



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the spiny dogfish commercial quota available to the coastal states from Maine to Florida for the fishing year 2002 period 1 (May-October) has been harvested.

Therefore, effective 0001 July 1, 2002, fishing vessels issued a Federal permit for the spiny dogfish fishery may no longer land spiny dogfish for the duration of period 1 (through October 31, 2002). Vessel owners issued Federal permits are reminded that they must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for spiny dogfish are advised that they may not purchase spiny dogfish from federally permitted spiny dogfish vessels for the duration of period 1 (through October 31, 2002). Federally permitted dealers must continue to report **all** fish purchases from **any** vessel.

The Northeast Regional Office has established two automated systems to provide faster notice to the fishing industry of management actions. You may receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by requesting to be notified in the following ways: (1) You may sign up through our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov>, to request e-mail notices, or (2) you may submit a fax number by sending a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135, to receive notices by fax. You will continue to receive mailed notices even if you choose to receive notification through one of the automated systems.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

