



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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## DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:

### Increase to the 2023 Commercial Smooth Dogfish Trip Limit

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 80 and 322 CMR 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

1. Effective Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the commercial smooth dogfish trip limit, as set forth at 322 CMR 6.37, shall be increased from 100 pounds to 300 pounds.
2. The adjustment implemented via this declaration shall expire after December 31, 2023, or when the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 100% of the Commonwealth's 2023 commercial smooth dogfish quota is taken and the fishery is closed.

By: 

Dated: July 10, 2023

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director