



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

CLOSURE OF THE 2008 PERIOD 1 SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY

Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

NMFS has determined that the 2008 Period 1 quota for spiny dogfish fishery has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, August 20, 2008, the fishery for spiny dogfish is closed and vessels issued Federal permits for spiny dogfish may not fish for, possess, transfer, or land any spiny dogfish until 0001 hours, November 1, 2008, at which time the Period 2 quota for the 2008 fishing year becomes available.**

Section 648.4(b) provides that Federal spiny dogfish permit holders agree, as a condition of the permit, not to land spiny dogfish in any state after NMFS has published notification in the Federal Register that the commercial quota has been harvested and that no commercial quota for the spiny dogfish fishery is available. **This means vessels issued Federal permits may not fish for, possess, transfer, or land spiny dogfish, whether caught in state or Federal waters.**

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 978-281-9135.¹

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

¹*This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.*

