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Statement of Permit Conditions: 2019/2020 Spiny Dogfish Commercial Possession and Landing Limits

The Division of Marine Fisheries, with the prior approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has established the state's 2019/2020 commercial spiny dogfish possession and landing limits. These limits complement the federal and interstate limits established by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Pursuant to the authority at, G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 17A and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.35(5), 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), all 2019 commercial fisherman permits with regulated fishery permit endorsements for spiny dogfish have been hereby conditioned to establish the 2019/2020 commercial spiny dogfish possession and landing limits at 322 CMR §6.35(5):

- 1. During the period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, it shall be unlawful for any commercial permit holder or fishing vessel to possess or land in excess of 6,000 pounds of spiny dogfish per trip or per calendar day, whichever period is longer.
- 2. Once the Director has determined that the Northern Region's (ME CT) annual quota allocation has been landed, it shall be unlawful for any commercial permit holder or fishing vessel to possess or land any spiny dogfish.

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.

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Effective Date