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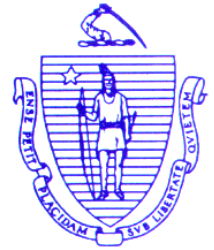
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*Marine Fisheries Advisory*

### **2015/2016 COMMERCIAL SPINY DOGFISH LIMIT: 5,000 POUNDS PER TRIP, EFFECTIVE MAY 1**

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The Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has declared a 5,000 pound possession and landing limit for the 2015/2016 commercial spiny dogfish fishery ([Notice of Declaration](#)). Unless otherwise notified, this commercial possession and landing limit will be effective from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, or until 100% of the Northern Region's (ME-CT) 2015/2016 commercial spiny dogfish quota is taken. This possession and landing limit applies per trip or per calendar day, whichever is longer. The commercial spiny dogfish fishery is open to catch, possession and landing seven-days per week.

For the 2015/2016 commercial spiny dogfish fishery, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spiny Dogfish Board approved a 29.35 million pound quota and a 5,000 pound trip limit for the Northern Region. The Northern Region is comprised of all coastal states from Maine to Connecticut. The northern region's quota represents 58% of the coast-wide quota. To ensure Massachusetts commercial fishermen could fish for, possess and land spiny dogfish in Massachusetts the Director recommended and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved this 5,000 pound possession and landing limit

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