

Seabrook Sea Anglers Association

For Sea Angling Matches and Competitions - Angling Trust Recommended Retention Sizes

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>
Anglerfish	7kg	Pollack	30cm
Bass	43cm	Poor Cod	18cm
Bream - Black	24cm	Pouting	18cm
Bream - Gilthead	24cm	Ray - Blonde	45cm
Brill	35cm	Ray - Cuckoo	45cm
Coalfish	35cm	Ray - Small-eyed	45cm
Cod	35cm	Ray - Spotted	45cm
Common skate	45cm	Ray - Starry	45cm
Conger eel	Boat - 120cm/Shore - 91cm	Ray - Stingray	45cm
Dab	20cm	Ray - Thornback	45cm
European Eel	None - See Notes	Ray - Undulate	(see note 2)
Flounder	25cm	Rockling - Five Bearded	18cm
Garfish	38cm	Rockling - Shore	18cm
Gurnard - Grey	28cm	Rockling - Three-bearded	18cm
Gurnard - Red	28cm	Shad- Allis	Banned
Gurnard - Tub	28cm	Shad- Twait	Banned
Haddock	Boat - 35cm/Shore - 30cm	Shark - Blue	Boat 23kg/Shore 18kg
Halibut	Boat - 10kg/Shore - 3kg	Shark - Bull Huss	58cm
Herring	20cm	Shark - Mako	Boat 23kg/Shore 18kg
Horse mackerel	25cm	Shark - Porbeagle	(See AT note 5)
John Dory	Boat - 33cm/Shore - 25cm	Shark - Smoothhound	51cm
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	38cm	Shark - Spurdog	(see ATnote 6)
Ling	72cm	Shark - Thresher	Boat 23kg/Shore 18kg
Mackerel	Banned - See Notes	Shark - Tope	(See AT note 7)
Megrin	25cm	Sole	25cm
Monkfish/Angel Shark	(see note 4)	Sole - Lemon	25cm
Mullet - Grey, thick-lipped	33cm	Trigger fish	30cm
Mullet - Grey, thin-lipped	33cm	Topknot	20cm
Mullet - Golden Grey	33cm	Whiting	27cm
Turbot	35cm	Witch	28cm
Mullet - Red	15cm	Wrasse - Ballan	23cm
Plaice	28cm		

An Environment Agency byelaw prevents anglers from retaining the European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*). However, they can be retained for weighing or measuring but must be returned alive to the water they were taken from on completion of fishing.

Shad are now protected under the EU (- Berne Convention) and all fish must be returned