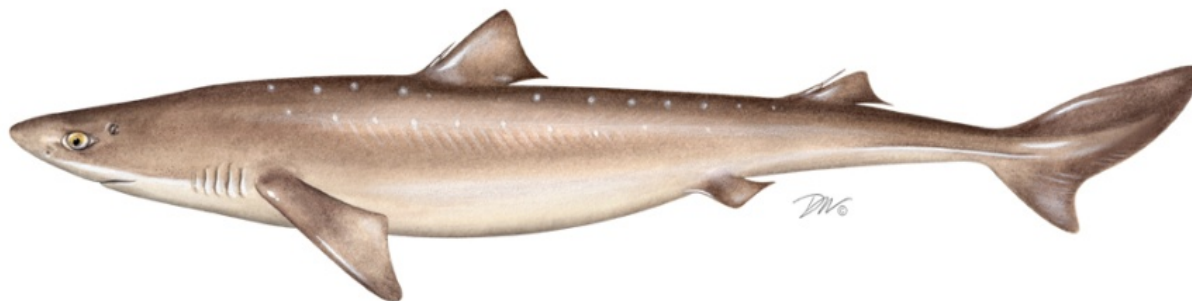


Draft Addendum VI For Board Review



**Spiny Dogfish Management Board
August 7, 2019**

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Overview



- May 2019: Policy Board directed Spiny Dogfish Board to initiate an Addendum to allow unused quota to be transferred between the northern region states to states that have a state-specific allocation
- The motion also specified that the Addendum allow for quota overage forgiveness similar to the language in the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP*



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 operations 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
 - Also specifies payback of quota overages

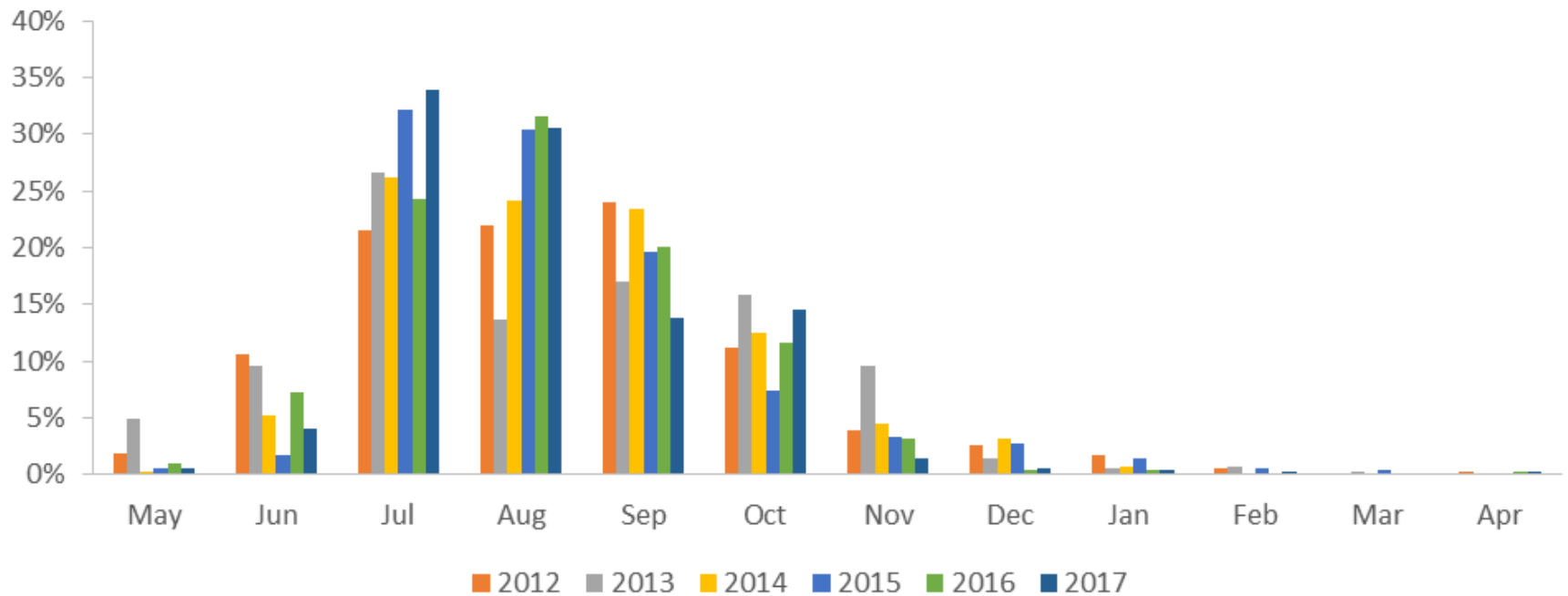
	Northern Region (ME-CT)	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
Allocation	58%	2.707%	7.644%	0.896%	5.92%	10.795%	14.036%



Commercial Fishery



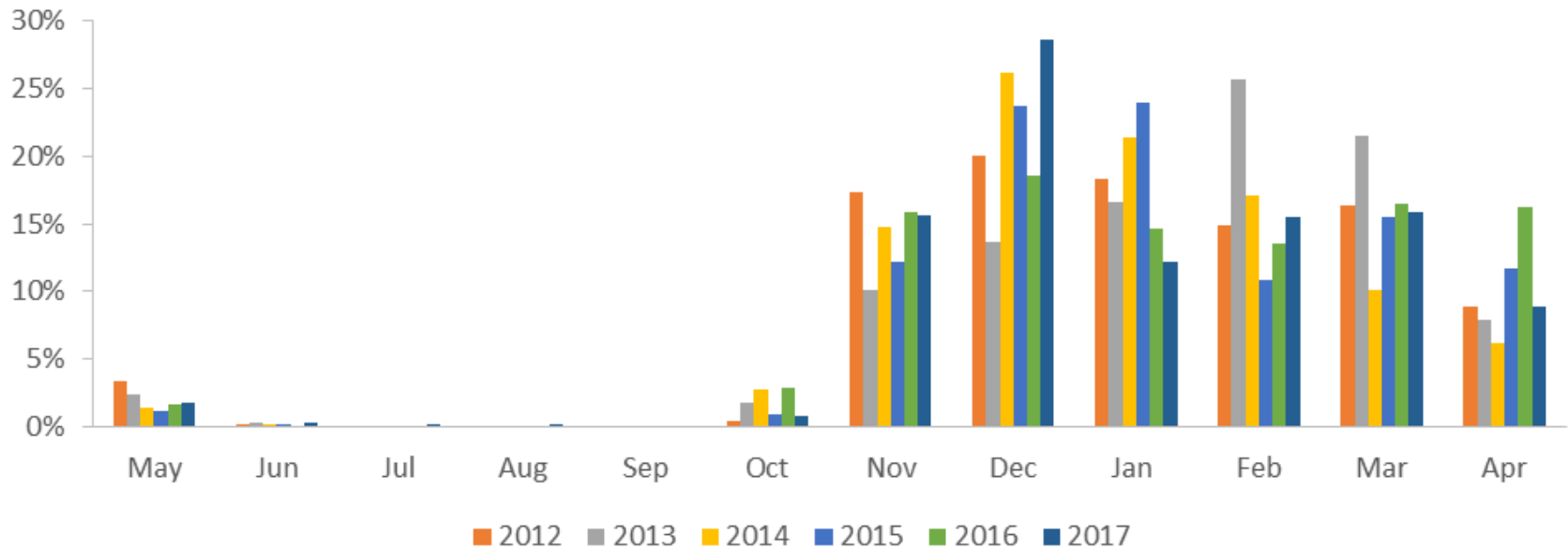
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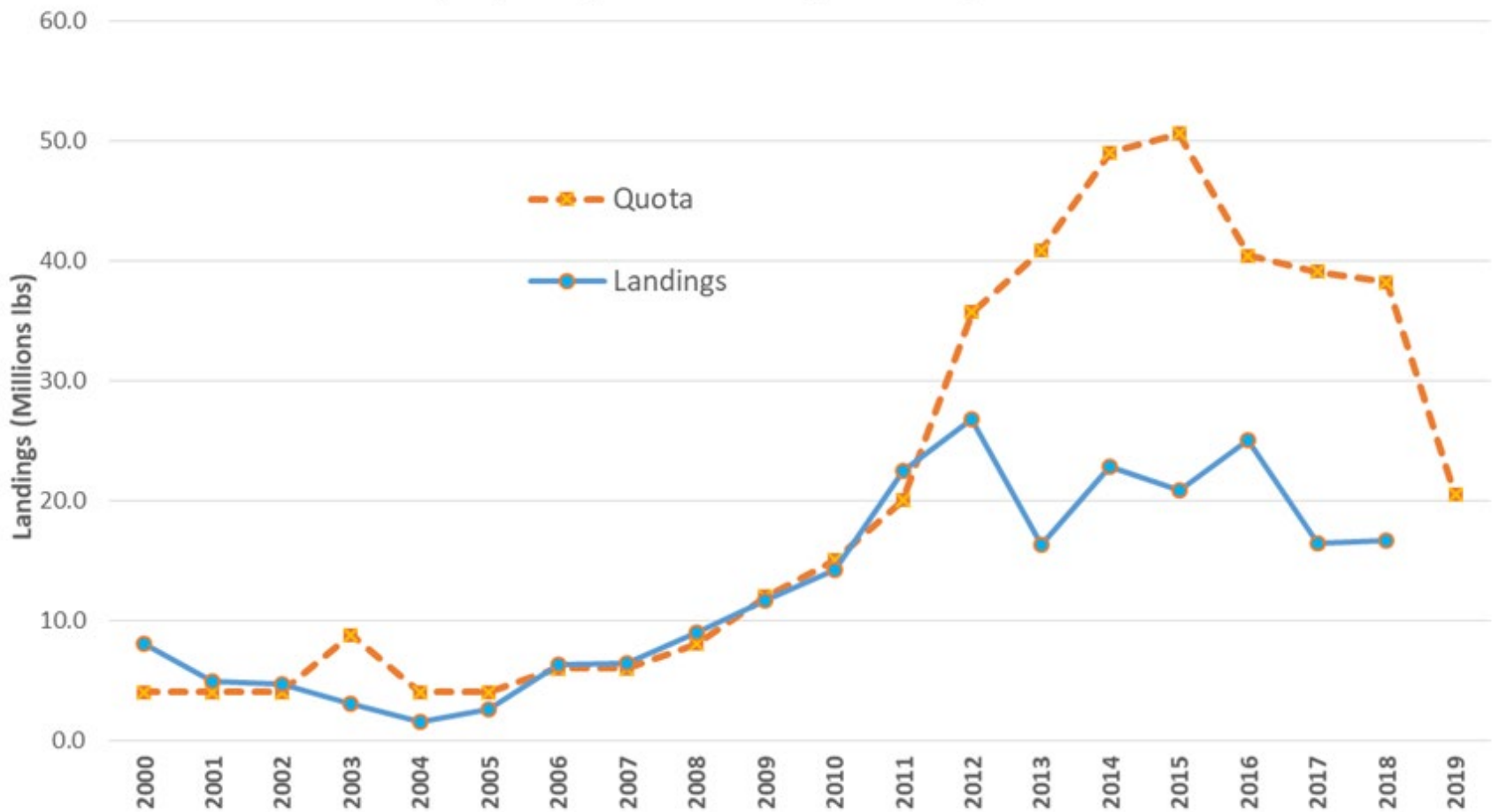
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Commercial Fishery



Commercial Spiny Dogfish Landings and Quotas FY2000-2019



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





Board Action for Consideration

- Add or adjust the current draft options
- Approve the document for public comment
 - If approved for public comment today, final approval of the document would be occur at the **Annual Meeting in October**





Questions

