

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

#### I. STATUS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee met on Sept. 21-22 to develop ABC recommendations, and the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to develop ACLs and AMs based on the SSC's ABC recommendation. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the MAFMC approved the recommendations of the SSC and Monitoring Committee, as well as adopting a 4,000 lb. trip limit. The ASFMC is scheduled to meet on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> to establish their 2012 management measures (commercial quota and trip limits).

The Spiny Dogfish FMAT has been and continues to conduct preliminary analyses related to developing the Amendment 3 Public Hearing Document. An analysis of the extent of "permit hopping" was done by the FMAT related to the limited access permit options in the amendment. That analysis did not find evidence of widespread dropping, reacquisition of federal spiny dogfish permits. As such, the need for limited permit options in Amendment 3 is not likely to be linked to exploitation of loopholes in the federal open access permitting system. The FMAT will continue to develop the amendment.

#### II. COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Motion:** to approve the spiny dogfish ACL for 2012 at 44,868,000 lbs, the ACT at 44,737,000 lbs, the TAL at 35,740,000 lbs, the commercial quota at 35,694,000 lbs, and the trip limit of 4,000 lbs..

#### III. INFORMATION

1. Mid-Atlantic Council motions from Oct. 11-13 meeting.
2. September 15, 2011 Staff Memo, recommendations on ABC and management measures for 2012
3. Update on the Status of Spiny Dogfish in 2011 and Initial Evaluation of Alternative Harvest Strategies, Paul Rago and Kathy Sosebee, NEFSC, Sept. 11, 2011
4. SSC Report, Spiny Dogfish ABC Recommendations, Sept. 26, 2011
5. Monitoring Committee Management Measure Recommendations for 2012, Sept. 27, 2011