

## 7.21 Monkfish

### 7.21.1 – Commercial

7.21.1-1 Minimum size -- No person fishing commercially shall land or possess any monkfish measuring less than seventeen inches (17") total length or eleven inches (11") tail length whether that fish was caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

7.21.1-2 Possession Limits –

~~(a) For any non-federally permitted RI licensed vessel, the possession limit will be 550 pounds tail weight or 1,826 pounds whole weight of monkfish per vessel per calendar day.~~ **No person fishing commercially for monkfish in state waters shall possess more than 550 pounds tail weight or 1826 pounds whole weight per calendar day.**

~~(b) Repealed~~

~~(c) The possession limit may be modified on the basis of a RI state water monkfish quota as set by DEM, which shall be equal to 1% of the federal southern New England monkfish quota. When 90% of the state water quota has been harvested as determined by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the possession limit will decrease to 50 pounds tail weight or 166 pounds whole weight of monkfish per vessel per calendar day. When the state water quota has been harvested as determined by the Division, the Director shall close the state water monkfish fishery.~~

~~7.21.1-3 Vessels in possession of a federal permit allowing the harvest of monkfish may harvest monkfish in state waters if and only if they are operating during a previously and properly declared day at sea; in such instances, such vessels may harvest monkfish in the amount authorized to be possessed pursuant to federal regulations, and thus not be bound by the possession limits set forth in section 7.21.1-2. Vessels in possession of a federal permit allowing the commercial harvest of monkfish may also transit state waters in possession of monkfish in the amount authorized to be possessed pursuant to applicable federal regulations and land the same if so permitted pursuant to Rhode Island State Law, so long as all of the fish harvesting gear on board the vessel is stowed while in state waters.~~ **Every owner of a vessel(s) that qualifies for a federal permit allowing for the harvest of monkfish who intends said vessel to harvest monkfish in state waters shall declare said vessel with the department annually as a federally permitted vessel before the last day in February.**

### 7.21.2 - Recreational

7.21.2-1 Minimum Size -- No person fishing recreationally, shall land or

possess any monkfish measuring less than seventeen inches (17") total length or eleven inches (11") tail length whether that fish was caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

**7.21.2-2 Possession Limits** – No person who is fishing recreationally in RI waters, may possess more than 50 pounds tail weight or 166 pounds whole weight of monkfish per vessel per calendar day.

## **RIMF REGULATIONS [Penalty – Part 3.3 (RIGL 20-3-3)]**

### **7.22 Cod**

#### **7.22.1 – Commercial**

~~7.22.1-1 Minimum size -- No person fishing commercially shall land or possess any cod measuring less than twenty-two inches (22") total length whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

~~7.22.1-2 Possession Limits –~~

~~(a) For any non-federally permitted RI licensed vessel, the possession limit will be 1,000 pounds of cod per vessel per calendar day. When cod commercial landings from state waters equals one percent (1 %) of the federal New England (Georges Bank) cod quota, no person while fishing commercially in state waters shall possess more than 1000 pounds of cod per calendar day.~~

~~(b) The possession limit may be modified on the basis of a RI state water cod quota as set by DEM, which shall be equal to 1% of the federal New England (Georges Bank) cod quota. When 90% of the state water quota has been harvested as determined by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the possession limit will decrease to 75 pounds of cod per vessel per calendar day. When the state water quota has been harvested as determined by the Division, the Director shall close the state water cod fishery.~~

~~7.22.1-3 Vessels in possession of a federal permit allowing the harvest of cod may harvest cod in state waters if and only if they are operating during a previously and properly declared day at sea; in such instances, such vessels may harvest cod in the amount authorized to be possessed pursuant to federal regulations, and thus not be bound by the possession limits set forth in section 7.22.1-2. Vessels in possession of a federal permit allowing the commercial harvest of cod may also transit state waters in possession of cod in the amount authorized to be possessed pursuant to applicable federal regulations and land the same if so permitted pursuant to Rhode Island State Law, so long as all of the fish harvesting gear on board the vessel is stowed while in state waters.~~

### **7.22.2 - Recreational**

**7.22.2-1 Minimum Size -- No person fishing recreationally shall land or possess any cod measuring less than twenty-two inches (22") total length whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.**

**7.22.2-2 Possession Limits – No person who is fishing recreationally in RI waters, may possess more than ten (10) cod per person per calendar day.**

**7.22.2-3 Vessels in possession of a federal permit allowing the recreational harvest of cod may transit state waters in possession of cod in the amount authorized to be possessed pursuant to applicable federal regulations and land the same if so permitted pursuant to Rhode Island State Law, so long as all of the fish harvesting gear on board the vessel is stowed while in state waters.**

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