



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
55 Great Republic Drive
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2011 Spiny Dogfish Fishery Effective May 1, 2011

Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

We would like to make sure you know that the 2011 spiny dogfish fishery opened on May 1, 2011, with a possession limit of 3,000 lb per trip. Vessels are still prohibited from landing more than one trip in any calendar day.


The Federal commercial quota for the 2011 spiny dogfish fishery will be set after the May 1, 2011, start of the fishing year (FY), so FY 2011 began on May 1, 2011, without a Federal spiny dogfish quota. The proposed rule for the 2011 spiny dogfish specifications was published in the Federal Register on March 17, 2011 (76 FR 14644), with public comment accepted through April 18, 2011.

All landings of spiny dogfish, from both state and Federal waters between May 1, 2011, and the implementation of the FY 2011 coastwide quota will be deducted from the Period 1 quota. Vessels must still comply with state regulations and quota allocations. Please contact your local state fisheries office for more information on current state regulations and quota for the start of FY 2011.

For more information on spiny dogfish regulations please call Sustainable Fisheries at (978) 281-9315 and refer to the spiny dogfish information sheet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/infodocs/SpinyDogFactSheet.pdf>

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135.

Sincerely,


Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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