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### **DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF DECLARATION: 2014/2015 SPINY DOGFISH POSSESSION LIMITS INCREASE**

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 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 to increase the 2014/2015 Spiny Dogfish Possession Limits:

- 1. Beginning September 8, 2014 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;**
- 2. This 5,000 lb commercial spiny dogfish limit shall be in effect until the close of the 2014/2015 fishing year on April 30 or until the northern region's allocation of the ASMFC-approved quota is reported harvested;**
- 3. Once the Director has determined that the northern region's quota allocation has been harvested, it shall be unlawful for commercial fishermen to land or possess any spiny dogfish; and**
- 4. All spiny dogfish regulated fishery permit endorsements are hereby conditioned with the restrictions as established in the Declaration set forth in numbers one through three above.**

Dated: September 4, 2014

By: *Paul J. Diodati*