



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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2010 Federal Spiny Dogfish Fishery Reopens for Period II (November 1 through April 30)

Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) reminds you that the 2010 spiny dogfish fishery will reopen for Period II on November 1, 2010, with a possession limit of 3,000 lb per trip. NOAA's Fisheries Service will close the Period II fishery when the Federal quota of 15 million pounds is projected to be fully harvested for the 2010 fishing year (FY).

Please note that although the spiny dogfish fishery is reopening coastwide under the Federal management plan, vessels must still comply with more restrictive state regulations under the Interstate management plan. On August 25, 2010, the northern states (Maine through Connecticut) closed their spiny dogfish fisheries in state waters and landings are prohibited in these states until May 1, 2011. Please contact your local state fisheries office for more information on current state regulations.

For more information on spiny dogfish regulations call the Sustainable Fisheries Division 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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