



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
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## 2010 Spiny Dogfish Fishery

Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

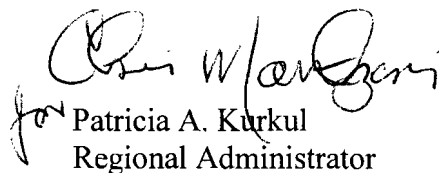
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) clarifies that the 2010 spiny dogfish fishery opened on May 1, 2010, with a possession limit of 3,000 lb per trip. Vessels continue to be prohibited from landing more than one trip in any calendar day. The Federal commercial quota for the 2010 spiny dogfish fishery will be set after the May 1, 2010, start of the fishing year (FY). Therefore, FY 2010 began on May 1, 2010 without a specified Federal spiny dogfish quota. The proposed rule for the 2010 spiny dogfish specifications was published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2010, (75 FR 16716) and the comment period is open until May 3, 2010.

All landings of spiny dogfish, from both state and Federal waters accrued during the interim period between May 1, 2010, and the implementation of final FY 2010 specifications will be deducted from the Period 1 quota allocation. 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 2010.

For more information on spiny dogfish regulations 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,

  
for Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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