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SPINY DOGFISH TRIP LIMIT INCREASED TO 7,500 POUNDS CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL RULES

DMF is increasing the commercial spiny dogfish trip limit from 6,000 pounds to 7,500 pounds effective May 13, 2022. This action is consistent with the federal specifications for the 2022 Atlantic spiny dogfish fishery (see [Bulletin](#)) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's allowance for the Northern Region (Maine–Connecticut) state waters trip limit. The trip limit is being increased to allow more operational flexibility and better enable the fishery to achieve the full annual quota. The complementary state action will allow Massachusetts fishermen fishing lawfully in federal waters to land their catch in Massachusetts ports and to take advantage of a higher trip limit if fishing in state waters.

For more information regarding the management of spiny dogfish, please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call DMF at 617-626-1520.