

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel

Conference Call Summary

June 4, 2012

Present: Eric Brazer (CCCHFA)

The Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel (AP) met to review Draft Addendum IV to the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan for Spiny Dogfish for Public Comment (Addendum IV). One member of the AP joined the call. He offered the following comments on each issue in Addendum IV as follows.

Issue 1: Quota Rollover

The Member supports Option B, 5% maximum rollovers with exemptions through Board Action, to allow for maximum flexibility. He elaborated that allowing for exemptions will not lead to overfishing because rollovers are prohibited when SSB is below the stock. Additionally, the allowance for flexibility establishes a good precedent when scientifically-justified and may minimize year-end overages.

Issue 2: Fishing Mortality Threshold

The Member does not support Option C as he feels it is not clearly distinguished from Option B. While the Member continues to support alignment between state and federal management along with the ability to make real-time management decisions, he believes there was not enough information available at the time to clearly evaluate Option B including but not limited to the process for evaluating a “reasonable” proxy, how to define “best available science,” and whether or not peer-review is/should be required,. The Member generally supports the concept of Option B; however, for the purpose of this recommendation, he formally supports Option A until such time as the details of Option B can be further fleshed out.

Issue: 3: Fishing Mortality Target

The Member supports Option B. He supports regular and frequent reviews of a fishery in order to ensure the most real-time information is used. He further supports a transparent TC process for discussing and determining these recommendations.