

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **2014 Specifications** – Existing 2014 management measures for the spiny dogfish fishery were established through the multi-year (2013-2015) specifications which reflected the recommendations of both the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils. The final rule for the multi-year spiny dogfish specifications published on May 3, 2013. Upon review of an updated spiny dogfish stock assessment in September 2013, the Mid-Atlantic Council's SSC revised ABC for 2014 and 2015. The 2014 ABC increased from 55.455 M lb to 60.839 M lb and the 2015 ABC increased from 55.241 M lb to 62.413 M lb. At its October meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Council increased the 2014 commercial quota from 41.784 M lb to 49.037 M lb and the 2015 commercial quota from 41.578 M lb to 50.612 M lb. These commercial quotas reflected the recommendations of the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee.

At its October meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Council also discussed cumulative trip limits of as much as 20,000 pounds as well as the elimination of trip limits in federal waters but did not recommend any changes to the trip limit.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve the 2014-2015 specifications for the Spiny Dogfish FMP

III. INFORMATION

1. Summary of Spiny Dogfish Committee Management Measure Recommendations for 2014
2. Presentation – 2014-15 Dogfish Specifications Review