



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Coastal Sharks Management Board, Advisory Panel, Technical Committee
FROM: Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator
RE: 2018 Smooth Dogfish State Shares

In November 2017, NOAA Fisheries published the 2018 Atlantic smooth dogfish quota of 1,802.6 dressed weight metric tons (3,974,012 dressed weight pounds, dw lbs). This quota level remains unchanged from 2017. In 2017, less than 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 (federal) base quota can be carried over to the following year if there is an under harvest. NOAA Fisheries rolled over 33% of unused 2017 quota to the 2018 base quota.

As stated in Addendum II to the Interstate Coastal Sharks FMP, the coastwide Atlantic smooth dogfish quota will be allocated into state shares. Rollover of unused state shares is not permitted because it could result in overages of the federal coastwide quota. The 2018 state shares are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: State-shares¹ of the coastwide smooth dogfish quota in the 2018 fishing year (January – December).

	State-Share Percentages	State-Share (dw mt)	State-Share (dw lbs)
ME	0.021%	0.4	838
MA	0.433%	7.8	17,196
RI	1.363%	24.6	54,167
CT	0.234%	4.2	9,281
NY	7.953%	143.4	316,051
NJ	18.828%	339.4	748,219
DE	0.339%	6.1	13,470
MD	6.703%	120.8	266,360
VA	34.803%	627.4	1,383,038
NC	28.583%	515.2	1,135,876
SC	0.742%	13.4	29,476
TOTAL	100%	1,802.6	3,974,012

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¹ State shares are based on total landings by state from 1998-2010