



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Coastal Sharks Management Board, Advisory Panel, Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Ashton Harp, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator  
**RE:** 2017 Smooth Dogfish State Shares

The 2017 Atlantic smooth dogfish quota is 1,802 metric tons (3,971,587 pounds), representing an increase in quota from the previous year. In 2016, a quarter of the Atlantic smooth dogfish quota was harvested. Given Atlantic smooth dogfish is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring, up to 50% of the base quota can be carried over to the following year if there is an underharvest. NOAA Fisheries rolled over 50% of the 2016 base quota to the 2017 quota.

As stated in Addendum II to the Interstate Coastal Sharks FMP, the coastwide Atlantic smooth dogfish quota will be allocated into state shares. The 2017 state shares are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: State-shares of the coastwide smooth dogfish quota in the 2017 fishing year

	State-Share Percentages	State-Share (mt)	State-Share (lb)
ME	0.021%	0.37	815
MA	0.433%	7.80	17,191
RI	1.363%	24.56	54,130
CT	0.234%	4.21	9,281
NY	7.953%	143.31	315,855
NJ	18.828%	339.28	747,773
DE	0.339%	6.10	13,444
MD	6.703%	120.78	266,199
VA	34.803%	627.15	1,382,239
NC	28.583%	515.06	1,135,192
SC	0.742%	13.37	29,467
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	1802	3,971,587

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