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### **DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION OF THE 2015/2016 SPINY DOGFISH POSSESSION LIMITS**

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Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, § 3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 21 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(7) and 6.35(5), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval and consent of the Marine Fisheries Commission, hereby makes the following Declaration of the 2015/2016 Spiny Dogfish Possession Limits:

1. **Beginning May 1, 2015 it shall be unlawful for any commercial vessel or commercial permit holder to possess or land in excess of 5,000-lbs. of spiny dogfish per trip or per calendar day, whichever is longer; and**
2. **Once the Director has determined that the northern region's quota has been reached, it shall be unlawful for commercial fishermen to land or possess any spiny dogfish.**
3. **All spiny dogfish regulated fishery permit endorsements are hereby conditioned with the restrictions as established in the Declaration set forth in numbers one and two above.**

Dated: April 30, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_