



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## **Spiny Dogfish Fishery** SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE **Final 2013-2015 Fishery Specifications** *Effective date: May 1, 2013*

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has approved final catch limits, quotas, and trip limits for the spiny dogfish fishery for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 fishing years (beginning May 1, 2013). The following measures have been approved:

- Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
  - 2013 = 54.295 million lb
  - 2014 = 55.277 million lb
  - 2015 = 55.063 million lb
  
- Annual Coastwide Commercial Quotas
  - 2013 = 40.842 million lb (+14% from 2012)
  - 2014 = 41.784 million lb (+17% from 2012)
  - 2015 = 41.578 million lb (+16% from 2012)
  
- Commercial possession limit = 4,000 lb per trip (an increase of 1,000 lb from 2012)

Please communicate with your state's fisheries agency for information on other potential spiny dogfish restrictions, seasons, or landing limits.

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