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Spiny Dogfish Fishery

SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

2014-2015 Specifications

Effective date: September 8, 2014

Amendment 3 Management Measures

Effective date: August 14, 2014

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has approved and implemented 2014-2015 spiny dogfish specifications and Amendment 3 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan. The approved measures for these two actions are described below.

Fishing Year 2014-2015 Spiny Dogfish Fishery Specifications

- 2014 Annual Catch Limit = 60.695 million lb
- 2014 Annual Coastwide Commercial Quota = 49.037 million lb
- 2014 Federal Spiny Dogfish Trip Limit = 5,000 lb

- 2015 Annual Catch Limit = 62.270 million lb
- 2015 Annual Coastwide Commercial Quota = 50.612 million lb
- 2015 Federal Spiny Dogfish Trip Limit = 5,000 lb

Please contact your state's fisheries agency for information on other spiny dogfish restrictions, seasons, or landing limits that may apply.

Final Amendment 3 Management Measures

- A new Research Set-Aside program in which up to 3% of the spiny dogfish commercial quota may be set aside to fund research;
- Updates to spiny dogfish Essential Fish Habitat definitions based on new data;
- Rollover of specifications (catch limits, quotas, trip limits) from one year to the next in the event of delayed rulemaking for new specifications; and
- Elimination of the seasonal allocation of the commercial quota. The Federal spiny dogfish commercial quota will now be managed on an annual, coastwide basis.

For more information on these actions and other spiny dogfish regulations please refer to:

<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/sdogfish/>

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