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Director Declares 4,000 lb 2014/2015 Spiny Dogfish Trip Limit

Pursuant to 322 CMR 6.35, the Director hereby declares the following:

- 1. Beginning May 1, 2014 it shall be unlawful for any commercial vessel or commercial permit holder to possess or land in excess of 4,000-lbs. of spiny dogfish per trip or per calendar day, whichever is longer; and**
- 2. Once the Director has determined that the northern states' allocation (58%) of the ASMFC-approved quota has been reached, it shall be unlawful for commercial fishermen to land or possess any spiny dogfish.**

For the 2014/2015 commercial spiny dogfish fishery, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Spiny Dogfish Board approved a 28.65 million pound quota and 4,000 pound trip limit for the Northern Region (ME-CT). On April 30, 2014 the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) recommended 4,000 pound daily commercial trip limit specification for spiny dogfish.

For more information regarding the commercial spiny dogfish fishery please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.