

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. The MAFMC approved a 20 million pound TAL (total allowable landings level) and a 3,000 pound trip limit for the fishing year specifications (May 1, 2011 - Apr 30, 2012) for spiny dogfish. The TAL is a 33% increase from the 2010 level and is consistent with the recommendations of the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee and the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee. It was based on reductions from the ABC determination of the MAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). It is 60% of the ABC compared to the 2009 TAL which was 67% of the ABC.

For ABC, the MAFMC SSC recommended a reduction from OFL based on a probability of overfishing (P^*) of 35%. This probability is in keeping with the SSC's risk policy for a level-3 assessment on an "atypical" stock, with atypical meaning that species life history and/or current population conditions make it vulnerable to overfishing. The ABC that corresponds to $P^*=35\%$ was calculated by the SSC as 75% of the OFL.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Consider MAFMC motion, "that the spiny dogfish quota be set at 20 million pounds with a 3,000 pound trip limit for the 2011/2012 fishing year only"

III. INFORMATION

1. MAFMC Council Motions (Oct. 12-14, 2010) including motion on Dogfish Specifications for 2011/2012 fishing year.
2. Report of September 2010 Meeting of the MAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (memo to Richard Robins - Oct. 4, 2020)
3. Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee Management Recommendations (Memo to Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee - Sept. 27, 2010)
4. Letter from Thomas Dempsey, CCHFA about 2011 Dogfish Specifications (Nov. 10, 2010)