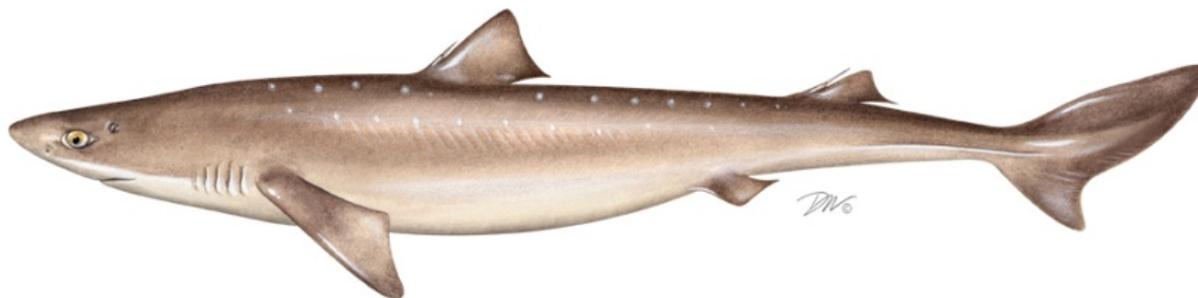


Spiny Dogfish Draft Addendum VI

Commercial Management: Quota Transfers between Regions



October 29, 2019

Outline



- Document Development Timeline
- Statement of the Problem
- Background
- Management Options
- Public Comment Summary
- Board Action



Document Development



ISFMP Board Initiated
Draft Addendum VI

May 2019

Board Approved Draft
Addendum VI for Public
Comment

August 2019

Public Comment

August-
September 2019

**Board Considers Action
on Draft Addendum**

October 2019



Statement of the Problem



FMP allows only quota transfers between states with an individual state quota; regions can not currently transfer quota

Full utilization of the coastwide quota may not be possible for FY 2019 due to quota transfer limitations without Board Action.

The quota for FY 2019 has been reduced approx. 46% in response to the 2018 Stock Assessment Update. Some states may have to close their fishery early, while unused quota is available.



Background



- Fishery operates on a Fishing Year of May 1-April 30
- The Commission has a complementary plan to the Federal Joint FMP between the MAFMC and NEFMC
- Addendum III (2011) established regional (ME-CT) and state specific allocations (NY,NJ,DE,MD,VA,NC) of the coastwide quota

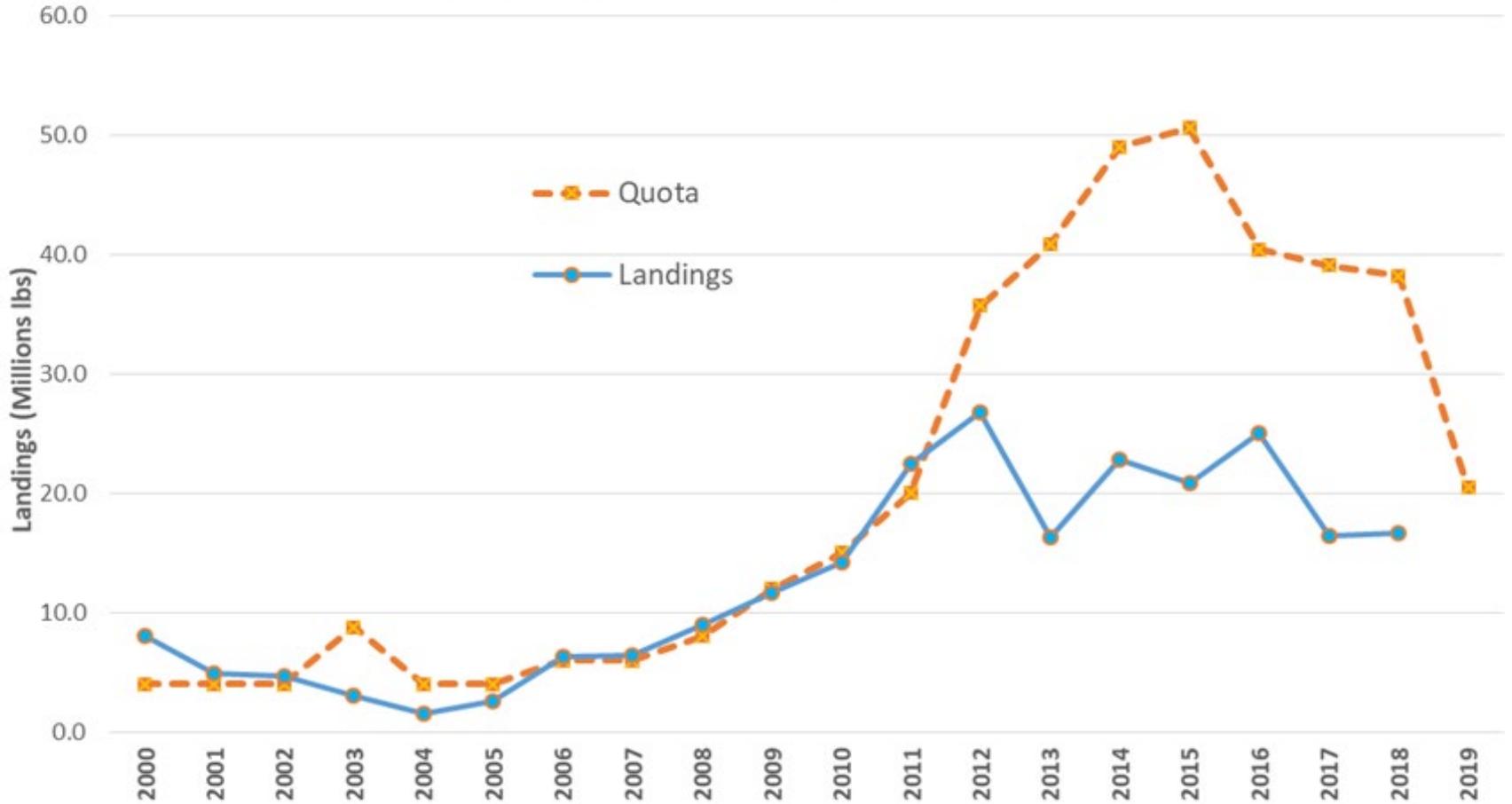
	Northern Region (ME-CT)	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
Allocation	58%	2.707%	7.644%	0.896%	5.92%	10.795%	14.036%



Commercial Fishery



Commercial Spiny Dogfish Landings and Quotas FY2000-2019



Proposed Management Program

- Options on Commercial Quota Transfer Provisions
- Scoping Question on Federal Commercial Trip Limit



Management Options



- Option 1: Status Quo
 - No change; quota transfers are only allowed for states with an individual (not regional) quota



Management Options



- Option 2: Allow Quota Transfers between all states and regions
 - Region can participate in quota transfers through mutual agreement of each state in the region
 - Requires the Admin Commissioner (or proxy) from each state in the region to agree to the transfer in writing
 - Same rules regarding transfer apply
 - Transfers do not permanently affect allocations
 - Quota management and accountability based on the transfer-adjusted quota
 - All transfers must occur within 45 days of the end of the fishing year



Scoping Question



Should the Commission recommend that the federal commercial trip limit be eliminated and replaced by the state-by-state trip limits where they exist (NY–NC) and a regional trip limit where it exists (Northern Region of ME-CT)?



Public Comment Summary



- Public Hearings held in NH, RI (no attendees), and via Webinar
- Total of 7 written comments were received
 - Few were specific to the proposed options and scoping question
- 3 were in favor of Option 2: Allowing Quota Transfers between states and regions
 - 1 in favor of Option 1: Status Quo
- Scoping Question: whether to recommend eliminating federal trip limit
 - 1 in favor, 1 against



Public Comment Summary Cont'd



- NEFMC expressed concerns on Commission's public comment process on scoping question
- Other comments
 - High abundance has been observed around Block Island and wants to maximally harvest biomass
 - Does not want full utilization of quotas. Instead wants the quota cut by 50% immediately in all regions
 - Individual takes issue with NEFSC trawl survey; 80% of the female population is not surveyed by trawl gear; wants import data; expressed need to rename spiny dogfish for marketing
 - Commission is not complying with Article 1, Section 1 of Commission's Compact (prevent physical waste)



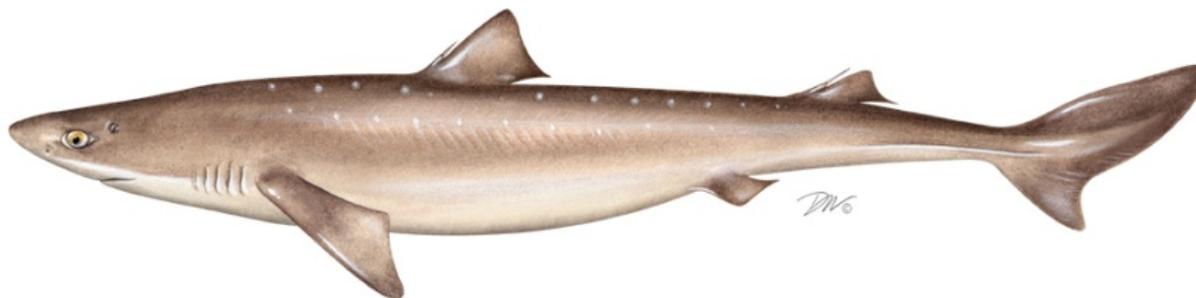
Board Action for consideration

- Select Management Option
- Confirm implementation Date
- Consider Approval of document

- Separate: whether to send a letter to Councils/NOAA Fisheries on federal trip limit



Spiny Dogfish 2020 Specifications



October 29, 2019

Update



- October 2019: MAFMC took no action to modify specifications for the 2020 FY
- In turn, no action is required to modify 2020 specifications for consistency with MAFMC/NEFMC FMP
- Board may chose to modify northern region trip limit for 2020 FY
 - 2019 FY: 6,000 lbs



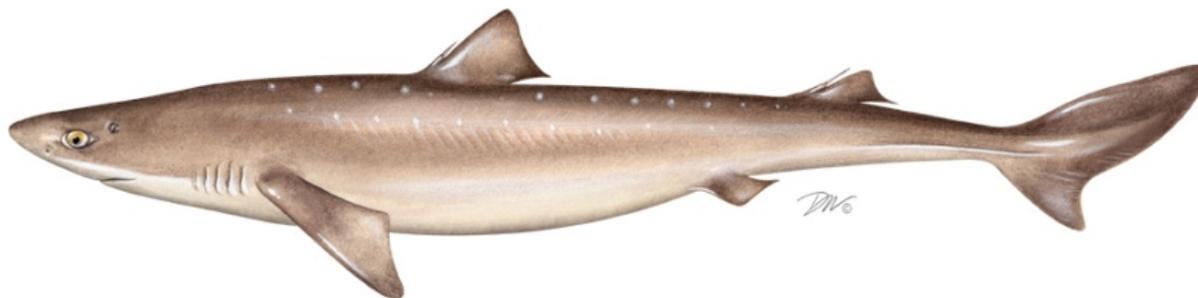
Board Action for consideration



- Modify Northern Region Trip Limit (if desired)



Spiny Dogfish FMP Review and State Compliance



October 29, 2019
New Castle, New Hampshire

Overview



- Status of the Stock
- Commercial Quota/Landings
- State Compliance and *De Minimis* Requests



Status of the Stock



- In 2018, spiny dogfish is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring
- (2018) Female SSB = 106,753 MT > SSB_{Target}
- (2017) $F = 0.202 < F_{\text{Target}}$



Commercial Quota/Landings



- May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019
- Quota was 38.19 million lbs
- Trip limit for northern region was 6,000 lbs
- Commercial landings were 16.74 million lbs
 - Approx 14% decrease from FY 2017
 - Dead discards decreased by 20% (5.3 million pounds)
- Recreational landings and dead discards decreased
 - Landings: 77,162 pounds, 73% decrease
 - 1.6 million pounds, 4% increase



State Compliance and *De Minimis*



- PRT reviewed all state compliance reports
- In 2018, all regions and states harvested within their quota
- All states implemented regulations consistent with the requirements of the FMP
- New York and Delaware
 - *de minimis* is <1% of total landings, no monitoring requirements but must report landings annually
 - Both states meet the requirements for 2018



Board Action for Consideration



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

