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MFC APPROVES 2008/2009 SPINY DOGFISH SPECIFICATIONS
Fishery to open May 1st at 600-lbs & increase to 2,000-lbs. on September 1st.

Beginning May 1, 2008 the spiny dogfish daily limit shall be 600-lbs. This trip limit will remain in effect through August 31st. On September 1st the trip limit will increase to 2,000-lbs. and remain in effect until *MarineFisheries* determines that 58% of the annual ASMFC approved regional quota of 8-million lbs. has been reached.

The increased 2,000-lb. trip limit in effect beginning September 1st applies to permit holders who do not possess federal permits. The federal trip limit will remain unchanged at 600-lbs. and applies to any vessel that holds a federal permit for spiny dogfish. When 58% of the interstate plan quota is reached, and DMF closes the fishery – all landings of dogfish (by state and federal permit holders) will be prohibited through the end of the fishing year.