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COMMERCIAL SPINY DOGFISH TRIP LIMIT INCREASED TO 6,000 LBS EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Effective August 15, the 2016/2017 commercial spiny dogfish possession and landing limit is 6,000 pounds per calendar day or per trip, whichever period is longer. Unless otherwise notified, this commercial possession and landing limit will be effective through April 30, 2017, or until 100% of the Northern Region's (ME-CT) 2016/2017 commercial spiny dogfish quota is taken.

This 1,000-lb increase to the trip limit is consistent with action by NOAA Fisheries for the 2016–2018 Spiny Dogfish Specifications (<u>Federal Register Notice</u>) and a prior declaration by the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (<u>Declaration</u>).

For more information regarding the management of spiny dogfish in Massachusetts, contact *MarineFisheries* at 617-626-1520 or visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.