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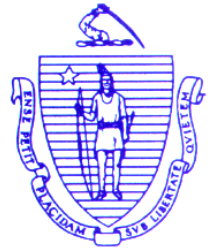
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

**2016/2017 COMMERCIAL SPINY DOGFISH LIMIT:
5,000 POUNDS PER TRIP, EFFECTIVE MAY 1**

The Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has declared that effective May 1, the 2016/2017 commercial spiny dogfish possession and landing limit is 5,000 pounds per calendar day or per trip, whichever period is longer ([Declaration](#)). Unless otherwise notified, this commercial possession and landing limit will be effective from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, or until 100% of the Northern Region's (ME-CT) 2016/2017 commercial spiny dogfish quota is taken.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is currently reviewing a proposal to increase the 2016/2017 spiny dogfish possession and landing limit to 6,000 pounds in-season. If NMFS approves said proposal, the state will adopt a complementary 6,000 pound possession and landing limit that will apply per calendar day or per trip, whichever period is longer. An advisory will be issued to notify the public of this potential trip limit adjustment.

For more information regarding the commercial spiny dogfish fishery please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.