

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **2012 Specifications** – NMFS published the proposed rule for 2012 specifications on March 19th, 2012 (*77 Federal Register 15591*) with a comment period ending April 18th. The specifications include the commercial quota of 35.694 million lbs. recommended by the NEFMC and MAFMC, and a trip limit of 3,000 lbs. which was recommended by the NEFMC and ASMFC.

- B. Amendment 3 - The Spiny Dogfish FMAT has been and continues to conduct preliminary analyses related to developing the Amendment 3 Public Hearing Document. The FMAT has identified a range of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 3, as described in the attached document. The MAFMC approved this range of alternatives for further development on April 12, and this Council will consider approving them at this meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Consider approval of the range of alternatives for incorporation into the Amendment 3 Public Hearing Document.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Proposed rule for the 2012 Spiny Dogfish Specifications (comment period closed 4/18/2012)
- 2. Amendment 3 Alternatives for the Public Hearing Document (draft for approval)