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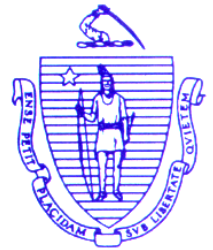
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2018 Statement of Permit Conditions Spiny Dogfish Trip Limits

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has taken action to establish the state's possession and landing limits for the 2018/2019 spiny dogfish fishery. This limit is designed to match the federal and interstate limits established by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for the Northern Region's (ME-CT). Unless further amended, these limits shall remain in place through April 30, 2019 or until 100% of the federal spiny dogfish quota for the Northern Region is taken.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority at, G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.35(5) and 7.01(7), all commercial fisherman permits with a regulated fishery permit endorsement for dogfish have been hereby conditioned to establish the 2018/2019 commercial spiny dogfish trip limits at 322 CMR §6.35(5)

- 1. Beginning May 1, 2018 it shall be unlawful for any commercial vessel or commercial permit holder to possess or land in excess of 6,000 pounds of spiny dogfish per trip or per calendar day, whichever is longer.**

Any violation of the above stated permit condition is subject to the fines and penalties set forth at G.L. c. 130 §§ 2 and 80, G.L. c. 21A § 10H and 322 CMR 7.01(9), including but not limited to an administrative hearing to suspend or revoke your commercial fisherman permit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

April 30, 2018