

2015 Regulations for Small-mouthed sole and Sandfish in the northern waters of the Sea of Japan based on wide-area resource management

1 Small-mouthed sole

Enforcement prefectures	Fishing methods	Regulations	Commencing time
Aomori Prefecture	Offshore trawl	Regulation of fishing efforts and Water area regulation	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Gillnet	Net mesh size limits and Prohibition of trammel net	
	Set net and bottom trap net	Release of fish of less than 15cm in total length	From the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Set net, offshore trawl, bottom trap net and gillnet	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012
Akita Prefecture	All fishing methods	Prohibition of capture of fish under 15cm in total length	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Offshore trawl, coastal small trawl and gillnet	Fish sanctuary	From the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Offshore trawl and coastal small trawl	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012
Yamagata Prefecture	Offshore trawl, coastal small trawl and gillnet	Protection of the small fish under 17cm in total length	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Coastal small trawl and gillnet	Net mesh size limits and No fishing operations day	

	Offshore trawl and coastal small trawl	Fish sanctuary	From the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Gillnet	Fish sanctuary and No fishing operations day (further addition)	
	Offshore trawl	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012
	Coastal small trawl and gillnet	No fishing operations day (further addition)	
Niigata Prefecture	All fishing methods	Prohibition of shipment of fish under 15cm in total length and Fish sanctuary	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Coastal small trawl, Gochi net and gillnet	Net mesh size limits	
	Coastal small trawl, Gochi net, gillnet, Pole-and-Line fishing, Longline and set net	No fishing operations day	
	Coastal small trawl	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012

2 Sandfish

Enforcement prefectures	Fishing methods	Regulations	Commencing time
Aomori Prefecture	Offshore trawl	Prohibition of capture of fish of less than 15cm in total length, and Release of fish of less than 15cm in total length (4 prefectural agreements)	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003

	Set net, bottom trap net and gillnet	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012
Akita Prefecture	Others	Production and Release of seedlings	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Offshore trawl and gillnet	Fishing gear regulation	
	Offshore trawl, coastal small trawl, set net and gillnet	Fish catch regulation	
	All fishing methods	Prohibition of capture of fish of less than 15cm in total length, and Release of fish of less than 15cm in total length (4 prefectural agreements)	
	Coastal fishery	Waters restriction	
	Offshore trawl, coastal small trawl and small set net	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012
Yamagata Prefecture	Offshore trawl and coastal small trawl	Net mesh size limits, Prohibition of capture of fish of less than 15cm in total length, and Release of fish of less than 15cm in total length (4 prefectural agreements)	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Offshore trawl and coastal small trawl	Net mesh size limits (Furthermore, net mesh size expansion)	From the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Coastal small trawl	No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012

Niigata Prefecture	Offshore trawl and coastal small trawl	Prohibition of capture of fish of less than 15cm in total length, and Release of fish of less than 15cm in total length (4 prefectural agreements)	Before the Resource Recovery Plan in 2003
	Coastal small trawl	Fish catch quantity regulation	From November, 2011
		No fishing operations day	From the Resource Management Plan in 2012