. Gill net vessels participating in a directed weakfish fishery may use only nets with a minimum mesh of at least 3.5" throughout the net.)

Red drum

- eliminates the minimum size limit for red drum and implements a maximum size limit of 27" TL

Haddock

- increases the minimum recreational size limit for haddock to 23" TL and sets a new recreational possession limit for haddock at 10 fish per person per trip.