

Sec. 26-159a-12. American goosfish (monkfish) (*Lophius americanus*)

(a) The minimum length of whole monkfish shall be 17 inches in total length, the minimum length of monkfish tails shall be 11 inches measured from the third dorsal spine from the snout to the tip of the tail, and no person while on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters, shall possess any monkfish tails or whole fish less than the minimum length.

(b) Any monkfish taken contrary to subsection (a) of this section shall, without avoidable injury, be returned immediately to the water from which taken.

(c) Possession of monkfish livers in excess of twenty-five percent of the weight of monkfish tails or ten percent of the weight of whole fish possessed shall be prohibited.

(Effective April 22, 1994; Amended March 31, 2003; Amended December 27, 2006)