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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

REOPENING OF THE SPINY DOGFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERY

Dear Spiny Dogfish Commercial Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the spiny dogfish commercial fishery in the exclusive economic zone will reopen on 0001 hours, January 12, 2004. This will allow the fishery participants to receive the full benefit of the annual quota allocation. Vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit to harvest spiny dogfish may possess up to 300 lb of spiny dogfish per trip per calendar day.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" 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

This Small Entity Compliance Guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.

