

GUIDE TO ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT DESCRIPTIONS

This guide provides the official EFH designation language for those managed species found in waters of the Northeast Region as well as other important habitat parameters. The designations describe the geographical extent in which EFH is found as well as the type of habitats utilized by each lifestage of the species. Click on the species' names below for the information to be provided in text format. To see this information in tabular format for all of the species click [here](#) for EFH Tables.

NEW ENGLAND SPECIES:

American plaice	Pollock
Atlantic cod	Red Hake
Atlantic halibut	Redfish
Atlantic herring	White hake
Atlantic salmon	Whiting
Atlantic sea scallops	Windowpane flounder
Haddock	Winter flounder
Monkfish	Witch flounder
Ocean pout	Yellowtail flounder
Offshore hake	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
	Skates

MID-ATLANTIC SPECIES:

Atlantic mackerel	Ocean quahog
Black sea bass	Scup
Bluefish	Spiny dogfish
Butterfish	Summer flounder
Tilefish	Illex squid
Surf clam	Loligo squid

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES AND BILLFISH:

Albacore tuna	Longfin mako
Atlantic angel shark	Porbeagle
Atlantic bigeye tuna	Sand tiger shark
Atlantic bluefin tuna	Sandbar shark
Atlantic sharpnose	Scalloped hammerhead
Atlantic skipjack	Shortfin mako
Atlantic swordfish	Silky shark
Atlantic yellowfin tuna	Thresher shark
Basking shark	Tiger shark
Blue marlin	White marlin
Blue shark	White shark
Dusky shark	

SOUTH ATLANTIC SPECIES:

Cobia	Red drum
Golden crab	Spanish mackerel
King mackerel	

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