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Spiny Dogfish Fishery
SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE
Amendment 3 Management Measures
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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has approved and implemented Amendment 3 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan. The following measures have been approved:

- A new Research Set-Aside program in which up to 3% of the spiny dogfish commercial quota may be set aside to fund research;
- Updates to spiny dogfish Essential Fish Habitat definitions based on new data;
- Rollover of specifications (catch limits, quotas, trip limits) from one year to the next in the event of delayed rulemaking for new specifications; and
- Elimination of the seasonal allocation of the commercial quota. The Federal spiny dogfish commercial quota will now be managed on an annual, coastwide basis.

Please contact your state's fisheries agency for information on other spiny dogfish restrictions, seasons, or landing limits that may apply.