

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. The Council will hear a presentation on the provisions of the MAFMC Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment that apply to spiny dogfish and consider approval of this section of the amendment. The MAFMC approved the amendment at its August 16-19, 2010 meeting. (Information items 1-3)
- B. The MAFMC SSC met via a webinar on September 7, 2010 to develop recommendations for Spiny Dogfish specifications for 2011 – 2015. The SSC report recommended OFLs and ABCs for these years and characterized the assessment as “level 3” in terms of its level of uncertainty. (Information item 5)
- C. The Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee met on September 24, 2010 to develop management measure recommendations for the Spiny Dogfish specifications for 2011 – 2015. The MAFMC will approve specifications at its October 12-14 meeting and the NEFMC is scheduled to approve the specifications at its November 16-18, 2010 meeting. A summary of this meeting is not yet available.
- D. Amendment 3: The MAFMC has asked the ASMFC to convey the details of its exploration of alternative quota allocation scenarios for Addendum 3 to the Spiny Dogfish ISFMP which are expected to include possible allocations by state. (Information item 4)

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve ACL/AM provisions for Spiny Dogfish that are included in the MAFMC Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Spiny Dogfish Excerpts from the MAFMC Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment
- 2. MAFMC August 16-19, 2010 Meeting Motions
- 3. Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment Dogfish Presentation
- 4. MAFMC letter to ASMFC (September 16, 2010) re Dogfish Amendment 3 and the development of Addendum3 to ISFMP for Spiny Dogfish
- 5. MAFMC SSC’s Response to Spiny Dogfish TORs (September 21, 2010)