Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel
Conference Call
6 Total Attendees
July 14, 2016

Advisory Panel: Lewis Gillingham, Sonja Fordham, Peter Grimbilas, Rusty Hudson

Staff: Ashton Harp (ASMFC)

Public: Angel Willey (MD DMR)

Issue 1: Catch Composition Requirement

The sub-set of the Advisory Panel did not vote in favor of either option on the conference call. One participant was in favor of a fins naturally attached policy for smooth dogfish, regardless of catch composition. The other two participants did not provide comments on the issue.

One AP member sent a comment, via email, in favor of Option B (catch composition requirement).

General comments:

- Two participants commented on H.R. 5584 Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2016 (Congress introduced on June 23, 2016) and New Jersey’s recent shark fin ban. They are not in favor of a shark fin ban.
- One participant said the smooth dogfish market is weak at this time, therefore, the fishery is not as active as it previously has been.