

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

As specified in 322 CMR 6.35, the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) may, by declaration, establish and adjust the manner and times of taking spiny dogfish, and the legal size limits, numbers and/or quantities of spiny dogfish to be taken as prescribed by M.G.L. c.130 §17A and specified by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. DMF has established a public comment period on the following proposed measure, conditional upon ASMFC approval: **During a 24-hour day it is unlawful for a commercial fisherman to land or possess greater than 2,000-lbs. of spiny dogfish.** This proposed trip limit increase will become effective November 10, 2006 unless otherwise notified.

Written comments may be received by e-mail, (marine.fish@state.ma.us), fax (617.626.1509), or mail (DMF; 251 Causeway St., Suite 400; Boston, MA 02114) and will be accepted until 5PM on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.