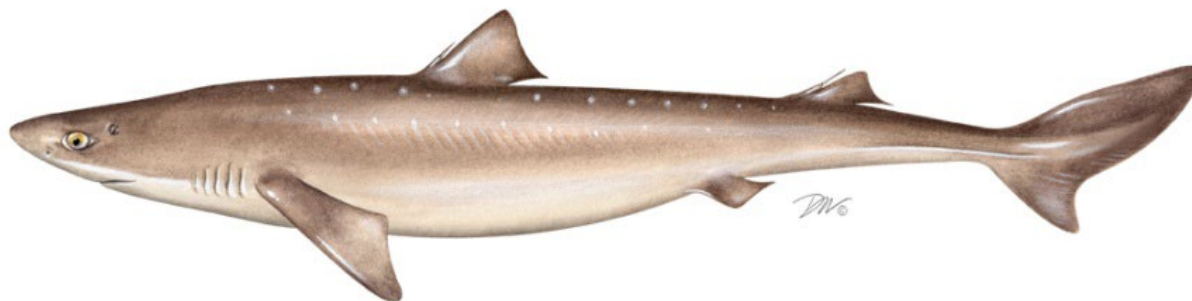




Spiny Dogfish FMP Review for 2021-2022 Fishing Year



Spiny Dogfish Management Board
August 3, 2023

Overview



1. Status of the Stock
2. Commercial Quota/Landings
3. State Compliance and *De Minimis* Requests
4. PRT Recommendations



Status of the Stock



- No Update since 2018
 - Not overfished and overfishing is not occurring
 - (2018) Female SSB = 106,753 MT > SSB_{Threshold}
 - (2017) $F = 0.202 < F_{\text{Threshold}}$
- Management Track Assessment scheduled for peer review in September 2023



Status of the Fishery



- May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022
- Quota was 29.56 million lbs
- Trip limit for northern region was 6,000 lbs
- Commercial landings were 9.87 million lbs
 - Approx 23% decrease from FY 2020/2021
- Recreational Harvest & Dead Discards
 - Landings: 471,864 pounds, 79% increase
 - Dead Discards: 2.6 million pounds, 52% increase



State Compliance and *De Minimis*



- PRT reviewed all state compliance reports
- In 2021, all regions and states harvested within their quota
- All states implemented regulations consistent with the requirements of the FMP
- *De minimis*
 - <1% of total landings, no monitoring requirements but must report landings annually
 - Delaware met the requirements for 2021; New York requests status with 1.14% of total landings



PRT Recommendations



- States to more clearly indicate regulations for weekly landings reporting
- CT finning regulations
- Exempted Fishing Permit
 - FMP language: specific to biomedical
 - Most EFPs in recent years: education or research
- De Minimis
 - Unclear of benefits currently



Board Action for Consideration



Accept the FMP Review and State Compliance Reports for Spiny Dogfish 2021/2022 Fishing Year and *de minimis* requests from New York and Delaware.





Questions?

