

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

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Table 1. Western Gulf of Maine Catch and Effort Estimates.¹

	May 1 - Apr. 30 (all waves)			May 1 - Aug. 30 (waves 3 - 4)		
	FY 2024	FY 2025 ²		FY 2024	FY 2025	
cod/haddock angler trips ³	231,963	143,265	(-38%)	129,477	77,212	(-40%)
cod harvest (#s)	13,280	12,973	(-2%)	460	135	(-71%)
cod discards (#s)	254,605	176,344	(-31%)	198,734	117,950	(-41%)
cod catch (#s)	267,885	189,318	(-29%)	199,194	118,085	(-41%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip	1.15	1.32	(+14%)	1.54	1.53	(-1%)
haddock harvest (#s)	555,272	270,881	(-51%)	465,303	167,230	(-64%)
haddock discards (#s)	829,155	507,251	(-39%)	537,571	200,938	(-63%)
haddock catch (#s)	1,384,427	778,132	(-44%)	1,002,874	368,168	(-63%)
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	5.97	5.43	(-9%)	7.75	4.77	(-38%)

¹ Source: MRIP data available as of 1/15/2025

² Waves 2, 5 and 6, of 2024 used as proxies for FY 2025

³ Number of angler trips that caught and/or targeted cod or haddock

Table 2. Western Gulf of Maine Catch and Effort Estimates by Mode.¹

	May 1 - Apr. 30 (all waves)			May 1 - Aug. 30 (waves 3 - 4)		
	FY 2024	FY 2025 ²		FY 2024	FY 2025	
Charter						
cod/haddock angler trips ³	4,381	4,532	(+3%)	3,524	3,675	(+4%)
cod harvest (#)	575	357	(-38%)	229	11	(-95%)
cod discards (#s)	4,045	4,805	(+19%)	2,667	3,427	(+29%)
cod catch (#s)	4,619	5,162	(+12%)	2,896	3,439	(+19%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip (#s)	1.05	1.14	(+8%)	0.82	0.94	(+14%)
haddock harvest (#s)	26,660	22,566	(-15%)	22,513	18,420	(-18%)
haddock discards (#s)	23,200	23,065	(-1%)	16,689	16,554	(-1%)
haddock catch (#s)	49,859	45,631	(-8%)	39,202	34,974	(-11%)
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	11.40	10.10	(-12%)	11.10	9.52	(-15%)
Headboat						
cod/haddock angler trips ³	27,595	17,627	(-36%)	21,050	8,942	(-58%)
cod harvest (#s)	1,190	1,003	(-16%)	231	26	(-89%)
cod discards (#s)	19,987	11,335	(-43%)	16,167	4,991	(-69%)
cod catch (#s)	21,177	12,338	(-42%)	16,398	5,017	(-69%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip (#s)	0.77	0.70	(-9%)	0.78	0.56	(-28%)
haddock harvest (#s)	49,853	44,516	(-11%)	40,696	21,676	(-47%)
haddock discards (#s)	88,860	69,329	(-22%)	73,692	39,431	(-47%)
haddock catch (#s)	138,713	113,845	(-18%)	114,388	61,107	(-47%)
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	5.03	6.46	(+29%)	5.43	6.83	(+26%)
Private						
cod/haddock angler trips ³	197,908	119,027	(-40%)	104,903	64,595	(-38%)
cod harvest (#s)	11,515	11,613	(+1%)	0	98	
cod discards (#s)	230,573	160,205	(-31%)	179,900	109,531	(-39%)
cod catch (#s)	242,089	171,818	(-29%)	179,900	109,629	(-39%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip (#s)	1.22	1.44	(+18%)	1.71	1.70	(-1%)
haddock harvest (#s)	476,680	201,720	(-58%)	402,094	127,134	(-68%)
haddock discards (#s)	717,095	414,857	(-42%)	447,190	144,953	(-68%)
haddock catch (#s)	1,193,775	616,577	(-48%)	849,284	272,087	(-68%)
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	6.03	5.18	(-14%)	8.10	4.21	(-48%)
Shore						
cod/haddock angler trips ³	2,079	2,079	(+0%)	0	0	
cod harvest (#s)	0	0		0	0	
cod discards (#s)	0	0		0	0	
cod catch (#s)	0	0		0	0	
avg. cod catch-per-trip (#s)	0	0		0	0	
haddock harvest (#s)	2,079	2,079	(+0%)	0	0	
haddock discards (#s)	0	0		0	0	
haddock catch (#s)	2,079	2,079	(+0%)	0	0	
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	1.00	1.00	(+0%)	0	0	

¹ Source: MRIP data available as of 1/15/2025² Waves 2, 5 and 6, of 2024 used as proxies for FY 2025³ Number of angler trips that caught and/or targeted cod or haddock

Table 3. Southern New England Cod Effort and Catch Estimates.¹

	May 1 - Apr. 30 (all waves)			May 1 - Aug. 30 (waves 3 - 4)		
	FY 2024	FY 2025 ²		FY 2024	FY 2025	
cod angler trips ³	32,842	28,562	(-13%)	9,667	3,735	(-61%)
cod harvest (#s)	18,436	12,226	(-34%)	6,533	7	(-100%)
cod discards (#s)	18,940	12,793	(-33%)	14,292	7,850	(-45%)
cod catch (#s)	37,376	25,019	(-33%)	20,825	7,857	(-62%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip	1.14	0.88	(-23%)	2.15	2.10	(-2%)

¹ Source: MRIP data available as of 1/15/2025² Waves 2, 5 and 6, of 2024 used as proxies for FY 2025³ Number of angler trips that caught and/or targeted cod**Table 4. Old Georges Bank Cod Effort and Catch Estimates.¹**

	May 1 - Apr. 30 (all waves)			May 1 - Aug. 30 (waves 3 - 4)		
	FY 2024	FY 2025 ²		FY 2024	FY 2025	
cod angler trips ³	33,735	28,562	(-15%)	10,559	3,735	(-65%)
cod harvest (#s)	18,436	12,226	(-34%)	6,533	7	(-100%)
cod discards (#s)	19,832	12,793	(-36%)	15,184	7,850	(-48%)
cod catch (#s)	38,268	25,019	(-35%)	21,717	7,857	(-64%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip	1.13	0.88	(-23%)	2.06	2.10	(2%)
haddock harvest (#s)	0	0		0	0	
haddock discards (#s)	892	0	(-100%)	892	0	(-100%)
haddock catch (#s)	892	0	(-100%)	892	0	(-100%)

¹ Source: MRIP data available as of 1/15/2025² Waves 2, 5 and 6, of 2024 used as proxies for FY 2025³ Number of angler trips that caught and/or targeted cod

Table 5. Eastern Gulf of Maine Effort and Catch Estimates.¹

	May 1 - Apr. 30 (all waves)			May 1 - Aug. 30 (waves 3 and 4)		
	FY 2024	FY 2025 ²		FY 2024	FY 2025	
cod/haddock angler trips ³	382	0	(-100%)	382	0	(-100%)
cod harvest (#s)	0	0		0	0	
cod discards (#s)	416	0	(-100%)	416	0	(-100%)
cod catch (#s)	416	0	(-100%)	416	0	(-100%)
avg. cod catch-per-trip (#s)	1.09	0	(-100%)	1.09	0	(-100%)
haddock harvest (#s)	0	0		0	0	
haddock discards (#s)	0	0		0	0	
haddock catch (#s)	0	0		0	0	
avg. haddock catch-per-trip	0	0		0	0	

¹ Source: MRIP data available as of 1/15/2025² Waves 2, 5 and 6, of 2024 used as proxies for FY 2025.³ Number of angler trips that caught and/or targeted cod or haddock

Table 6. FY2026 Western Gulf of Maine Projections.

	Status quo actual	Status quo proposed
Mode	Private & For-hire	Private & For-hire
Additional angler trips	400	1,277
Cod limit	1	1
Cod size	23"	23"
Cod open season	Sep. 1 st – Oct. 31 st	May 1 st – May 31 st Sep. 1 st – Oct. 31 st
Projected cod total mortality (mt; median of 100 simulations)	58 mt	60 mt
Cod sub-ACL	118 mt	118 mt
% under cod ACL (out of 100 simulations)	99	99
Haddock limit	15	15
Haddock size	18"	17"
Haddock open season	May 1 st – Feb. 28 th April 1 st – April 30 th	May 1 st – Feb. 28 th April 1 st – April 30 th
Projected haddock total mortality (mt; median of 100 simulations)	503 mt	534 mt
Haddock sub-ACL	1,146 mt	1,146 mt
% under haddock ACL (out of 100 simulations)	100	100