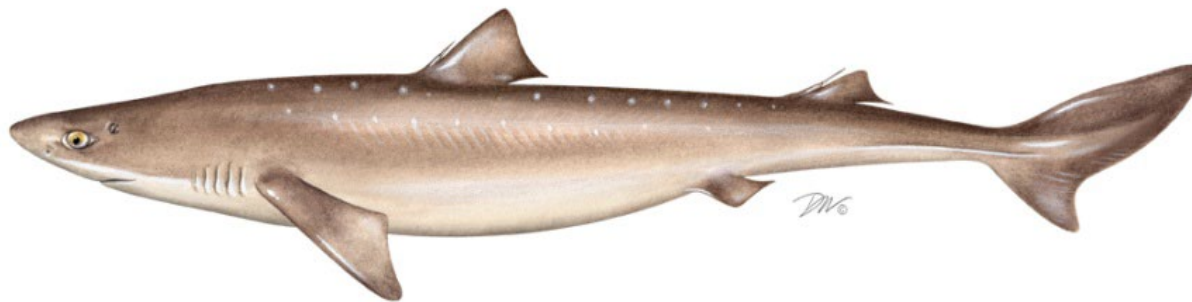


# Spiny Dogfish

## Northern Region Trip Limit



**January 25, 2022**

# Background



- Oct. 2021: MAFMC voted to increase federal commercial trip limit from 6,000 to 7,500 lbs
  - Response to quota underutilization
  - Analysis indicated that the increase would likely not negatively affect the resource or market price
- Last Board Meeting: Reviewed the MAFMC action. Consideration given to:
  - How NEFMC would act
  - Timing of potential change
  - Whether NOAA would implement the MAFMC recommendation or something else



# Board Actions Considered



- Main Motion

*Move to set at least a 7500-pound trip limit in the Northern Region (ME through CT) for FY2022 contingent upon NOAA Fisheries adopting at least a 7500-pound trip limit for federal waters. If at least a 7500-pound trip limit is not approved in federal waters, then the 6,000-pound trip limit will remain in the Northern Region.*



# Board Actions Considered Cont'd



- Motion to Substitute

*Move to substitute to set the Northern Region (ME through CT) state waters trip limit for FY 2022 equal to the trip limit in federal waters approved by NOAA Fisheries.*

- Motion to Postpone

*Motion to postpone action around the state waters trip limits for FY2022 until the ASMFC Winter Meeting.*



# Background Cont'd



- Dec. 2021: NEFMC voted to increase the commercial federal trip limit to 7,500 lbs
  - Consistent with MAFMC recommendation
- Both the MAFMC and NEFMC support pursuing a framework adjustment to develop additional changes to the trip limit if warranted, pending the results of the 2022 research track assessment



# Board Actions for Consideration Today



- Consider postponed motions to adjust commercial trip limit in Northern Region state waters for FY2022
- If needed postponed motions could be withdrawn with majority support of the Board and new motion put forward





# Questions?

