

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **2013 Specifications** – The Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee and ASMFC Technical Committee met on October 3 in Warwick, RI and developed recommendations for the 2013-2015 fishing year with the possibility of multi (three) year measures. The Mid-Atlantic Council approved their recommendations at its October meeting, and this Council is scheduled to consider the same at this meeting.

- B. **Amendment 3** - The MAFMC and NEFMC have approved final measures for submission to NMFS, including, a 3% commercial quota set-aside for cooperative research funding, updates to essential fish habitat definitions, allowing for automatic rollover of management measures to the following year until replaced by rulemaking, and elimination of the two-season quota allocation system.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Approve final measures for specifications for the 2013-2015 fishing years.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Motion on behalf of the Committee, as approved by the Mid-Atlantic Council for specifications for the 2013-2015 fishing years.