



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

June 18, 2001

Dear Spiny Dogfish Dealer and
Commercial Vessel 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 2001 period 1 (May-October) has been harvested.

Therefore, effective 0001 hours June 22, 2001, 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, 2001). 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, 2001). 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 through one of the following systems: (1) You may request e-mail notices by clicking on "What's New" on our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>, or (2) you may be notified via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. If you choose to receive notification of management actions through one of the above automated systems, you will continue to receive notices through the mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

