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**ASMFC APPROVES 8-MILLION LB. SPINY DOGFISH QUOTA FOR 2008/2009  
2007/2008 FISHERY REMAINS CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2008.**

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Shark Management Board approved an eight million pound quota for the 2008/2009 fishing year (May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009), with 58% of the quota allocated to states from Maine through Connecticut and 42% allocated to New York through North Carolina. *Marine Fisheries* will announce final specifications (e.g. trip limits) for the 2008/2009 fishing year prior to the May 1, 2008 opening.

A reminder that the 2007/2008 commercial fishery remains closed. *Marine Fisheries* prohibited the possession and landing of spiny dogfish by all fishermen (federal and state) effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the end of the 2007/2008 fishing year (April 30, 2008) after projecting 100% harvest of the ASMFC northern states' 2007/2008 spiny dogfish quota.