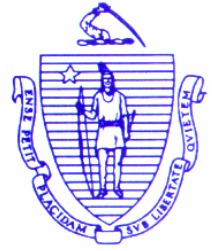




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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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. As required, prior to any such declaration, DMF has established a public comment period on the following measures for the May 1, 2006- April 30, 2007 fishing year: **During a 24-hour day it is unlawful for a commercial fisherman to land or possess greater than 600-lbs. of spiny dogfish.** Unless otherwise notified by the Director, annual specification as approved by the ASMFC shall become effective on May 1, 2006.

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 Friday December 16, 2005.

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