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**MFC APPROVES 2009 SPINY DOGFISH SPECIFICATIONS**  
**Fishery to open May 1st at 600-lbs & trip limit to increase on September 1st.**

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Beginning May 1, 2009 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 anywhere between 1,500 - 2,000-lbs. per day depending on an assessment of landings prior to September 1st. The increased limit will remain in effect until *MarineFisheries* determines that 58% of the annual ASMFC approved regional quota of 12-million lbs. has been reached.

State trip limits apply to all permit holders (state and federal) landing in the Commonwealth. 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.

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