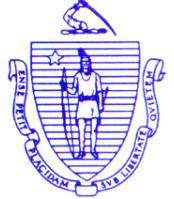
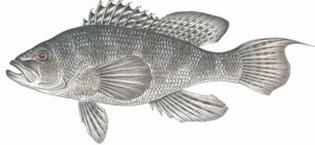
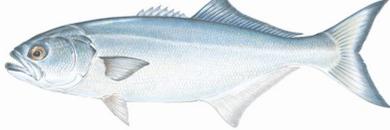
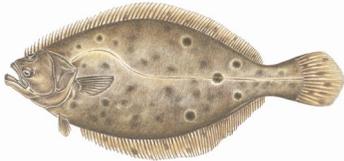
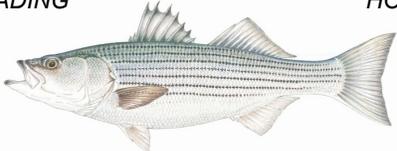
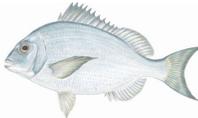
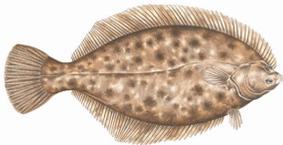
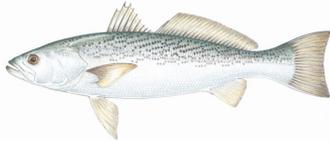


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## Size & Bag Limits for For-Hire Vessels in MA Waters\* 2018

<p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b></p>  <p>Season: May 19 - Sep 12 Minimum Size: 15 Possession Limit: 5 fish</p>	<p><b>BLUEFISH</b></p>  <p>Season: all year Minimum Size: no limit Possession Limit: 10 fish</p>																				
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